



**The Newsletter of the
Buckman Bridge
Unitarian Universalist Church
September 2012**

What is the Water Sharing Ritual?



In September, the church year really starts to fill up again. Everyone is home from summer travelling, kids are back in school, and we are all settling back in to the daily routines of fall. In order to bring us all together again, to share the memories of the summer with one another, we invite everyone to bring a small bit of water from a memorable place they have visited during the past year. During the Water Sharing Ritual, everyone has a chance to come up and pour their water into the communal bowl while sharing the memory of where the water came from.

If you didn't collect any water, it's ok. Bring a small bit of water from home – we won't tell, if you don't tell! The water is a symbol. The memories are what weave us together into a church family.

Please join us on September 9th for our Water Sharing Ritual! Bring a small jar of water and a memorable moment to share. Come and swirl the waters of our lives together as we join in sacred community.

Pagan Pride Day, September 15th

BBUUC and the Covenant for UU Pagans (CUUPS) will both have booths at Jacksonville's Pagan Pride Day on September 15th from 10am to 7pm. This year's Pagan Pride Day event is being held at Riverside Park, 753 Park St in Jacksonville. Anyone who wishes to help by handing out literature and answering questions about the church and/or CUUPS can contact Tom Townsend (purple.pagan@yahoo.com). Attending Pagan Pride Day is another great way to support our CUUPS group! Pagan Pride Day is a great chance to learn about the different pagan groups in the area and the different experiences they have to offer.

Water Sharing Picnic September 9th

Join in celebration of summer, our travels and spiritual journeys after the Water Sharing Ritual on September 9th with an indoor BBQ/Picnic. Bring your favorite summertime dishes to share with our community. Let's put together a great summer picnic, UU style. Please help the Hospitality Committee plan for this meal by indicating on the sign-up sheets (located on the back table) what picnic treat(s) you intend to contribute to our water sharing meal.

Come to Coffee House! September 5th

A night of live music, games and snacks in a family-friendly environment.

All are welcomed! Come solo, bring a friend, or family (including kids). Board games are also encouraged. Tables will be set up for snacks and games, as well as your listening pleasure. In order to make this event successful, we are looking for musicians, poets, hosts and people to bring food. Please contact David Murphy (murphy52@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating!

September Artists' Corner



Nancy Murrey is a collage & mixed media artist.

She believes we are all artists and creators. Nancy plays in the field of collage and mixed media art. She journeys through life's happy moments and sorrowful moments looking for opportunities to create, learn, grow and express herself. Her collages are playgrounds in which she can freely explore this expression. She believes in the power of creativity and art to explore more deeply ourselves and this world.

Nancy has studied painting, collage and visual media at UNF/MOCA and FSCJ in Jacksonville and the Visual Studies Workshop in Rochester, NY. She is a member of the Jacksonville SOMMA (Society of Mixed Media Artists). By profession she is a librarian and currently expresses that part of herself through her work as a high school librarian at Stanton College Preparatory school. She is working on certification as a life coach and is exploring what blocks people from expressing their creative potential.

Stop by The Artists' Corner and enjoy Nancy's work.

This world is but a canvas to our imagination.
Henry David Thoreau

Shirts for Sale! Come and get 'em!

These shirts are a great way to show your pride in BBUUC! But there are only a few remaining shirts from the recent shirt sale available! Hurry! It's first come, first served! See Beth in the office to get your BBUUC t-shirt!

Royal blue custom silk screened t-shirts:

Adult size XL: 2 shirts (\$15 each)

Ladies size M: 1 shirt (\$14)

Youth sizes (all youth sizes are \$12 each):

Small (6-8): 1 shirt

Medium (10-12): 4 shirts

Large (14-18): 4 shirts

Proceeds will go to the BBUUC "Wish List" fund. Cash or checks only. Checks should be made out to BBUUC with the words 'Shirt Sale' in the Memo.

BBUUC Welcomes New Affinity Group!

The "Afternoon Tea" Affinity Group is official. This group will be gathering soon for homemade treats, tea, and good conversation. If you're interested in getting involved, please speak with the group's organizer, Linda Crawford.

