



The Journey

The Newsletter of the
Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Church
 *A Welcoming Congregation*



June 2014

William Cromar, Dani Slader Honored at AYCA Banquet

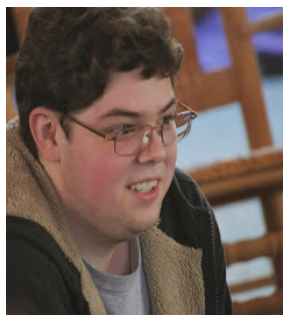
William Cromar recently received the American Youth Character Award (AYCA) from the St Johns County School District. William was one of 90 students recognized in St Johns County as an exemplary role model. The press release from AYCA states:

“Criteria for the AYCA awards is based on the Six Pillars of Character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. These awards recognize students for serving as good role models for their peers.”

When asked to select a role model who was also honored at the banquet, William selected Dani Slader, BBUUC’s current DRE. William said, “Dani is someone who really lives the Seven Principles.”

William is currently finishing his high school junior year as a Dual Enrollment student at St Johns River State College, where he is working towards an Associates Degree in Computer Programming and Analysis.

Morgan Jarman Takes the Next Step

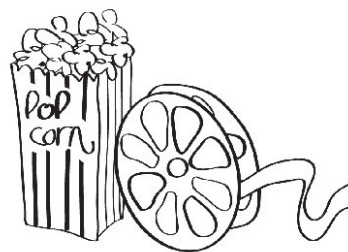


In May, our community was able to witness one of its young members take another step in his road to adulthood.

Morgan Jarman has turned 18 and is in the process of transitioning from youth RE to the Young Adult organization.

Morgan will be entering the fast-track engineering curriculum at Valencia College in Orlando. He is looking forward to studying Aerospace Engineering at UCF.

Popcorn Theology



This summer, Life-span Religious Education is offering Popcorn Theology, a movie based curricula helping us to explore our values. Join Kris Kines, Linda Crawford,

Erik Slader, Rachel Baur, and Dani Slader as we watch different movies every Wednesday and discuss the UU themes and values within them. Movies will span from Dogma to Superman to Garden State. Watch yahoo groups and Facebook for a list of what movies will be discussed what date. Popcorn Theology will run from June 11th to August 20th.

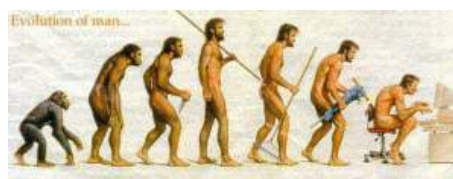
Erik Slader Considered for TEDx

Erik Slader recently received an invitation to submit a speech for the popular TEDx series of lectures. He came to the attention of the organizers thanks to the success of his popular “Epik Fails” blog at <http://epikfails.com>.



Epik Fails provides a sardonic view of history with a view to allowing us to learn from other peoples’ mistakes. If we happen to find some of those mistakes to be funny, that is an added benefit.

Part of the submission process involves a video recording of a live presentation of his talk. Erik has scheduled his run-through for June 21.



CHURCHWORKS

As we wrap up the fiscal year this month, I feel a mixture of gratitude, relief and anticipation. What a ride it's been at BBUUC this church year! We have had a year of reinforcing our foundations, of surprises and challenges – including two very generous gifts and an offer to consider hiring Rev. Jack Ford as a half-time minister. We've had our share of changes, and we all know that change is difficult for most individuals and organizations. We have put our financial house in order so that we have the fiscal health needed to support our mission and the vital ministries of our congregation—one of the most difficult challenges of all! Out of those efforts, we have seen an increase in financial support by our members, a rebirth of the canvass as an annual event (with the emphasis on listening and building relationships with every member of our church), a hard look at the meaning, expectations and responsibilities of membership, and a recognition of the need for building connections and coming to clarity (with full congregational participation) about who we are, where we are going, and what it takes to get there.

All of this sure sets the stage for the work we have ahead of us this coming year! We will begin with the immediate business at hand by taking advantage of the generous gift of a challenge grant to fund and support professional ministry. The guidelines are established for the fund, and the invitation to participate is now before us. What great things will we do with this? We will be talking about this financial opportunity, along with exploring what professional ministry could mean for us and where we collectively want to go on this path. Please note on your calendars the informal conversational gathering on June 2nd (Monday) at the church, and the Town Hall on the 29th after church. These are opportunities for us to begin (or continue) the discussion.

