

**The Newsletter of the
Buckman Bridge
Unitarian Universalist Church
July 2013**

Board Notes

The Board would like to announce that Dani Slader will be our Director of Religious Education beginning in July. We would like to congratulate her & pass our thanks on to the DRE Search team for all their hard work. We would also like to thank Chris Jarman for stepping into the role of Acting DRE for the last quarter of this fiscal year. She has performed magnificently & she will do an awesome job working with Dani as our LRE Chair next year.

With July comes the new fiscal year at our church & a handover of many Board & Council positions. Please be patient with us through this transition. We have a great team of Board members & Council chairs assembled and I look forward to the changes that this year will bring!

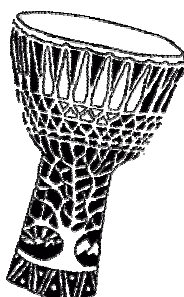
Thank you & Namaste,

Gina

"Universalism is not an indifferent faith, it is a faith in love."

– Darcey Laine, UU minister

JOIN US FOR A
DRUMMING CIRCLE,
WEDNESDAY, JULY
31ST AT 7PM! ALL
ARE WELCOME.



Paganism 101



CUUPS will be getting their feet wet with a brief but thorough outline of Neo-Pagan history, ethics, practice, and different Neo-Pagan systems. All are welcome to attend. Wednesday nights through July at 7pm.

Meet Our Members

The Membership Committee has decided to start a monthly column in the Journey introducing one of our newest members as well as one of our long-standing congregation members. This offers our community a chance to get to know those who have recently joined us. It also gives us an update on those who have been with us for a while.

Each month, the Membership Committee will ask two members to volunteer for the article. The column will be short and simple with just a few things about each person. To make it easy on all of us, we have created a short questionnaire for you to fill out. Please understand, due to space we may or may not get everything in the article. However, we will try our best to share your entire story with the community.

If you are interested in being interviewed for our August column, please see Gina Norstedt or Amber Rodriguez to get a copy of the questionnaire and have your photo taken (yes...there will be photos).

We look forward to many exciting stories and wonderful shared experiences over the following months.

Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, **July 10th** 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!

Discussion and Sharing from General Assembly

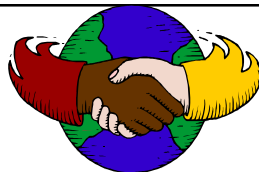
Would you like to know what happened at General Assembly? After church Sunday, July 14th, our Delegates will be available for discussion and sharing of issues and events from General Assembly.



Fellowship Hosts

July 7	
July 14	Amber and Jay Rodriguez
July 21	
July 28	

Please sign up at church!



Greeters/Ushers

July 7	
July 14	Kris Kines
July 21	
July 28	<i>Sunday Sundaes</i>

Please sign up at church!



BIRTHDAYS

07/06	Sydney Crisp
07/07	Don DeStephano
07/07	David Rulison
07/09	Don Culpepper
07/09	Pam Edwards-Roiné
07/13	Vanessa Birchell
07/14	Ron Ferster
07/15	Pete Morgan
07/27	Cherie Frost
07/28	Melinda Kluding
07/30	Fiore Marina



Anniversaries

07/03	Vanessa & Shannon Birchell
07/08	Jennifer & Drew Glassman
07/14	Don and Patty DeStephano
07/15	Lisa & Chris Lynch
07/15	Ellen & Pat Miceli
07/22	Tara & Michael Crisp
07/25	Ron & Christine Rothberg
07/30	Steve & Bonnie McCullar

*I will meet the world
with open heart, open
mind, and open arms
and, in so doing, the
singular "I" shall become
"We".*

– Lee Richards, Universalist pastor

LETTER FROM THE ACTING DRE

Happy summer! I always think of summer as the season of transition and change. Graduations on many levels, going off to camp, traveling...

In our elementary LRE program, we are considering making a change in our curriculum. Under consideration is changing from a three year rotation of differing curriculums to a Spirit Play program for elementary. For those who do not know, Spirit Play is a Montessori approach to children's religious education. Before church on July 14th at 9:00am our own resident trainer for Spirit Play, Debbie Atkins, will run a demonstration of how Spirit Play for the older children will look. She will conduct an actual Spirit Play class for teachers, LRE committee members, and all interested congregants and parents. We would like to invite everyone to this exposition in order to get opinions and feedback on the idea. We will have information and a three year curriculum/theme list for your perusal. The theme will continue to change each year; the difference is in the structure of how the lessons will be delivered. We hope you will join us. For background information on Spirit Play please follow this link: <http://www.spiritplay.net/>

To spice things up a little, at the end of the July LRE will host a Drumming Circle at the church. Drumming is an ancient spiritual practice that uses rhythm to promote healing and self-expression. From the shamans of Mongolia to the Minianka healers of West Africa, rhythm has been used for thousands of years to create and maintain physical, mental, and spiritual health. Join us July 31st for a night of healing vibrations. For more information on drumming check out: <http://www.shamanswell.org/shaman/powerful-healing-benefits-drumming-circle>

For the month of July, the LRE adult classes will take a small break; resuming in August with "Art & Spirituality" facilitated by Linda Crawford. This series will present a personal view of spirituality in art and will include such topics as "Spirituality in Visual Art: How can we find it?", "Compassion in Art", "Spirituality and Vincent Van Gogh"; and "Spirituality and the Representation of the Natural World".

As we travel this summer, I would like to offer these words by UU minister Theodore Parker:

Be ours religion which, like sunshine, goes everywhere; its temple, all space; its shrine, the good heart; its creed, all truth; its ritual, works of love; its profession of faith, divine living.

May you carry your faith with you, wherever you may travel.

