



The Journey

The Newsletter of the
Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Church



A Welcoming Congregation



March 2014



Spring cleaning time is upon us! As you find “surplus treasures,” please put them aside for the Church Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 12.

We'll start collecting donations on Sunday, April 6 in the High School room. We will be looking for the following types of new or gently used items:

- Small household items
- Decorative items
- Antiques
- Books, CDs and DVDs
- Collectibles
- In-season clothing
- Handbags and other accessories
- Toys

Please only donate items that are in good condition and have all necessary parts. We cannot accept items that, if unsold, would need to be disposed in a hazardous waste facility, including:

- TVs and other electronics
- Old computer equipment
- Tires
- Items containing flammable or other hazardous chemicals
- Paint

Please sign up to volunteer on April 11 or 12 at <http://www.PerfectPotluck.com/meals.php?t=AMAO2347> . For more information, attend the March 30 LRE FUNdraising meeting at 9:30am, or contact Scott Cromar or Amber Rodriguez.

The proceeds from the Rummage Sale will go towards the Teen Enrichment Trip to the Trail of Tears this summer. Please donate your treasures, and come enjoy the sale on April 12!

Comfort Crafts Affinity Group

The Comfort Crafts Affinity Group will be moving its meetings to the Mandarin Panera Bread at 11111 San Jose Blvd, Jacksonville. The meetings will be the first Thursday of every month from 10am to noon.

The Comfort Crafts Affinity Group has been producing shawls for members of the BBUUC community who are experiencing some difficulty in their lives. The shawls are distributed in cooperation with the Caring Committee.

If you are planning on coming, please contact Lisa Cromar by the Wednesday before the meeting at 904-827-0107 or lisanancrom@gmail.com . If there are no RSVPs on a given month, the meeting will be cancelled.



Lifespan Religious Education would like to highlight the special contributions of **Joann Carollo**.

Joann is our organizing wiz in LRE. Re-

cently she's put together Basket Making Sunday where parents and teachers met up to help build our story baskets for the Elementary Class, and organized the parents of our OWL participants to feed hungry kids and teachers during the Friday- Sunday lock in. Her energy and enthusiasm is contagious and we are so thankful to have her as part of our team!

CHURCHWORKS

My heartfelt thanks to all of our members and friends who planned, worked hard behind the scene, worked hard at the scene, donated items and services, purchased tickets, purchased items and services, and attended last Saturday night's auction.

What a wonderful event it was! It was not only successful in raising funds to meet our operating budget shortfall, but also gave us a great opportunity to build connections and have fun together. Please check out Pam's article this month to find out the amount of money that we brought in ...I will give her the honor of giving you the great news!

Such an event does not come easily, but requires the tireless efforts of many – and I was amazed at the number of dedicated members and friends who stepped up to take significant roles on the auction team. In addition to the Auction Team under the leadership of Pam Edwards-Roine, our Facilities Committee, Finance Committee, Office Administrator (Beth Christiansen), Auctioneer (Ron Rothberg), Religious Education leaders, our teens who volunteered to serve hors d'oeuvres (so elegantly in their black and white outfits) and assist with child care, and the incredible food and beverage team in the kitchen and bar really made this event one for the books! Candace Gerding and Pat Ray organized the Open Auction so professionally....the same for Christine Rothberg and Pam Richardson with the silent auction and trinket table. Kudos to all of the cooks in the kitchen, *THE FOOD WAS TO DIE FOR!* A special shout-out to newcomers Ken Weinstein and John Giordano who wowed us all with their endless energy, talent and ideas...not to mention some fantastic contributions of goods and services. I wouldn't dare to try and Mention all of the names, but will also leave that honor to Pam.

PROFESSIONAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

As promised in my pulpit announcement last Sunday, here is some information about a recent opportunity that was presented to the Board by Rev. Jack Ford.

Most of you know Rev. Ford as a long-time member of our congregation, a volunteer chaplain, and also a regular speaker in our pulpit on the second Sunday of the month. Jack is a Fellowshiped (Preliminary) UU minister who currently serves as a supply minister to the UU congregations in Palatka, St. Augustine and at BBUUC. He speaks twice a month in St. Augustine, once at BBUUC and once in Palatka. Jack is pursuing opportunities to advance into Final Fellowship status with the UUA's Ministerial Fellowship Committee.

