

The Happenings

Brookfield Unitarian Universalist Church
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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

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.

Upcoming Events

Unless indicated, all events are at BUUC.

November 2, 4pm: Game Night

November 3, 12pm: Sabbatical Q&A

**November 6, 12pm: Stone Soup
Luncheon**

**November 6, 7pm: Quiet Gathering in
the Quaker Style**

**November 10 & 24, 12pm: Aging as a
Spiritual Practice**

November 12, 7pm: Book Club

**November 13, 7pm: Women's Alliance
Meeting**

**November 15, 7pm: Sanctuary LGBTQ
Coffee House**

November 16, 7pm: Poetry and Song

**November 23, 3pm: Circle Super
Friendsgiving**



This Month in UU History

1611 (11/16) John Tyscovicus of Bielsk, Poland was
brutally executed because he would not take an oath
on the Trinity but only to God.

1888 (11/20) Nathaniel Currier, Unitarian and co-
creator of Currier and Ives lithographic prints, died at age 74.

1979 (11/10) Lewis Allen McGee, an African American Unitarian minister
who founded the Free Religious Fellowship of Chicago, died at age 85.

Worship Schedule

Sunday morning services are held at 10:30 am, unless noted.

November 3: "Ouch!" All Souls Service" –Rev. Craig Nowak; Music –Choir

November 10: "Going Home" –Ben Luoma; Music – Lucy Colwell, French Horn

November 17: "Building Strong Communities One Student At A Time" –Kwame
Yeboah; Music –BUUC Flute Quartet

November 24: "Enough"- An Intergenerational Thanksgiving Service" –Rev.
Craig Nowak; Music –Choir

Generosity Abounds!

Thank you to Donna and Patricia Granatelli who took on
the job of organizing and running this year's book sale
during the Brookfield Apple Country Fair.



Thank You

Guest Speaker- November 10

Ben Luoma is currently a full time hospital
chaplain at Rhode Island
Hospital/Hasboro Children's Hospital. He
discovered Unitarian Universalism in high
school and is currently an aspirant
seeking ordination and fellowship as a UU
minister. He graduated with a Master's of
Divinity from Louisville Presbyterian
Theological Seminary, and he also has an
extensive background in Pagan and
Earth-centered traditions. He currently
lives in Warwick, Rhode Island with his
wife Michelle and his two daughters, 7
year old Marjie and 5 year old Maia.



Uplifting Poetry and Songs

Carol Mays and Gary Blanchard will present their program, Uplifting
Poems and Songs, at Brookfield Unitarian Universalist Church on
Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 7pm. The program is appropriate
for all ages. This program is supported in part by a grant from the
Brookfield Cultural Council, a local agency that is supported by the
Mass Cultural Council, a state agency; admission is free. The
program combines poetry by Carol Mays and other poets with
songs written and performed by her husband, Gary Blanchard. For
more information, call 413-627-9749.

Guest Speaker-November 17

Kwame Yeboah is a representative from ACE (African Community Education), which distributes the shoe boxes the BUUC fills at Christmas time. As an immigrant from Ghana, West African, Kwame is passionate about developing and building strong communities. As a Ghanaian and an American, Kwame is culturally flexible, bringing nuanced perspective to bear on ACE programming. He is inspired by the resilience of ACE students and families; and by all the amazing individuals and institutions that support ACE's mission. Outside of work, Kwame plays tennis and mentors two ACE youth.

There Are Allergies Among Us

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



Monthly Coffee House

Third Friday of the Month
7-9 p.m.

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A Monthly Coffee House for LGBTQ Youth and Their Allies to gather, share, eat and socialize in a safe and welcoming setting where all are accepted and welcomed.

For Information Please Call 774-254-0843

November 15th, 2019-Snack Shack...Bring your Favorite Snack to Share and Meet other Youth.

Sabbatical Q&A

November 3, 2019 Following Worship

After six years of dedicated service to our congregation, our minister, Rev. Craig, will take his first sabbatical from December 25, 2019, through May 31, 2020. A Sabbatical Committee (Donna Sullivan, Fritzi Foster and Dave Yutzler) has been working with Rev. Craig to ensure that his various areas of responsibility will be covered during this time of rest and renewal. If you have questions, concerns or are just curious about Rev. Craig's sabbatical or its potential challenges and opportunities for BUUC, please join Rev. Craig and the Sabbatical Committee for a Q&A session on Sunday, November 3, following worship to learn more.

Circle Supper: Friendsgiving

The Membership Committee is hosting a Friendsgiving on Saturday, November 23rd at 3pm. It will be similar to our Circle Suppers in that attendees can contribute an item to the meal if they wish. Please consider spending some quality time with your BUUC family.

In Our Community

Aging As A Spiritual Practice

The continuation of the Adult RE course will be meeting some Sundays after services. See calendar for specific dates, or contact Cruger Johnson Phillips or Joanne Hamerly, jmh2ndchapter@gmail.com

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 Barb Hale at b.lambert.hale@gmail.com for more info. **November book:** *Under the Banner of Heaven: A Story of Violent Faith* by Jon Krakaur

Choir Practice

Every Thursday, 7pm

Executive Committee

First Monday of the month at 6:30pm.

Quiet Gathering in the Spirit of the Quakers

First Wednesday of the month at 7pm. For details, contact Cruger Johnson Phillips, cruger.johnson@gmail.com

Sanctuary LGBTQ Coffee House

Third Friday of the month, 7-9pm. A monthly coffee house for LGBTQ youth and their allies to gather, share, eat, and socialize in a safe and welcoming setting where all are accepted and welcomed. Bring your favorite snack to share and meet other youth. For more info, call 774-254-0843.

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 or dessert).

Women's Alliance

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



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 Rev. Craig.

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

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

Barbara Hale

Treasurer

Doug Smith

Clerk

Colleen Groner

Members-at-Large

Robyn Vincent, Laurie Magnuson, Donna Boyea, Gary Blanchard

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

Amy Frisella, Laurie Magnuson, Laurel Hemmer

Trustees

Tim Boon, Roxann Smith, Kirk Upton

Women's Alliance

Laurie Magnuson, President

Worship Committee

Roxann Smith, Chair

Sabbatical Committee

Donna Sullivan, Chair
Fritzi Foster, Dave Yutzler



Being a Green Sanctuary

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. And any paper that had food in or on it must go in the trash. Thanks for keeping BUUC green!

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

Rev. Craig's Contact Info

Phone and Email
860-916-9261
revcraignowak@comcast.net

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 info above).

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