"Enjoy life sip by sip, not gulp by gulp"

Minister of Leaves



BIRTHDAYS

09/03	Beth Christiansen
09/04	Ann Marie Shrader
09/07	Reid Murphy
09/07	Pedro Roiné
09/09	Ingrid Strickland
09/14	David Christenson
09/14	Linda Gillespie-Marina
09/15	Peggy Mullins
09/17	Eileen Morrison
09/18	Rich Toupin
09/19	Ella Rothberg
09/19	Bob Wright
09/20	Kory Kines
09/21	Lisa Lynch
09/27	Tye Rothberg
09/27	Myrna Kissinger
09/30	Martha Morgan



Anniversaries

09/05	David & Joyce Johnson
09/07	David & Peg Christenson
09/09	Otto & Melinda Rafuse
09/15	David Dean & Liz Teal
09/28	Debbie Atkins & Rich Toupin

UUA President Peter Morales responds to shooting at Sikh Temple:

August 6, 2012

BOSTON – In response to the tragic shooting at a Sikh temple in Oak Creek, WI, Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) President the Reverend Peter Morales has released the following statement:

“I am shocked, saddened and appalled at the act of wanton violence at the Sikh temple in Wisconsin. Any killing is terrible. Killings that are apparently aimed at a religious group are especially disturbing. I join all Unitarian Universalists in expressing my compassion and in praying for comfort and healing. We are a nation of many faith traditions. We join people of all faiths in praying for victims and their families.

As we move forward in the weeks and months ahead, we must do more than express compassion. We must reflect on what conditions make repeated acts of deranged violence possible and take action. The killings we keep witnessing in America are symptoms of a culture that is too tolerant of hatred and too reluctant to restrict access to deadly weapons.”

About September 2nd's Speaker:



Jeff Nall has earned a PhD in Comparative Studies from Florida Atlantic University (FAU) in Boca Raton. He holds a Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies from FAU, and a Master of Liberal

Studies from Rollins College. Nall teaches philosophy at Indian River State College and gender studies at FAU. He is a full-time father of three children and married to his best friend. His research and activism addresses peace and justice.

Have you heard about Our Circle Suppers?

Circle Suppers are casual get-togethers among members and friends of BBUUC. One household volunteers to host the Supper in their home, while others sign up to attend. From there, Lynn Wadley, who is graciously coordinating our Circle Suppers, will handle the details of making the Supper happen. The meals are cooperative, fun, and a great way to get to know the people of BBUUC better. Sign up to join a Circle Supper, either as a host or an attendee!

We LOVE our Volunteers!!!!

Our church is run by volunteers. Almost everything that happens here at BBUUC is accomplished by a volunteer. You don't have to be a member to volunteer. It's a great way to get to know people! Join a committee; be a Fellowship Host: Giving of your time and effort is a Gift of Self. Please consider volunteering.



Fellowship Hosts

Sept 2	Brittany Perry
Sept 9	Hospitality Cmte.
Sept 16	Pam Edwards-Roiné
Sept 23	Juan Rodriguez and C.J. Griggs
Sept 30	



Greeters/Ushers

Sept 2	Kris Kines
Sept 9	The Crawfords
Sept 16	Juan Rodriguez and C.J. Griggs
Sept 23	Billie Anne and Jimmy Lester
Sept 30	Luann Booms



Board Hosts

Sept 2	Steve McCullar
Sept 9	Annabelle Gallois-Bernos
Sept 16	Paul Marquardt
Sept 23	Eileen Morrison
Sept 30	Steve McCullar

"The Benefit for Un-dead Rights"



Buckman Bridge UU Young Adults (BBUUYA) invite you to celebrate the marginalized, the downtrodden, the unspoken for... The UNDEAD! Join us this October 6th (Saturday night at 7pm) for a fun, family-friendly fund-raising event! The event will help support

our Young Adults group and the Teen Travel Fund. We will have a sit-down dinner with live speeches from famous un-dead folk, horror movie trivia, and Halloween-themed-dances! Although it's based around the concept of fictional monsters campaigning for equal rights, the theme of working for equality for those who are different, resonates with our values and principles. Costumes optional. All zombies, vampires, mutant monsters, ghosts, and goblins are welcome!

Imagine, in this election season, if a simple, compelling video could change the world.

You are the director and make a video that helps our Unitarian Universalist values go viral.

Will you focus on voter registration, or a moral budget, or issues such as reproductive justice or marriage equality? Where will your imagination take you?

For Submission Guidelines:
uua.org/gotvideo

About September 30th's Speaker:

A native of Maine, the Rev. Ronald A. Hersom was called as the Minister at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Jacksonville, Florida in August 2010. A graduate of Starr King School for the Ministry in 2007, Rev. Hersom was the 2004 scholar at the Tsubaki Grand Shrine in Mie Prefecture, Japan. Ordained in 2007 into the Unitarian Universalist ministry by First Unitarian Church of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Ron served as Intern there in during the 2006-2007 academic year. He then stayed as the Assistant Minister in Albuquerque until his call to the Jacksonville Church.