Jack has presented us with an opportunity to enhance our ministry while achieving his own need for focused and sustainable work as a professional minister.

The usual process prescribed by the UUA to call a settled professional minister is lengthy and detailed. Once the need for a professional minister is established, there are specific preliminary steps to take. Then the congregation creates a Ministerial Search Committee, and works with the UUA Department of Ministry to provide candidates and assist with the process. This process frequently takes many months to a year or two before the congregation is ready to vote on a candidate. Moreover, anyone who has been in your pulpit for the past two years or who is a member of your congregation would not be considered as a candidate.

Jack is offering us a different scenario. We would bring Jack on board as a "Consulting" minister. Our current relationship with Jack would evolve into a half-time position that would meet the growing needs for professional ministry in our congregation. It would also allow Jack to complete the three years needed in a ministry position that would meet the requirements for Final Fellowship status.

Jack has suggested an arrangement where he would serve as our minister in a half-time position with a fair compensation, professional expenses and health care benefits. This would be a position that would enhance the overall ministry of the church, but would not require us to completely relinquish our lay-led identity.

Under this arrangement, we might consider having Jack in the pulpit two Sundays a month, with the rest of his time used to focus on providing religious education, pastoral care and counseling, community outreach, and denominational connections.

The Board has pulled together some numbers for consideration. The next step is to submit the opportunity to the congregation for consideration.

Because Jack made this offer to us first, before beginning a broader search process for a consulting ministry position, we have an opportunity to continue and expand our relationship with him.

Should he engage in efforts to find a regular half or full-time position elsewhere, we might find ourselves without the consistent, regular UU ministerial presence in our pulpit that we now enjoy with Jack. A consulting ministry can also a great way to transition into a full-time settled ministry should we move into that direction down the road.

Additional information about this proposal for expanded ministry will be distributed directly to BBUUC members, and there will be two immediate meetings held to begin the conversation and get initial feedback from the congregation

There are several important questions to ask our members, among them being:

- What would it mean to have Jack on board as our half-time minister?
- What would he be here to do and what would he be here NOT to do?
- Are we willing and able to increase our pledge income to support the cost of a half-time ministry?

We will start by having a town-hall meeting this Sunday (March 2) at noon, following the fellowship time after the service. This will be an informal, moderated discussion about these questions and your thoughts and concerns regarding a half-time Consulting Ministry position for Jack.

The following Sunday, the 9th of March, we will have a second forum with Jack (who will be speaking that day) in attendance to answer questions and present his views and goals.

Both of these meetings will be informational in nature, and are not official congregational meetings called for a vote. That would come later, if there is an indication that it is a viable option for us. If it appears that there is both the support for bringing Jack on board in this capacity, and the funds to back it up, then we will move forward with our canvas that will include a line item for a minister's salary in the proposed budget. We will also require a congregational vote to move forward with this important decision.

Members, please look for more information which will be distributed directly to you. If you are unable to make the meetings, we will make the contents available to you via recording.

This is an important consideration for our congregation—one which could shape our future in addition to our present. I hope you will come and share your thoughts.

In love and faith,
Linda Mowers, BBUUC President

Jays and Concerns

Our sympathy and love are extended to the **Glassman family** at the loss of Drew's father, **Ronald Glassman**, who died at his home on February 9th, after a long struggle with Parkinson's Disease. Jen and family attended funeral services in Hartford, CT.

Congratulations to **Hannah Novotny** who was elected as the State Youth Co-Chair for Beacon at the January Con in Gainesville.

Congratulations also to **Judy Culpepper** for her recent art exhibit of paintings at the Vandroff Art Gallery at the Jacksonville Community Alliance. You can check out her work at <http://www.judyculpepperfineart.com>.

Best wishes for a successful recovery to **Lee Albright** who had knee replacement surgery last month, and is undergoing physical therapy and recuperating at home.

Congratulations to **Joani Maskell**, who will be opening her new facility, complete with 7,000 square foot indoor pool, to house her growing business, "Swimming Safari Swim School" in March. What a wonderful accomplishment!

Continued thoughts and prayers are extended to **David Johnson** as he has completed his chemotherapy treatments and will begin radiation therapy this month for tonsil cancer. Love and care also to his wife **Joyce**, who has been with him every step of the way.