The other immediate piece of business is to tackle the Bylaw amendments that were presented at the annual meeting but were not approved. There were major issues with the amendments as presented at the meeting, and frankly, I was happy to see us having to take another look at them before we attempt another vote. The first two proposed amendments, dealing with the expectations of membership, were targeted at the same article! This was the result of one proposed amendment reaching the meeting via petition—all according to our bylaws—and the second originating from the Finance Committee, and passed through the Board. The third bylaw amendment regarding large gifts/bequests was originally proposed to the Board for consideration by Barbara Bujak. The Board proposed changes in her original language for clarity and to address details that were not in the original draft, and we all came to an agreement with Barbara on the language of what was submitted. Unfortunately, a supermajority did not exist at the end of the meeting to allow for a binding vote on this proposed change.

I see all of this as a great opportunity to do what I would have preferred to do with regard to all of these proposed Bylaw amendments – put them through a process that allows for greater consideration, discussion, and participation by the congregation! There are actually other parts of our Bylaws that could use some revisiting and evaluation as well. The process that has been used in previous years was longer and more complex, but resulted in cleaner, well thought-out revisions and additions that were discussed and wordsmithed by all interested members PRIOR to the

congregational meeting. This will be more of a consensus-building approach. In revisiting this process, the Board will put together a Bylaw Task Force to work over the first six months of the year to review the entire content of the bylaws, hold open meetings for all who wish to provide input and discussion, and then present the bylaws with a unified set of recommended amendments for consideration at a specially called congregational meeting. I will be contacting some of our members who have previously worked closely with our Bylaws, along with others who would like to participate either in the task force or during the open meetings for input. Please let me know if you have an interest! My hope is to have a task force in place by the end of July.

Many of my thoughts about the previous year have been outlined in my annual report, which was distributed at the Annual Meeting. We have posted a PDF of this report on the Member's section of the website. I am grateful to this congregation for your trust and support of my presidency, and the opportunity to serve a second year to “finish what I started” – with more of an emphasis on the deepening of our relationships and strengthening of our community.

This is the part where I would like to thank everyone collectively and individually for their hard work and dedication to this community, which is part of why I have been here for nearly 25 years and counting. There is so much to celebrate here – a wonderful religious education program, great kids who hold our hopes for the future of UUism, FANTASTIC Youth, and folks of all ages and backgrounds who come together week after week to keep our community alive and moving ahead. Wonderful worship services, people who make a real difference, dear friends who don't have to think alike to love alike — just a few more of the many reasons to celebrate. I hope you will all plan to join me on Friday evening, the 27th of June, 7pm at church for a dinner and celebration of the end of the year and the beginning of another. I want to recognize all of our volunteers and staff for their efforts, and to set the tone for a great year ahead. Details are forthcoming about the gathering, so mark your calendars!

—*In love and faith*, Linda Mowers, President

Let's Talk About...

Professional Ministry

(including our wonderful new Challenge Grant!)

Informal Conversation:

Monday, June 2, 2014 at 7pm

Town Hall Meeting:

Sunday, June 29, 2014 at Noon

***(Bring a Brown Bag Lunch—
beverages and dessert provided)***

Child Care will be provided for the Town Hall.

From the Desk of the Treasurer

As mentioned at our recent Annual Meeting, a generous family from our congregation has made a gift of \$30,000 for use in raising funds enabling the BBUUC to employ a minister. These funds will match contributions from other BBUUC donors who give over and above what they would otherwise give to BBUUC. The purpose of the Challenge Gift is to increase giving at BBUUC so that we can afford to employ a minister.



Implementation of this gift, as approved by the Board and the donor family, has been planned such that the Challenge Gift does not undermine our ability to meet next year's budget, which is about \$4,000 underfunded as it is. The rules governing the administration of the Challenge Gift, which begins on Sunday, June 1st, are:

General rules:

- 1) 1. The Challenge Gift will be used to match designated donations from June 1st, 2014, until the funds are all used, or June 30th, 2016, whichever comes first. Any unused Challenge Gift funds after June 30th, 2016, will be donated to a charity as designated by the donor family. Any donations received before June 1st, 2014, will not be retroactively matched.
- 2) Matching funds may be applied to the net cash results (revenues – cash expenses) of a fundraiser or fundraisers for the Ministerial Support Fund (MSF).