Namaste,

Chris Jarman
Acting DRE

BAKE SALE FOR THE OKLAHOMA TORNADO VICTIMS

Proceeds Donated through the UUSC



Please bring your donations to a cupcake bakesale fundraiser for the Oklahoma Tornado victims on July 7 after church! Abby Crisp will be donating homemade cupcakes and Sydney Crisp will be making balloon animals for donations that will be sent to Oklahoma through the UUSC. Delicious!

CHRISTIANITY—HAVE IT YOUR WAY!

The Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship (BBUUCF) will meet July 28th at 9am at Buckman Bridge UU Church (www.bbuuc.org). All are welcome - hope to see you there.

Note: *The UUCF does not require common theological beliefs or spiritual practices. We welcome all who seek to be partners and participants in our tradition's "Great Conversation" about God, Jesus, the Bible, and spiritual disciplines.*

Special Thanks

We would like to thank Joani Maskell who made a donation in Nina Johnson's memory. Nina Johnson passed away several months ago. She was the mother of Jonnie Long and a good friend to the church.

Many Thanks, Joanie!

Joys and concerns:

David Rulison had back surgery recently and is recovering nicely at home in St Augustine.

Annabelle Gallois- Bernos just had a successful cornea transplant and is doing well. Her sister who's visiting from France and Michael have taken good care of her.

Congratulations to Luke McKinney, who recently graduated from Mandarin High School.

Congratulations to Hannah Novotny, who recently graduated from Lee High School, and from FSCJ with an AA degree.

Farewell to former Chaplain Karen Walsh who's relocating to Colombia, SC. Karen will be missed.

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.

July 7: Gary and Marilyn Smart will present: “A Celebration of UU Hymns”

Music has the power to move us, to comfort, heal, enthuse, inspire, even hypnotize. This strange power has proven controversial through the ages. Music was at times banned in the church, yet at other times it has been at the center of worship. This Sunday Gary and Marilyn Smart will lead us in an exploration of the UU hymnbook, including a bit of historical background and a lot of group singing. Why has ritual singing always been an essential part of human activity since antiquity? The answer lies in the experience.

Led by **Linda Mowers** • Accompanist **Gary Smart** • Songleader **Marilyn Smart**

July 14: Reverend Jack Ford will present: "You Go Where You Look"

Lessons I learn from my motorcycle. Riding a bike is quite different from traveling in a car: more to see, more to do. While working both hands and both feet I am watching in every direction, anticipating other drivers, checking road and weather conditions, feeling the cycle beneath me. I am constantly receiving and interpreting a steady stream of information and feedback. I find in this experience some interesting parallels in the way we approach our spiritual or religious journeys.

Led by **Kris Kines**

July 21: Mark Yount will present "Buddysattva"

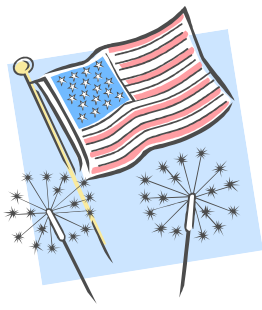
Are you having an in-the-body experience? Then here's a bit of spiritual playfulness for the dog days of summer, from drafts for a blog that may or may not ever appear. "Catch the witness, catch the wit" - out of the box fun from the people who brought you The Existential Monkey Wrench!

Led by: **Jennifer Stokes**

July 28: Beacon will present "Finding Our Way"

The sermon will concern where we are, how we got here, and where we may be heading as youth.

Led by: **Beacon** • Accompanied by **Marilyn Smart**



July 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7pm PR Cmte	3 7pm BEACON 7pm Pagan- ism 101	4	5	6
7 9am Member- ship Cmte 12pm Bake sale 12pm Social Action Cmte	8	9 7pm Council Meeting	10 11:30am Lunch Bunch 7pm BEACON 7pm Paganism 101 7pm How to Self Publish	11 7pm Intuitive Collage	12	13
14 9am Elementary Spirit Play Dem- onstration 12pm Sharing from GA 12pm Caring Cmte	15	16 7pm Worship Cmte	17 6:30pm Com- fort Crafts 7pm BEA- CON 7pm Pagan- ism 101	18 7pm Intuitive Collage	19	20
21	22	23 7pm Board Meeting	24 7pm BEACON 7pm Pagan- ism 101	25 7pm Intuitive Collage	26	27
28 9am BBUUCF 12pm Sunday Sundaes	29	30	31 7pm BEACON 7pm Pagan- ism 101 7pm Drum Circle			

Calling all Writers!

Almost everyone has a story to tell. Self-publishing has become so easy and so reasonably priced that you can get your book in front of the reading public quickly and with a minimum of fuss. We will be holding four monthly sessions, starting July 10, to explore how to take advantage of reasonably priced self-publishing options and make your book available to a global audience. Along the way, we will discuss some of the pitfalls and opportunities that you might see during the self-publishing process.



"...the heart knows a deeper truth than reason can reach." – Marilyn Sewell, UU Minister

Intuitive Collage Workshop

Led by Cat Mallard

Thursdays, July 11, 18 and 25 from 7:00 to 8:30

We will be working with the medium of collage to create images that speak to your spirit. No art experience needed just a few basic supplies! Learn to select images that capture your interest without judgment or preconceived ideas. Discover personal symbols and imagery through the process.

Supplies - please bring scissors, glue, image sources (magazines, old books, calendars, cards, colorful papers) and a folder or envelope to carry clippings in.

Please sign up at church if you plan to attend this workshop, or contact admin@bbuuc.org.

About the facilitator: Cat Mallard received her degree in art from the University of Florida where she specialized in oil and acrylic painting. Today she also enjoys working in watercolors and mixed media. Her work has been published and is also in private collections worldwide. Cat teaches art in the Clay County public school system and is a long-time friend of BBUUC.

The Journey

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