If you have a special joy or concern you wish to share in the Journey, please contact Frances Kennicutt or Myrna Kissinger, Caring Committee Co-Chairs at caring@bbuuc.org.

ATTENTION MEMBERS: TWO TOWN HALL MEETINGS TO BE HELD

To discuss the possibility of a Consulting Ministry with Rev. Jack Ford

SUNDAY, MARCH 2 at NOON:

Initial information, congregational comments and questions.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9 at NOON:

Reverend Jack Ford present to discuss goals and opportunities, field questions and concerns.

Child Care • Snacks and Beverages Provided

Why bother?

This is a question we recently asked the youth of our congregation in their Religious Education Class. The lesson was built around this quote from the “A Place of Wholeness” Curriculum:

We [Unitarian Universalists] are determined to use the power of reason to identify the inequalities and injustices in our world. We are determined to marshal evidence as a tool in our work for fairness. But we must be equally determined to stamp out cynicism with hope, to fight hate with love, and to refuse to lose our faith

As we progressed through the lesson we reached a point where we had to address the question “Why Bother” when as youth or as a microcosm of society it’s unlikely to have your actions create observable change, “what is the point of trying?” It’s a question worth sitting with- or it is until we consider consequences of not acting.

Ariel Cook, constantly reminds me that ours is not an easy faith. The conundrum of massive effort for little result in the realm of social justice is one of the ways that our Faith tries us. It’s apparent in our principles that if we can act- we must act. That’s how we strive for Justice, Equity, and Compassion, and its how we create the a world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all, but it’s hard. Not just a little, but a lot.

It’s easy to be over whelmed and discouraged when we look around at all the work to be done. It’s easy to fall into a pattern of learned helplessness. It’s easy to walk away, and it hard to stand and be counted, but that’s exactly what good UU’s do. Our principles encourage us to do what we must to make the world a better place. That’s why we have Standing on the Side of Love, that’s why we have a College of Social Justices, and that’s why we have a Social Action Committee.

And yet it’s still a scary thing- to as a youth approach a group of hecklers and pull a friend out, to be the one person in an office building that won’t allow others to use discriminatory language, or to be the one congregant that reminds others to use compassion when talking about fanatics.

In Coffee Conversations this month we spoke about the line between equity, justice and compassion. Sometimes it’s seems we are adrift amongst the conflicting waves of what is right. How do we fire the cannons of justice, while steering with

compassion, and still allow ourselves room to thrive? The answer is not a simple one- no person can simply tell why we should bother- because alone we might drown, but to quote Emma’s Revolutions “We are a mighty congregation with strength beyond our means” and together, we **can and will** navigate the waters of social justice with love as our guide.

With Hope

Dani Slader

Director of Religious Education

DRE Office Hours:

Tuesdays, 7-9pm

Wednesdays, 7-9pm

Sundays, 8:30am-12pm



Membership Committee

When people investigate or want to join BBUUC, the Membership Committee helps them learn about our community. Newcomer classes are organized on a bi-monthly basis by the Membership Committee to provide a background in the ideals and practices of our community and the UU movement at large. When people join our church, the Membership Committee organizes a New Member ceremony to welcome them to the community, and adds them to the church’s membership roster.

The Membership Committee coordinates, trains and schedules Welcome Ambassadors each week. Welcome Ambassadors are experienced members of the community who are available each week to help answer questions about the BBUUC community.

Volunteers are always needed to help with the committee’s work. Most newcomers have enjoyed their classes with the committee, and the community at large has benefited from the warm way people are welcomed into our community. If you want to see how you can help out, please contact the committee chairs (Gina Norstedt and Amber Rodriguez) at membership@bbuuc.org.

Members! Please watch for an email or a mailed packet about next fiscal year's budget proposal. It will be sent separately.

About our March 30th speaker:

Ericka Curran is the Director and founder of the Immigrant and Human Rights Clinic at Florida Coastal school of law. Through work with students at the law school Ericka is able to offer free legal representation to vulnerable immigrants in our community. She focuses on the representation of the most severely marginalized immigrants including victims of human trafficking, unaccompanied children and the mentally ill immigrants in detention. Ericka has had the great fortune of doing immigrant and human rights work in South Africa and Brazil in addition to her work in the United States.