Special rules for June, 2014:

- 3) Sunday, June 22nd, 2014, will be designated MSF Sunday. On that Sunday, all funds collected in the collection plate, other than contributions to pledges, will be matched.
- 4) Beginning June 1st of this current fiscal year, we will have a special, fiscal year end fund raising activity among pledgers. Any funds donated on or before June 30, 2014, designated for the Ministerial Support Fund (MSF) and in excess of the person's or persons' fiscal year 2013-2014 pledge, will be matched immediately.

Matching donations from Pledgers during fiscal year 2014-2015:

5. Matching donations from pledgers is relatively straightforward. Any donations over and above the already submitted pledge amounts for fiscal year 2014-2015 are eligible for matching. Any pledge donation that includes instructions that some portion of it is to go to the Ministerial Support Fund (MSF) will be matched regularly. At the end of the fiscal year, each donor's giving will be reviewed and adjustments will be made for donors who did not follow through on the entire pledge commitment. Funds will be moved to the MSF and matching funds applied only if written instructions are on file.
6. Pledgers must provide the Treasurer and/or Finance Chair with clear instructions about their intentions. The instructions do not need to be supplied with each donation. For instance, a donor could email the Treasurer and/or Finance Chair that all donations in excess of their pledge (whether weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually) should go to the MSF. Other examples of instructions could be notations on the memo line of a check or on the donation envelope. Without instructions, the Treasurer and Finance Chair cannot make an assumption about intentions. Oral instructions will not be accepted because of the potential for errors and misunderstandings. A form for pledgers to use in transmitting their intentions will be provided.

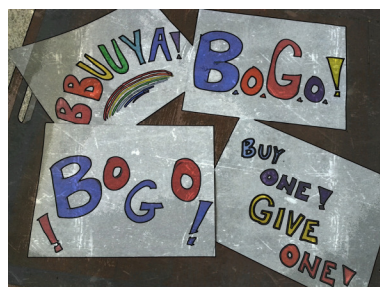
Matching donations from non-pledgers and anonymous givers:

- 7) If the congregation receives more than \$800/month (\$9,600 annually) from non-pledgers and anonymous givers, the surplus amount will be matched on a monthly basis, with a true-up at the end of the year.
- 8) Once a quarter, there will be an MSF Sunday. On MSF Sunday, all donations collected in the collection plate, minus pledge donations or donations explicitly directed elsewhere, will be matched.
- 9) The same dollar cannot be matched twice—said dollar qualifies under provision #7, or provision #8, but not both.

Please direct any questions to the Treasurer (treasurer@bbuuc.org) and/or Finance Chair (finance@bbuuc.org).



The BOGO Box is Back!



Howdy, folks! Summer is here, and isn't it great! For at least a little while we can cast off the shackles of the everyday cold of life, and spend some time revitalizing in the warmth of the sun.

In UU circles, the term self care gets spread around a lot. It's a term that tells us to take care of ourselves so that we can better care for others. It can refer to a physical, emotional, or social activity that's meant to help us keep our even heading. Summer is the perfect time for self care. Vacations give us a break from the daily grind so we can return from the fun renewed and full of energy and vigor for our normal lives.

Yet teachers look at the 3 months of summer vacation with the knowledge that often progress is lost rather than gained. The achievement gap and summer learning loss are education terms referring to the fact that often students lose around two months of learning every summer if their skills are not reviewed. I wonder perhaps if this isn't something that happens to us spiritually as well. We take a break from our daily lives, including our church home, and find ourselves having to readjust to "normal life" where we have to work at practicing our principles, or perhaps we fill our vacations so full of noise and activities in the pursuit of fun, that there is no time for reflection and spiritual self care. As a result we find ourselves out of energy to give to others, barely capable of treating ourselves with justice, equity, and compassion—let alone others.

Come June 5th, with the end of school, we will begin to scatter to the wind in search of recreation, let us also make sure we are searching for connection, and revitalization. Let us find time on a hike to feel the world around us, say a prayer of thanks when driving into a sunrise, hold the hand of loved one, and let the quiet moments care for our souls. Our time in the sun should help us find the best versions of ourselves, so that we can better the world every day.

