

# MAY HAPPENINGS

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This Month in  
UU History

1796 (5/4) Birth of Horace Mann in Franklin, MA. A Unitarian who served in the Massachusetts legislature and later Congress, Mann is best known as a social reformer and advocate for teachers and public education.

1820 (5/12) Birth of Florence Nightingale in Florence, Italy. Born into a prominent English Unitarian family, Nightingale trained as a nurse and become superintendent of a hospital for invalid women in London. Noted for her discipline and cleanliness, which reduced the hospital mortality rate at the hospital where she volunteered during the Crimean War, she is considered the founder of modern nursing.



1961 (5/15) The American Unitarian Association (AUA) and the Universalist Church of America (ACA) consolidated to form the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA)

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Wednesdays 9:15–10 am and 1–3 pm  
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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.

- May 7** "Growing Pains" New Member Sunday! –Rev. Craig M. Nowak; Music –Choir
- May 14** "Living with Gratitude and Intention" –Rita Schiano; Music –Linda Friedmann, Hammered Dulcimer
- May 21** "De Colores" Intergenerational Service with Flower Communion –Rev. Craig M. Nowak; Music –Choir
- May 28** "Reaching Beyond Cynicism and Pragmatism" –Carol Mays ; Music –Bridget Azarowski, voice

### Generosity Abounds!

Thank you to all who helped plan, promote, set up, cook and clean up for our first Community Meal in March. Special thanks to Kim Burdon, Laurel Burdon, Sean Mulligan and Chris Keough-Huff who worked to explore and clarify the possibilities and to Mary Ann Adams who secured a grant to help fund it. The next meal is planned for May 21.

Thank you to all who participated in the UNO's Fundaiser, which raised nearly \$100 and the Scratch Ticket Raffle, which raised nearly \$500! These funds will be used toward future building repairs and renovations.

### May Calendar

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<b>May 3</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>	Stone Soup Luncheon
<b>May 6</b>	<b>6:15pm</b>	Coffee House
<b>May 9</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Book Club (pg2)
<b>May 10</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Women's Alliance Meeting
<b>May 13</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	Concert: Lucy Colwell and Friends
<b>May 14</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	Farrar Music Studio Recital (pg2)
<b>May 21</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	BUUC Community Dinner (pg2)
<b>May 30</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	SMOC dinner, Gilbertville, MA
<b>Sundays</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	Worship Services (pg1 above)

### 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](http://www.buuc.org/newsletters)

Worship Schedule



*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.*

**MAY HAPPENINGS**

**FOOD FOR FAITH: Conversations to Feed Your Soul**

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.

Meeting Dates: Sessions will resume October 2017

**Upcoming Concerts**

May 13 (Sat.) 2:00 pm: Lucy Colwell, French Horn, returns by popular demand, with Ethel Howard, piano, Megan Spiedel, clarinet, and Glenn Godfrey, bassoon. Tickets are \$10.00 at the door. Children under 12 free with an adult. Volunteers needed. See Lila Farrar for more information, [lilamfarrar@gmail.com](mailto:lilamfarrar@gmail.com) or 508-867-8806.

May 14 (Sun.) 2:00 pm: Flute and Piano Students of Lila M Farrar, Spring Recital (Free)

May 19 (Sat.) 7:30 pm: Some singers from BUUC will be involved in a performance of the Bill of Rights at the Unitarian Society of Hartford, 50 Bloomfield Ave, Hartford, CT 06105

**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**

**Ex-Officio member**

Rev. Craig M. Nowak

**President**

Amy Frisella

**Treasurer**

Doug Smith

**Clerk**

Colleen Groner

**Members-at-Large**

Robyn Vincent, Donna Boyea,  
Kevin Snyder, Mary Ann Adams

**Committees and Groups**

**Committee on Ministry**

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

**There are Allergies  
Among Us!**

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



**BUUC Community  
Dinner**

May 21, 2017, 5:00 to 6:30 pm

For more information see Mary Ann Adams.



**Celebrate Our 300th  
Anniversary!**

Save the Dates- In celebration of the 300th Anniversary of the Quaboag Churches (including BUUC), the following events are scheduled and open to all:

**Sunday, June 4th 10:30 am:** "Roots and Wings" Worship and Fellowship at Brookfield Unitarian Universalist Church

**Saturday, August 19th 10:30 am:** Presentation and Luncheon on the Common in West Brookfield hosted by West Brookfield Congregational Church

**Sunday, September 17th 10:00 am:** Worship and Fellowship at Brookfield Congregational Church

**Saturday, October 14th 10:00 am:** Combined Church Service and Refreshments at Foster Homesite, Foster Hill Road, West Brookfield

**The BUUC Book Club** Here are the books for the next few months.

May: The Heart Goes Last by Margaret Atwood

June: My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry by Fredrik Backman

September: Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis by J.D. Vance

October: A Tale for the Time Being by Ruth Ozeki

November is a twofor: The Good Good Pig and/or The Soul of an Octopus by Sy Montgomery.

Read either or both.

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month (except July and August) at 7 pm at the church. Everyone is welcome to join us. Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 9. Any questions or suggestions, contact Barb Hale at [b.lambert.hale@gmail.com](mailto:b.lambert.hale@gmail.com). Get reading!

**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](http://www.buuc.org) and click the tab "We Rise: Social Justice Resources" on the menu at the left side of the page.

**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](http://www.buuc.org) and click on the "Community Resources" tab on the side menu.

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**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.

**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](mailto:amyfrisella@hotmail.com) or Barb Hale [b.lambert.hale@gmail.com](mailto:b.lambert.hale@gmail.com) for more info.

**Food For Faith: Adult RE**

*Sunday Group at 12:15pm and Wednesday Groups at 1:30pm*  
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. Sessions will resume October 2017

**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)

**Choir Practice**

*Every Thursday at 7 pm*

**Committee for Ecology and Social Action (CESA)**

*Once a Month, Date and Time TBD*  
For information, contact Mary Ann Adams at [maryannbuuc@gmail.com](mailto:maryannbuuc@gmail.com)

**Executive Committee**

*First Monday of the month at 6:30 pm*

**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](mailto:circle_dancers@yahoo.com) or Christine Holbrook, [holbrookchristine1@gmail.com](mailto:holbrookchristine1@gmail.com) for details.

For specific dates, see  
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