Save the Date: The Florida District Annual Assembly takes place at the Vero Beach congregation **April 25 - 27, 2014**. UUA Moderator Jim Key will give the keynote address, focused on the challenges and opportunities for expanding our faith in this time of rapid cultural change.



If you've logged on to the UUA website lately (<http://www.uua.org>) you may have seen the logo to the left. This is the new UUA logo, introduced in February of this year. There is more about why this logo has been introduced on the UUA website—it's worth checking out!

Office Administrator, Office Hours:

Tuesdays, 6-9pm

Fridays, 12-3pm

Sundays, 9am-1:30pm

**Teen Enrichment Trip:
The Trail of Tears
In collaboration with the
First UU Church of Orlando**

Our teens have once more had to switch gears for the Teen Enrichment Trip. Due to administrative issues, we are unable to attend General Assembly this year. Instead we will visit the states of Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee to see various sites along the Trail of Tears. We will be travelling with the teens of the First UU Church of Orlando.

The purpose of the trip is to continue the theme of the Civil Rights youth education trip taken in 2013, to educate our youth on the racial inequalities in U.S. society, and to introduce the youth to the Civil Rights movement and its leaders and help them understand why UU's have a role to play in the continued struggle. In addition, the trip will give the youth a tangible way to discover UU principles, especially justice, equity and compassion in human relations; the goal of world community peace, liberty and justice for all; and the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

Along the way, the teens will visit the Museum of the Cherokee Nation, the Okunuluftee Indian Village, Robbinsville, North Carolina, Vonore, Tennessee, the Lost Sea, Red Clay, Tennessee, Ruby Falls, Tennessee, Rock City, Georgia, and Calhoun, Georgia. They will have the chance to visit a number of UU churches during their travels, including the UU Church in Tallahassee.

Religious Texts in Society

The Religious Texts in Society Affinity Group will be meeting on March 20 at 7pm to discuss Karen Armstrong's book "The Great Transformation." This is a very information-dense book, and we will be discussing different aspects of the book in our next few meetings. Ken Christiansen will be leading the March 20 discussion.

If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Dale Crawford, Scott Cromar and Ken Christiansen. We will send you the study information for this discussion.



Education Advocates at One Spark

WOW! On Valentine's Day I had the sweetest news! I found out that One Spark accepted my company, Education Advocates, to be a part of their crowd funding! I started this company on the first of 2014. You can learn more by visiting One Spark's website. <http://www.beonespark.com/about>. My team and I have been preparing for this event this since November. The sweet taste of victory came across my desk just 19 minutes after the matchmaking was opened, when a venue reached out to me in order to have us present at their location. The enormity of the situation rocked my world. It really did. I almost cried (okay those of you who know me, know that I did cry). It made me realize what I have been saying for two and a half years, this is an idea whose time has indeed come!

Okay, so after reading that excerpt from our latest Blog post on Education Advocates, Inc. website: <http://educationadvocatesinc.wordpress.com/blog/>, you may have some questions. First, what the heck is this word "crowdfunding?" Crowdfunding is a way to support a cause using social media, and technology. This One Spark event has 3.25 million dollars, which has been donated by local investors, and that money will be divided between different creators for people who vote for their idea. I am hoping that you will join me for the five days in April to vote for our idea.

So, what is our idea? You can always learn more here: <http://educationadvocatesinc.wordpress.com/>, but, essentially, what we do is help youth, teens, and young adults by arming them with skills that will help build their self-esteem and future. This makes our youth more resilient, and better prepared for adult life. We do this by bringing interactive workshops and lectures to all educational settings.

If you are interested in being a volunteer for April 9-13, please contact Rachel Bauer via phone 314-398-7615, or via email rdb5y3@gmail.com. Thank you my church family for all of your support!

*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

Introducing Shanna Gardner



Shanna Gardner and her husband recently found themselves looking for a spiritual home. A friend in Utah was attending a UU church and suggested that they check one out. Shanna and Jay started attending BBUUC and have enjoyed the community ever since.

When she was 17, Shanna started attending beauty school. She is an accomplished stylist. One of her customers says Shanna gave her "the best haircut she has gotten in Florida," and "nobody is touching my head but Shanna." The Gardners own Mosaic Salon Studios on Old Kings Road South in Jacksonville. Mosaic rents space to independent stylists and manicurists.