With Hope,

Dani Slader
Director of Religious Education

You have probably noticed the return of the large, brightly colored collection box at the rear of the sanctuary. BBUUC's Young Adult organization, BBUUYA, is continuing to collect nonperishable food and household items for people in need.

(The name of the box comes from the idea of "Buy One Give One" for items purchased at "Buy One Get One" sales at the grocery store, but all donations are welcome.)

At present, BBUUYA is requesting an increased emphasis on donations of household items, such as toiletries and laundry supplies. Nonperishable food is an ongoing need, so that is always welcome. But please remember that even canned goods have an expiration date, if you bring in surplus items from your pantry.

If you bring contributions and do not see the BOGO box in the sanctuary, it has probably been returned to its home in the Middle School room. Please make sure to drop your contributions in the box, wherever it may be located. Many people make an effort to bring at least one item for the box when they come to church.

For more information about the BOGO box, please contact Devon Norris or another member of the BBUUYA organization. (If you know of someone in our community who would benefit from a kit built from the BOGO donations, please let BBUUYA or the Caring Committee know.)

BBUUC Operating Income & Expenses	
July 1, 2013 - May 20, 2014	
	Total \$
Income	
Contributions	
Donation General	11,510
Plate cash	4,453
Pledge Paid	75,107
Other Income	12,406
Total Income	\$103,477
Total Expenses	\$100,257
Net Operating Income	\$3,220



Blueberry Picking For All! Sleepover for Children!

We know spring is here and summer is ready to begin when we can go Blueberry Picking! Nothing is more fun than to get those huge, juicy, delicious blueberries, right off the bush, and pop them in your mouth! The Spirit play children and Elementary Children will be going on this outing on June 14th after noon. Please join us! The children will also go on a few adventures including but not limited to swimming at Joani Maskell's pool, having pizza for dinner, playing games & watching movies at the church, as well as a SLEEPOVER! Yes, parents it's true.....we will take your children for the entire afternoon and evening and return them to you in the morning just in time for you to enjoy blueberry pancakes with us at church! Please email Dani at dre@bbuuc.org if you would like to sign your children up. All are welcome to join us for blueberry picking! Location will be determined. If you know of a good place, please let us know.

Help Wanted:

Greeters and Fellowship Hosts

Greeters and Fellowship hosts are an important part of what makes BBUUC such a welcoming environment. Greeters meet each person entering the door with a smile, a program, and a warm welcome. Then, during the service, the Greeters collect the week's offering.

Fellowship Hosts arrive before 10am on Sunday to prepare the refreshments for after the services. The volunteers make sure there is hot water for tea, coffee in the urns, and cookies on a few trays. The Fellowship Hosts are asked to bring a few containers of juice; the cookies and crackers are supplied by the Hospitality Committee.

The Hospitality Committee has posted detailed instructions for each week's volunteers to follow, and they assist people who are not familiar with the church kitchen facilities. This is a great opportunity to literally serve fellow members of our community. To volunteer, sign up on the clipboards near the bulletin board. Greeters and Fellowship Hosts have a great opportunity to meet other people, and to give back a little bit as part of the community.

For more information, please contact hospitality@bbuuc.org.

Leader's Survival Guide

Leadership always looks so easy from the outside. The stuff that needs to be done is just common sense. At least, that's how it appears right up to the time that you step into a leadership position. On July 16 and 23, BBUUC will host a 2-part training course designed to help leaders develop some key soft leadership skills. These skills look simple when someone else is doing them, but actually take a lot of work to master.

Good leaders have a number of tools at their disposal. To be effective, you need to recruit team members, identify gaps, organize your time, and run meetings.

The basis for this class comes from the teacher's text book for new IT managers: "From Techie to Boss, Transitioning to Leadership." The author, Scott Cromar, recently held a version of this class at the LOPSA conference in New Brunswick, NJ. (The content for the sessions at BBUUC has been adapted to emphasize general leadership skills and de-emphasize the IT-specific sections of the course.)

There are a limited number of slots available. Please either sign up on the clipboard at the back of the sanctuary or RSVP to pr_communications@bbuuc.org.