A Unitarian Universalist for 25 years, Rev. Hersom's experiences as a teacher, a community organizer, a management consultant, and a fundraiser are part of the work history and skills that he brings to ministry. His ex-



periences in Japan as the 2004 Tsubaki Grand Shrine scholar deepened his commitment to pluralism and his belief that no one faith or tradition has the answer – they all do. Rev. Hersom was the President of the MDD Chapter of the Unitarian Universalist Minister's Association 2009-2010.

Before coming to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Jacksonville, Rev. Hersom was a long time Unitarian Universalist participating in lay leadership in congregations in Maine and Massachusetts. He is a graduate of University of Southern Maine (1972) with a BS in Education, and the University of Southern California (1989) with a Masters in Organizational Systems Management.

He just completed his second trip in 6 years to Transylvania this past summer with members from UUCJ as they visited their Partner church in Bozod and Unitarian heritage sites throughout the region.

A Word From the DLRE Search Committee:

As most of you already know, our former DLRE stepped down from that position effective July 1st and we have been operating by hook or by crook without her since. We thought you might appreciate an update on where we stood on the process of selecting a candidate.

As you may be aware, the position was originally advertised as accepting applications until August 31st. We, the search committee, have interviewed a number of good candidates that have already applied, but we can't move forward until we've crossed the end of the month and are sure no one else would be applying. Once we are into September, we will meet with the Board to give our hiring recommendation and, following that, the Board will extend an actual job offer. So, realistically it could be mid-September before we actually have a new DLRE on staff.

We as a committee have been pleased with the candidates so far and are in the unfortunate position of having to choose one among several good candidates. But although it's too early to even know for sure there won't be another applicant, much less be sure who we would select, we wanted the congregation to know that we feel very confident based on our interviews so far that our next DLRE will be a great asset to BBUUC, whoever he or she turns out to be in the end.

Lunch Bunch Meets

Wednesday, September 12th at 11:30am

The BBUUC Lunch Bunch meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30, at Pengree's Restaurant in Orange Park (556 Kingsley Avenue) for food and fellowship. *All are welcomed to join us!* Please contact Frances Kennicutt or Beth Christiansen, the office administrator, at admin@bbuuc.org if you plan to join us, so that a table can be reserved at the restaurant.

Directions to Pengrees: From the exit at 295 and 17 (Park Ave) just west of the Buckman Bridge, you will turn off into 17/Park Ave) south past Wells Road and proceed towards Kingsley. Turn right onto Kingsley and get into the left hand lane as early as possible as you will turn in just three short blocks on Kingsley. Turns left at the light on Plainfield and then turn into the parking lot. You are there!

*"When we tug at a single thing
in nature, we find it attached to
the rest of the world."*

John Muir



Heart Matters! A Stewardship Workshop

Offered by Southern Region UUA

Hosted by [UU Church of Tallahassee](http://uuchurchoftallahassee.org)

September 15, 2012 ~ 9:00am to 3:00pm

Reverend Kenn Hurto, Executive Lead Southern Region, Presenting

More than money, yet money matters.

- Three kinds of stewardship you should do every year.
- What is more valuable than money?
- What is the link between faith & commitment?
- Creating passion, excitement & results!
- What moves the heart toward generosity

Registration is \$45/congregation team of 3-5 people (meal included). Registration ends September 10th.

Questions? Contact the Regional Office, uuafld@gmail.com or 407.894.2119

Schedule of Services

Services are held Sundays at 10:30 a.m. at
8447 Manresa Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32244
Church Phone: (904) 276-3739 • Website: www.BBUUC.org
Check Calendar for information on other programming.

September 2: Dr. Jeff Nall presents ***“Our Moral Obligation in light of the Arab Spring”***

Dr. Nall examines popular uprisings in U.S. backed nations including Egypt and Bahrain. He further poses and attempts to answer the question: what does the ongoing Arab Spring have to teach Americans about their nation’s foreign policy and what, if anything, can Americans learn about democratic activism?

Speaker: Jeff Nall

Led by **Sarah Clarke-Stuart** • Accompanied by **Sydney Crisp**

September 9: Reverend Jack Ford presents ***“The Annual Water Sharing Service”***

When we search for hope and meaning in our lives, we find it in so many places, in so many personal experiences. The waters of our lives flow in together. Scott Russell Sanders tells us, "Any child is a reminder that the rivers of our senses once ran clear."