When asked about her favorite experiences, there was a common thread. All her stories were about animals. She loves riding horses, tending her 100 chickens, and caring for the seven dogs that share the Gardner household. Five of the dogs are permanent residents, two are temporary foster dogs from pet rescue organizations.

Shanna says that she loves Dobermans and pit bulls. They are big, beautiful and elegant, but also tough. Her first pit bull was a rescue from a friend's yard. A neighbor moved away and abandoned the dog, who would not allow Jay or the friend to come near. But when Shanna took a leash into the back yard, the dog immediately sat on her lap and started bathing her face. That dog is still an integral part of the Gardner household.



Linda Crawford Worship Committee Co-Chair

It is impossible to miss Linda Crawford when you walk into the church. She manages to pack a lot of enthusiasm and energy into a small frame. Her warm, outgoing nature has been an important part of the BBUUC's welcoming environment for the nearly 6 years that she has been a member of our community.

Most recently, Linda has been the Worship Committee Chair or Co-Chair for 5 years. She has encouraged Committee members to engage in a lively, honest dialog process with the aim of always improving the quality of our worship services. (Some Committee members report that the baked goods she brings to Committee meetings are, all by themselves, responsible for improving the quality of the worship services.)

Linda was born in Montréal Canada, but she reports that her family never lived anywhere longer than three years. Along the way, she lived in different parts of Canada (Quebec, Saskatchewan), Liberia, and Australia. She reports that her favorite season is "fall in Canada" because of "the brilliant colors of the trees—I'm a color fanatic."

Linda has extensive education in art history (including an all-but-dissertation PhD education), which she shared with the congregation in an ongoing series of classes. Her students have given rave reviews to these classes, which are scheduled to resume in May.

In the last class, students had an unexpected treat, and learned about a personal connection that Linda and her husband, Dale, have with Edmund Hopper's "Nighthawks" painting. Linda relates, "in the final session, everyone introduced their favorite work of art, and explained its significance for them. Dale chose Edward Hopper's "Nighthawks", and said it had a personal connection for him because our first date ended at a sort of "night café" in New Orleans,

where, as in Hopper's painting, we drank coffee, and, as he learned later, it was at that café that I realized what a good man Dale was. You see, the night before, I had spent time at a similar café with a different date. Soon after we had entered, an old woman had started talking to him, and, instead of answering her, he had looked at me with an expression that said "why is this ragged person bothering me?" And he ignored her. Dale, however, behaved very differently the following night. An old man sitting next to him started talking, and Dale listened and talked back. He could not have been more respectful or kinder."

Another of Linda's favorite activities is to host the "Afternoon Tea" affinity group. Attendees report that these sessions are fun, informative, safe, and honest. (Watch for tea group announcements in the Journey or Order of Service.)

Linda's warmth in talking about her children is unmistakable. Ben is an energy policy analyst for the State of Florida, and he lives in Tallahassee with his wife, Jennifer. Andy works for the Navy, and is working on his second novel. He lives in the DC area with his wife, Nina.

Her warm, self-deprecating humor is one of Linda's trademarked characteristics. When asked what other church members would find surprising, she responded, "I never realized I was short until I was well into adulthood. I saw much more of my mother's family than my father's, and by the time I was 13, I was taller than almost all of them, including the men. My maternal grandfather was 4' 8" on a good day." As for Linda's plans for the future? "I want to continue to be a child, which my husband Dale says I'm very good at."

Isn't that what we're after, in these practices that open us to ourselves and each other in profound ways? To feel ourselves stretching. To feel ourselves in the presence of someone or something that cares. To feel that little click when everything falls into place.

Brenda J. Miller (Unitarian Universalist, Buddhist, author, educator, editor) *The Pen and the Bell: Mindful Writing In A Busy World*



John and Ken



Candace and Mike



Pam



Our Choir of the Moment



Tye and Simon

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.

March 2: Dr. Mark Yount will present “Between the Seed and Crumbling Leaves”

Gauguin's great Tahitian painting asks, "Where Do We Come From? Who Are We? Where are We Going?" Life's interdependent web might open into Einstein's mystic cosmos, but the family photo album can be a spiritual doorway, too. "Yesterday a child came out to wonder..."