Prayer Shawl Affinity Group

The Prayer Shawl Affinity Group will be holding its next meeting at the Mandarin Panera Bread at 11111 San Jose Blvd, Jacksonville on June 5. The Prayer Shawl group produces shawls and lap blankets for members of the BBUUC community who need some extra comfort.

If you are planning on coming, please contact Lisa Cromar by June 4 at prayershawls@bbuuc.org. (If there are no RSVPs, the meeting may be cancelled.)

RE SHOUT OUT:



Religious Education would like to thank the Beacon group for doing a wonderful job reorganizing the Elementary Class room during their facilities lock in!

BBUUC Annual Meeting



On May 18, the BBUUC Community gathered to demonstrate how the Fifth Principle operates in practice. The agenda, prepared statements, and Annual Report are available online in the members-only section of the web site at <http://www.bbuuc.org/member-login/communications-to-members/>

Board President Linda Mowers opened the meeting after the congregation enjoyed a potluck lunch prepared by volunteers from within the community. Her statement discussed some of the transformational challenges facing the community as it continues to grow and mature.

Linda also discussed the highly successful member Canvass and “FUN-raising” events planned for the coming year to build connections within our community. At the end of her remarks, she also announced a challenge grant from an anonymous donor to help the congregation accumulate a ministry fund, as well as a series of meetings to discuss further steps along the road to a professional ministry. (This challenge grant is discussed further in the Treasurer’s article in this Journey.)

The Treasurer’s Report, presented by Dale Crawford, described a much improved fiscal posture achieved by the congregation over the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year, thanks to a generous gift from the Shupp estate as well as the excellent fiscal management demonstrated by the Committee Chairs over the year.

Dale also pointed out that the operating income generated from the 2013-2014 pledge drive had been inadequate, and that operating income remains a concern for the congregation. As the congregation matures over the long run, it will not be able to sustain operations based on financial contributions from only 77% of the membership. But thanks to a highly effective auction fund-

raiser, the congregation was in the black rather than the red as of the April 30 Treasurer’s Report. (The Treasurer’s Reports for the past year are online at <http://www.bbuuc.org/member-login/finance-reports/>.)

The Finance Chair, Peg Christenson, presented the results of the 2014-2015 pledge drive and the resulting budgets. The community pledged significantly more for 2014-2015 than for 2013-2014, which erased most of the problem we had in the past year with an underfunded budget. Unfortunately, the increased amount was not sufficient to fund the proposal to extend a half-time position to the Rev. Jack Ford. After discussion and questions, the budget (on page 12 of the Annual Report) was passed.

The following members of the congregation were nominated and elected at this year’s Annual Meeting:

- Linda Mowers: President
- Eileen Morrison: Vice President
- Joann Carollo: Secretary
- Dale Crawford: Treasurer
- Carol Waters: Trustee
- Candace Gerding: Trustee
- Linda Crawford, Ron Rothberg, Carl Schrader: Nominating Committee

(Brief biographies of all these people are available on pages 20-22 of the Annual Report.)

Several Bylaw changes were considered during this annual meeting; the text is available on pages 23 and 24 of the Annual Report. The two Bylaw amendments failed to achieve the 80% supermajority required to make the change to the Bylaws. An amendment to move the Bylaw addition to the Finance P&Ps was defeated. Despite an apparent majority support for the Bylaw addition, the required 40% superquorum did not exist at the end of the meeting to take a binding vote. All three proposed Bylaw changes will be referred to a Bylaw task force for consideration, discussion, and revision over the coming year. (Please see the Churchworks column in this Journey for more information.)

Each of us is meant to have a character all our own, to be what no other can exactly be, and to do what no other can exactly do.

– William Ellery Channing, Unitarian minister

For Frances Kennicutt

It's All About Home and Diversity

We had the opportunity to interview Frances Kennicutt, a fourth generation Universalist and matriarch of BBUUC. We asked her what she is passionate about, what are some of her best memories of BBUUC and what she sees in the future for humanity.

Home and diversity are two relatively simple words, but for Frances Kennicutt, a fourth generation Universalist, they are at the core of her soul. Frances is passionate about her family and home, being a UU, cooking, sowing and cleaning silver. She has been married to her sweetheart, Orlis “Kenny”, for nearly 60 years and is the mother of two children, Linda and Tommy. She is also a grandmother to four grandchildren and has two great-grandchildren. Due to her husband’s service in the Marine Corps, they were a military family. Of this experience Frances said, “I loved being a military family because of the diversity of people and families we met along the way.” Diversity plays a big part of fulfillment in Frances’ life, as she identifies it as one of the best aspects of being a Unitarian Universalist.

