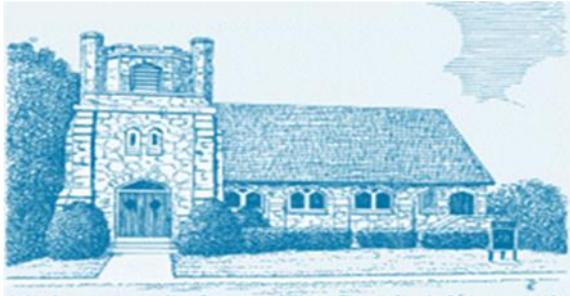


# The Happenings



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“The Little Stone Church That Rocks”

## This Month in Unitarian Universalist History

1735 (1/1) Paul Revere, noted silversmith, Revolutionary War hero and Unitarian, was born in Boston.

1819 (1/13) The Unitarian Association for Protecting the Civil Rights of Unitarians was formed at the London Tavern to protest the persecution of Unitarians in England.

1994 (1/28) Emily Taft Douglas, past president of the Unitarian Women’s Alliance, moderator of the American Unitarian Association, and a trustee of Meadville Lombard Theological School, died at the age of 104.

### Worship Schedule

*Services are at 10:30am unless noted.*

January 6: “Questions, Questions” – Rev. Craig M. Nowak, Music – Choir

January 13: “The Beauty of Imperfection” —Christine Holbrook, Music—Jefferson Upton, flute; Robyn Vincent, piano

January 20: “Civil Liberties in the Trump Era—What Can Be Done?” —Chris Robarge, ACLU, Music—Choir

January 27: “Ignorance, Answers, and Bliss” – Rev. Craig M. Nowak, Music—Bridget Azarowski, piano

## **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.

## **Generosity Abounds!**

Thank you to Doug Smith who recently replaced all the lightbulbs with LEDs and fixed the outside lights to better illuminate our beautiful church at night.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Winter Drive for residents of SMOC transitional housing in Gilbertville and/or the African Community Education Program (ACE) gift drive for African refugee middle and high school students in Worcester.

## Church Happenings

### Book Club

Second Tuesday of the month, 7pm. JOIN US for an all-inclusive (men and women of BUUC and beyond welcome) BUUC BOOK CLUB. The next meeting will be January 8. We will be discussing the book The Good Father, by Noah Hawley.

Contact Barb Hale at [b.lambert.hale@gmail.com](mailto:b.lambert.hale@gmail.com) for more information.

### Choir Practice

Every Thursday, 7pm. See Lila for more information.

### Stone Soup Luncheon

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). In January our Stone Soup will be on the second Wednesday, January 9, at 12pm.

### Women's Alliance

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

## Planning an Event or Meeting at BUUC?

If you or your committee is planning an event at BUUC, please be sure to notify BUUC's Office Assistant Betsy Azarowski at [buuc01506@gmail.com](mailto:buuc01506@gmail.com). She can check if the date, space and time you want is available and promote your event or meeting through the appropriate outlets used at BUUC (email, print, calendar, Facebook, Twitter).

If you are the event/meeting host/chairperson, please arrive at the church before other attendees to ensure the space is ready (including lights and heat as needed).

## Flowers

Thanks to Donna and her decorating team, we have enjoyed a hiatus from the flower sign-up sheet. But when the greens come down and the poinsettias retire, we again look for volunteers to bring flowers for the altar each week. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the parlor. You can bring a formal arrangement from a florist, buy flowers at the grocery store and use one of the many vases here at the church, or ask a flower committee member for help. Thank you for considering contributing to worship in this way. If you sign up, you will get an email reminder or phone call if you prefer (using information in the church directory). If you have any questions, ask Lila Farrar, Donna Sullivan, or Judy Trifone.

## Capital Campaign Update

As of December 20, 2018, we have received pledges totaling \$237,400 toward our \$300,000 goal. Thank you to everyone who has pledged so far. If you have questions or would like to pledge, please contact the capital campaign committee through Amy Frisella at [amyfrisella@hotmail.com](mailto:amyfrisella@hotmail.com).

### Rev. Craig's Office Hours

Wednesdays 9:30am - 10:00am; 1:00pm - 3:00pm.  
Other times by appointment.  
Please note: Rev. Craig will not have office hours on Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
BUUC Cares: If you or someone you know at BUUC might need pastoral support, please contact Rev. Craig.  
860-916-9261  
[revcraignowak@comcast.net](mailto:revcraignowak@comcast.net)

## Being a Green Sanctuary

This includes recycling. This is something that we all share. There is no one who comes around to clean up after us; that is to say there is no "they" only "we". If we don't want to take the Order of Service home with us, we can put it in the blue recycling container at the back of the sanctuary. There is a larger blue tub for recycling paper downstairs. Any paper that had food in or on it must go in the trash. Thanks for keeping BUUC green!

### There Are Allergies Among

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

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

### 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.

### **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.

## Who's Who at BUUC

### *Staff*

#### Minister

Rev. Craig M. Nowak

#### Religious Education Director

Laurel Burdon

#### Music Director

Lila M. Farrar

#### Office Assistant

Betsy Azarowski

### *Executive Committee*

#### Ex-Officio member

Rev. Craig M. Nowak

#### President

Barbara Hale

#### Treasurer

Doug Smith

#### Clerk

Colleen Groner

#### Members-at-Large

Robyn Vincent, Laurie Magnuson,  
Donna Boyea, Amy Frisella

#### Collector

Christine Holbrook

### *Committees and Groups*

#### Committee on Ministry

Mary Frisella, Roxann Smith,  
Donna Sullivan

#### Capital Campaign Committee

Amy Frisella, Kim Burdon,  
Tim Boon

#### Flower Committee

Lila Farrar, Chair

#### Membership Committee

Debbie Ennis, Chair

#### Nominating Committee

Mary Frisella, Laurie Magnuson,  
Roxann Smith

#### Trustees

Carla Schirm, Roxann Smith, Kirk  
Upton

#### Women's Alliance

Laurie Magnuson, President

#### Worship Committee

Wendy Newhall, Chair

#### Ultimate Team

Ruth King, Diane Mossa,  
Judy Trifone

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