Led by David Dean, Accompanied by Gary Smart

March 9: Rev. Jack Ford will present “ I Know You Are But What Am I? Part 4: Prophetic Words and Deeds”

In these days of bungee jumping, base jumping, arch swinging, extreme sports, it humors me to remember my mother's voice from decades ago saying: "If your friends jumped off a bridge, would you jump off a bridge?"

I guess it just depends upon the friend, doesn't it?

There are profound influences in all of our lives; women and men who inspire us to live our principles. Part of the richness of our UU faith is celebrating these landmarks on our path, inspirations for the journey, light from pioneers who challenge us to live the noblest lives that we can offer to the world.

Led by Ron Rothberg, Accompanied by Gary Smart

March 16: The Worship Committee and Lifespan Religious Education will present “Claiming Power, Accepting Power, Allowing Forgiveness”

This worship will focus on recognizing the power we possess and the effects of that power on the world around us. Join us to be uplifted by stories of love, acceptance, and the power of forgiveness.

Led by Jeremy Ritzmann, Accompanied by Marilyn Smart

March 23: Rev. Pat Ray will present: "The Fire of Commitment"

Do you have the fire of commitment? Join us on Justice Sunday.

Justice Sunday is a UUSC program through which congregations can learn about and engage in a key area of human rights. Each year, Justice Sunday focuses on a particular theme and offers resources and activities for congregations to explore that topic. The theme of Justice Sunday 2014, "Justice Is Planting the Seed," invites congregations to learn about food security and sustainability. This ties in with the theme of 2013 "Compassionate Consumption". Economic justice is essential for securing basic human rights. As a consumer, we have the power to make a difference in the lives of workers every day when you choose services and products that align with your values of justice and equality. In this light we will introduce the 2013-2014 UUA Common Read "Behind the Kitchen Door " which will be offered at BBUUC in April.

Led by Carol Waters, Accompanied by Eileen Morrison

March 30: Dr. Erika Curran will present: “And if a Stranger Sojourn”

Prof. Curran will discuss the important role of faith communities and spirituality in the immigrant and human rights movement and, conversely, the importance of immigrants to our spirituality, as well as the benefits we all derive from living in a diverse community. She will focus on the current issues in our local community as well as the work of religious organizations and young people, and will highlight the work that remains to be done. In our area, more help and awareness are needed, particularly regarding our local money making immigrant detention center and the targeting of marginalized immigrants in our community.

Led by Joann Carollo, Accompanied by Gary Smart

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9 9:45 Coffee Con- versations 12pm Sunday Sun- daes 12pm Board Forum	10	11 7pm Council Mtg	12 11:30am Lunch Bunch 7pm BEACON 7pm Newcomer Class	13 7pm Articulating Your UU Faith	14 OWL Lock In	15
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From March 2-30
BBUUYA will host a
supply drive for emer-
gency items for those
in need. We ask that
every time you make a

BOGO purchase (buy one get one free) you consider
donating to the BOGO BOX in the back of the
church.

These items will kick off the food and goods pantry
that will be an ongoing project of our BBUUC
Young Adults Group. Items in the pantry will be
made available to members, and friends or acquaint-
ances of members, in need of emergency supplies.
Pre-made baskets of "survival kits" with a week's
worth of goods will be provided to those requiring a
bit of assistance to get back on their feet.

Starting this Sunday two boxes will be in the back of
the Sanctuary. In one box we will collect non-
perishable food items, and in the second box collect
"household items" such as soap, clothes detergent,
paper towels, wet wipes, and deodorant.

This March lets all spring into action to make a dif-
ference in our community!

Upcoming Adult Religious Education Programs:

Wednesdays April 9th, 16th 23rd and 30th:
"Behind the Kitchen Door" Book Discussion
Group, facilitated by Karen Christiansen. More
information about this group can be found on
our website at <http://www.bbuuc.org/behind-the-door/>

Beginning May 8, for 8 weeks: "Let it Begin
With Me- A Pathway to Inclusion", facilitated
by Dani Slader and Sarah Ritzmann. More in-
formation about this class will be announced
later.

Beginning May 7, for 5 weeks: "Four Pioneer-
ing Painters", facilitated by Linda Crawford.
More information about this class will be an-
nounced later.

*We have the opportunity to dance between the roles of care-giver and care-
receiver, helping one another through the sorrows and challenges that inevitably
and periodically visit our lives, sharing our gifts with each other.*

– Roger Bertschausen, UU minister

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