Frances loves being a part BBUUC. She has become the de facto Church martiarch, a title she likes holding. When asked if she felt it was a fair assessment she chuckled whimsically and said, “I guess it is fair, I was the first person to sign the membership book and the Church’s first president and I have held every position in this Church.” Frances has enjoyed watching the Church grow over the years and is very proud to have contributed both time and resources. As you can see, BBUUC is also home for Frances. She cites her best memory of BBUUC as without doubt being the opening of the building. Two particular aspects make this memory the best in her mind: the hard work by those in the Church to bring a vision

to fruition, and that it gave the Church a permanent home and subsequently a home to all those who walk through its doors regardless what beliefs they hold.

When asked about what she sees in the future for humanity she says she is a little troubled and holds a bit of a pessimistic outlook. Her feelings are derived from what she perceives as a world that is generally slipping in morals and honesty. However, there is one thing that does bring her hope and that is the youth of BBUUC. In the youth she sees a group of young adults who are kind and want what is best for the world.

About our June 15th speaker:

Marta Varee Pearson:

Marta Varee Pearson has made several appearances in our pulpit. She is a Unitarian Universalist who brings 30+ years as speaker, trainer and coach. She’s trained & coached psychologists & social workers; business executives & staff; teachers, school staff & administrators as well as Individuals, couples, foster & other parents. Marta made multiple expert appearances on the Geraldo, Donahue & Sally Jessy Raphael television programs. For more than ten years, she has presented sermons to UU Congregations in Maine, Washington State and now Florida.

“Unitarian Universalists have said for centuries that there is room in our religion for all seekers. Skeptics and poets and scientists are welcome here, as are nonconformists and shy and uncertain folk. We believe that restlessness and doubts are a sign of grace, that the love of truth is the holiest of gifts.”
—Rev. Barbara Merritt

Joys and Concerns

Congratulations to Judy Culpepper for receiving 3rd Place Honors in the St. Augustine Art Association Miniatures Show for her 6x8 inch oil painting titled “Arawak Pottery”.

Ella Rothberg, daughter of Christine and Ron Rothberg, was named “Most Valuable Player” on her volleyball team this year — GO ELLA!!



In the Spotlight

Trish Shepherd

Trish is a long-time Wiccan and mother of six who feels very comfortable within the BBUUC community. She has known Rev. Liz Teal and Chris Jarman for some time through home-schooling groups, and her

son, Braydon, was interested in participating with his friends at BBUUC's Beacon activities.

Many people in the community are aware of how much Trish enjoys caring for her animals. She grew up in a rural setting, and likes that lifestyle.



About ten years ago, she and her husband, Allen, purchased 10-acres in west Jacksonville and established a small farm. Today, that farm is home to six dairy goats, an apiary, two llamas, forty chickens, a parrot, a tortoise, Heritage turkeys, and assorted dogs and cats (in addition to the human inhabitants).

Since joining BBUUC, Trish has been active in CUUPS, and in January agreed to co-chair that group. She enjoys the sense of community at CUUPS, and appreciates that the BBUUC values system is so compatible with her Wiccan beliefs.

Starting in August, Trish will be co-leading a monthly Middle School Hot Topics class. And Trish recently joined the Finance Committee. (She generously assists several non-profits with the expertise gained from a degree in Accounting at University of South Florida.)

Beacon Social Action!

Starting this June, the Buckman Bridge Beacon Youth Group will be collecting old cell phones and eyeglasses to donate. Phones will go to Shelter Alliance, where the cell phones will ultimately end up with foundations such as Cell Phones for Soldiers.

The Beacon group will receive money for these cell phones, which will be put towards the BBUUC Caring Fund. Donated eyeglasses will go to the Lions

Club, which distributes these glasses to members of the community who need the vision aid but cannot afford them themselves. The collection box will be located in the back of the sanctuary, please remember to bring in your old phones, and glasses, and recycle!