Rev. Jack read somewhere that Sanscrit verses teach: "The original poetry is the sound of falling water and the wind in the trees." As you traveled this summer season, or stayed home and quietly reflected, as you interact with others or the storms of life blow through, you are invited to collect your thoughts, collect your wits, collect your vials of water. Bring them all September 9th, and we shall flow as one in our annual Water Communion Service, sharing our stories and our love for one another.

This service will include a Water Sharing ritual.

Led by **Dani Slader** • Accompanied by **Marilyn Smart**

September 16: Mark Yount presents ***“At Play in Fields of Light: Viewing the World through the Creative Zone”***

Our first UU source presents an enigma. As the *direct* experience of transcending mystery and wonder, we can all experience this ourselves. But *transcending* mystery sounds like the esoteric vision of mystics through the ages, transcending our humanist ken as well. Photography offers us a way to see how our ordinary experience opens into that mystery: through the aesthetic attitude, to what philosophers call ontology, toward that perennial spirituality that may or may not have gods in view. Let's turn our settings from "automatic" to "creative zone" and play in the light...

Led by **David Dean** • Accompanied by **Gary Smart**

September 23: Ron Rothberg presents ***“Music and Meaning”***

Without music, life would be a mistake." (Nietzsche) BBUUC is filled with so many incredible musicians and we have the pleasure to hear their gifts throughout the course of a year. We are also a congregation filled with people who simply love music. As we celebrate the changing of the seasons, BBUUC members will share their thoughts on music and how it brings meaning to their lives. Join us as we worship music in this service composed by Ron Rothberg.

This service will include a Religious Education “Transitions” ceremony.

Led by: **Ron Rothberg** • Accompanied by: **Gary Smart**

September 30: Reverend Ronald Hersum presents ***“Misfit or Mystic! Maybe BOTH!”***

Rev. Tom Owen-Towle's book - Free Thinking Msytics with Hands describes who we are as a people of faith. Rev. Hersom will speak to who we are today as UU's and how we fit in.

Led by **Reverend Elizabeth Teal** • Accompanied by: Eileen Morrison

September 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <i>9am Membership 12pm Facilities</i>	3	4 <i>7pm Public Relations</i>	5 <i>7pm BEACON 7pm Coffee House 7pm Transitions 7pm Steering</i>	6 <i>7pm Welcoming Congregation Ministry</i>	7	8
9 <i>Water Sharing Service and Picnic</i>	10	11 <i>7pm Council Meeting</i>	12 <i>11:30am Lunch Bunch 7pm BEACON 7pm CUUPS 7pm Lifecraft</i>	13	14 <i>7pm Trivia Night!</i>	15 <i>Jacksonville Pagan Pride Day 10am-7pm</i>
16 <i>12pm Social Action 12pm Caring</i>	17	18 <i>7pm Worship 7pm Finance</i>	19 <i>7pm BEACON 7pm Lifecraft</i>	20	21 <i>7pm CUUPS Mabon Ritual</i>	22
23 <i>12pm LRE</i>	24	25 <i>7pm Board Meeting 7pm BBUUYA</i>	26 <i>7pm BEACON 7pm CUUPS 7pm Lifecraft</i>	27	28	29
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Critical Care Options after Terri Schiavo

**A conference for individuals,
families—and health, political, re-
ligious and legal leaders**

Friday, September 21, 2012 1-4 p.m.

Stetson College of Law - Downtown

Tampa Campus

**1700 N. Tampa Street (Just north of the
Straz Center) / Tampa, FL 33602 / Free
parking on campus**

- Are you—or someone in your family—facing a critical care decision?
- Have you been offered a range of treatment options to consider?
- Do you know the difference between palliative care, hospice care and experimental treatments?

- Have you prepared an Advanced Healthcare Directive and will, effective in Florida?

This conference brings you diverse perspectives from four, nationally-known speakers: an attorney in the Terri Schiavo case, an award-winning novelist, a former national palliative care director and a physician whose clinical assessment for predicting survivability of near-drowning, pediatric victims remains the gold standard in clinical care.

***See Flyer on Bulletin Board in Hallway for
more information.***

***Southeast UU Fall
Institute (SUUFI)
@ the Mountain
October 1-5, 2012
See Flyer on
Bulletin Board***

The Journey

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