For more information, feel free to visit www.shelteralliance.net for cell phone donation, and www.lionsclubs.org for eyeglasses.

Tai Chi For Beginners

BBUUC rents space to a number of community groups throughout the month. The Taoist Tai Chi Society is one we host, and they are opening their next set of classes up to our congregation at large.

The meditative movements of the Taoist Tai Chi® can improve circulation, balance and posture, increase strength and flexibility and reduce stress. A 3 month class for beginners, will be offered by the Taoist Tai Chi Society® starting Thursday, June 12, 2014 from 6:30 PM to 8 PM at the the Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Church. For additional information email: jacksonville.fl@taoist.org or phone: [904-733-8180](tel:904-733-8180).



Our Whole Lives at BBUUC

The UUA's "Our Whole Lives" (OWL) curriculum is a sexuality education curriculum with several classes aimed at different age groups. The goal of OWL is to provide attendees with information to assist them in making responsible, informed decisions.

Over the last few months, youth from BBUUC and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Gainesville (UUFG) have gathered together with trained instructors to work their way through the OWL curriculum. Youth who participated in the program found the curriculum useful and "better than any mainstream education of the sort" that they'd participated in. One UUFG youth called it the "perfect safe space to ask the questions that everyone's afraid to."

Chalice Lighters

What is the Chalice Lighter program?

The Chalice Lighter program encourages and supports growth of Unitarian Universalism by awarding grants to member congregations and clusters. Grants are awarded for both traditional and innovative growth projects. Examples include:

Traditional grant projects:

Calling a minister, hiring RE professional, volunteer coordinator, music director, or other professional staff; buying a building or land; leasing a building or land; constructing a new building or renovating an existing one.

Innovative growth projects:

New signage or other ways to increase visibility; innovative adult or youth programming; video broadcasting of program(s); innovative advertising or community relations, including new web sites; satellite or branch church startup; outreach program to enhance diversity in congregation; two or more congregations working together.

How does it work?

No more than three times each year, a Chalice Lighter call describing the approved grant request is sent out to those who have pledged to support the program. By pooling contributions of \$15 or more from the Chalice Lighters, we are able to provide substantial grants to congregations which are expanding their ministries.

The program serves the four districts of the UUA's Southern Region separately, so the support you pledge remains in your district. The districts are sharing payment accounts, so you may be routed to a PayPal account assigned to a different district.

<http://www.uuasouthernregion.org/generosity/chalichelighters.html> to make a pledge.



From: <http://www.seduua.org/chalichelighters.html>



Looking for a great, affordable value for your whole family, with lots of adventures and filled with friends? Then come to SUUSI! July 20-26, 2014 in Radford, Virginia.

You'll be welcomed warmly and invited into our community.

SUUSI is an intentional community of approximately 1,200 people who gather in the 3rd week of July near Roanoke, VA, to explore our interconnectedness, learn new ways of seeing our world and each other, delight in the joys of meeting old friends and making new ones, share outdoor adventures, dance, and sing.

Together, we'll create a week of conversation, reflection, activity, nourishment, fun and family. "Beloved Community" is this year's theme.

SUUSI 2014 will be held on the Radford University campus (near Roanoke, VA) from July 20-26.

You'll be challenged intellectually and nurtured spiritually. You can stay up all night dancing or making music and/or spend all day communing with nature or exploring your personal growth. We have special programs for all ages of children, teens and young adults, so be sure to bring the whole family. Music is central to our evening Nightlife, with concerts, cabarets, and showcases.

Run totally by volunteers from its inception, we celebrate over 60 years of renewal and value in the spirit of Unitarian Universalist principles of inclusion, respect and responsibility. We even have various online communities, where SUUSI-goers share the experience year round.

From <http://www.suusi.org>

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.

June 1: Rev. Pat Ray will present “Let it Be”

The term “prayer” comes from Latin meaning “to request”, and is also the root for the word “precarious.” So, in a sense, prayer means to ask for help in precarious times. Most Sundays we invite you to share in prayer with contemplation or meditation as you will. What does that mean for a Unitarian Universalist? Can prayer be effective or useful when used without a solid theist frame? From whom are we asking for help?

This is the second in a series that started earlier in September 2013 with "Salvation to Damnation?" I invite you to listen to that sermon on the website if you were unable to attend.

Led by Ron Rothberg ▪ Accompanied by Gary Smart

June 8: Rev Jack Ford will present “I Know You Are But What Am I?: Part 6-Direct Experience”

Theodore Parker, one of the greatest Unitarian ministers in American history, resolved “to preach nothing as religion that I have not experienced inwardly and made my own.” If our UU faith were to adopt a motto, that would be it for me. I have chosen to follow this principle all of my adult life, not just from the pulpit but in my own personal search for truth and meaning. I have placed this topic last in my six-part sermon series as a place of honor. I believe it to be the most important of all the “Sources” of our “living tradition” as Unitarian Universalists. I would like to tell you why – in a very personal way.

Led by Kris Kines ▪ Accompanied by Ellen Miceli

A Hymnal Dedication will take place during this service

June 15: Marta Varee Pearson will present “Father’s Day & Other Celebrations – The Sweet & The Bitter”

Every coin has two sides, a 24 hour period has night and day and food has both bitter and sweet flavors. Today we will explore the little known bitter side of this day of celebration and why there are some who normally would choose to not be present. If Father’s Day or Mother’s Day is a day when you usually feel you have to avoid the celebration come and find comfort. You are not alone.

Led by Sarah Ritzmann ▪ Accompanied by Eileen Morrison

June 22: Dr. Mark Yount will present “In Indian Footsteps”

The fate of Native American peoples is America's other shame. You and I come too late to bear that guilt, but perhaps we can gain perspective: on our history, our selves, our world. Our UU spirituality draws on the Native Americans, especially in our 7th principle. Can we honor them by how we walk in their footsteps in our world today? (Mark will return from the youth "Trail of Tears" trip a week before giving this sermon.)

Led by Linda Crawford ▪ Accompanied by Gary Smart

A New Member Ceremony will take place during this service

June 29: Rev. Elizabeth Teal will present “Daily Habits”: Part two of a three part series

We are the story telling animals, but we are also creatures of habit. If we are going to write ourselves better stories, we need better habits!

Led by David Dean ▪ Accompanied by Gary Smart



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:45am Coffee Conversations 12pm Social Action	2 7:00pm Ministry Conversation	3 7:00pm PR/Communications	4 7:00pm BEACON 7:00pm Painting the Human Condition	5 10:00am Comfort Crafts (Panera in Mandarin—RSVP required)	6	7 <i>Teen Enrichment Trip Begins</i>
8 9:30am Pancake Breakfast 9:45am Coffee Conversations 10:30am OWL 12:00pm Caring Committee	9	10 7:00pm Council Meeting	11 11:30am Lunch Bunch 7:00pm BEACON 7:00pm Parents Night 7:00pm CUUPS 7:00pm Popcorn Theology	12	13	14 Circle Supper
15 9:45am Coffee Conversations 12pm LRE Committee	16	17 7:00pm Worship Committee 7:00pm Finance Committee 7:00pm Welcoming Congregation Ministry	18 7:00pm BEACON 7:00pm Popcorn Theology	19	20	21 7:00pm Erik Slader's TedX Presentation
22 "MSF" <i>Sunday</i> 9:00am BBUUCF 9:45am Coffee Conversations 12:00pm Membership Committee	23	24 7:00pm Board Meeting 7:00pm Program Committee	25 7:00pm BEACON 7:00pm BBUUYA 7:00pm CUUPS 7:00pm Popcorn Theology	26	27	28
29 9:45am Coffee Conversations 12:00pm Town Hall Meeting on Ministry	30					

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The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center is looking for a Program Director. This person will be responsible for Youth Conferences, Mountain Camp, and developing new youth and adult programming. Interested candidates who share, demonstrate and role model the Unitarian Universalist values, have summer camp leadership & administrative experience with a "can do" work ethic are encouraged to apply. Please send a resume and cover letter to Ted.wisniewski@mountaincenters.org

UU Blogs of Interest:

BEACON Broadside:

<http://www.beaconbroadside.com>

Growing Unitarian Universalism:

<http://growinguu.blogs.uua.org/>



Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by BBUUYA

Sunday, June 8 at 9:30am

Join us for a pancake breakfast! For a small donation benefitting the Emergency Caring Fund, eat pancakes and other breakfast foods prepared by our BBUU Young Adults! Sounds like a great way to start a Sunday!



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