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UUA President the Rev. Peter Morales has released the following statement regarding the Occupy Wall Street movement:

"The Occupy Wall Street movement that has now spread to other cities across the country is a public outcry of frustration and anger. The protestors have taken to the streets to draw attention to the fact that our economic system has not only failed to protect the most vulnerable among us, it has preyed on the majority for the benefit of very few. The Occupy protests are a wake-up call that the American people are in great peril, and we have been for some time.

"It is not surprising that Americans have had to take to the streets to get the attention of our leaders. For too long, we have seen attention paid to banks that are 'too big too fail' while the plight of the poor and the working class goes unaddressed. For too long, we have been pitted against each other by those in power, by a corrupt economic system that pushed us to consume more and to 'get ours' at any cost. Now we know: The cost is too great, and is ultimately without satisfaction.

"Last Sunday, I had the opportunity to join the Occupy Boston protestors in this city's financial district. Unitarian Universalist ministers from several of our Massachusetts congregations came together to organize an evening vespers service at the Occupy Boston encampment, offering spiritual support and encouragement to the hundreds of souls gathered there.

"I was honored to bear witness to this historic event, and grateful for the chance stand side by side with Unitarian Universalist ministers showing such passionate devotion to our Fourth Principle: The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large. And I know that our ministers and congregants have played similar roles at the other Occupy events across the country.

"Unitarian Universalism embodies a long tradition of working for economic justice and workers' rights. Today is another opportunity for us to live our faith, and the Occupy protests are a first step on the road to repairing our country.

"I reach out to Unitarian Universalists everywhere to consider how you might be of service to any among us who are struggling to provide for their families, those who have been cheated and abused by financial institutions, and all those whose backs ache under a burden of debt, unemployment, and fading hope. Let the world see the power of our faith in action.

"And if these protests are truly planting the seeds of a reformation – even a revolution – may those seeds be nurtured by love. May the change come from a place of compassion and good will. And may all those involved know this: We are with you."



## Member Matters Page 2

*“The purpose of the Membership Committee is to Encourage and nurture new and existing members.”*  
The BBUUC Membership Committee meets monthly in order to carry out this mission, and to find ways to build the connections among us that help to make us a vibrant community. We are so pleased to welcome our newest members, **Sarah Clarke Stuart (with her two children Alexis and Isaac), Joe and Staci Cologero (with daughter Sophia), Karen Nolan, Nancy Settle Murrey and Steve Settle.** They were “officially” welcomed into our congregation during our New Member Ceremony on October 16<sup>th</sup>. These newcomers have much to bring to our community, and we look forward to getting to know them as we extend the loving embrace of our church.

The next **Newcomer Classes** will be conducted in January, and dates will be set soon for those wishing to participate. Our committee is excited about the **Welcome Table** and the **Welcome Ambassador** program that has been formed in order to more deeply connect with guests on Sunday mornings, and with those who are new to our congregation. Our team of Welcome Ambassadors will be staffing the table in rotation each Sunday, and we hope you will all be receptive to us when we bring the guests around to introduce them among our members and make them feel welcomed.

Beginning in January, we will re-start our **Circle Supper** program, with more details forthcoming in the December Journey. We are excited to have **Pam Edwards-Roine** as our Circle Supper Coordinator this year, and we know that this can be a great way to strengthen connections and help us really get to know each other in community. For those of you who don't know what a Circle Supper is, it's a small dinner gathering in a home setting. There can be several dinners at different homes planned during the same weekend, or on different weekends. Host homes are found...people sign up to participate and are assigned a dinner to attend...food themes or menus are planned...everyone brings a dish to share...food and fellowship follow in an intimate setting that results in deeper (here's that word again!) CONNECTIONS.

Another program that is already in place is our **Mini Mixers**. It's a special party that's held at a member's home. Limited to about 15 guests, the purpose is to get some of our newer members along with some of our longer-time members, better acquainted. The gathering includes planned activities to help us get to know every person attending. Spouses and partners of members are included. This program is coordinated by **Lynn Wadley**, who schedules these events every couple of months or so. If you are a BBUUC member, and would like to host a party, be a guest, or simply find out more about Mini Mixers, contact Lynn Wadley at 268-1771 or email [Lwadley@comcast.net](mailto:Lwadley@comcast.net) - or see her at church.

Membership Committee members like to consider every one of our members at BBUUC a de facto part of our membership ministry! Our UUA President Peter Morales, elected in 2009, has called growth in UU congregations “a moral and religious imperative.” UU congregations are surrounded by the spiritually hungry and religiously homeless, he said during his campaign, and increasing membership is “the moral equivalent of feeding the hungry and housing the homeless.” In recent years, the UUA has published many articles, developed workshops and resources for what is known as “Hospitality as a spiritual practice.”

*“Practicing hospitality is not something we can appoint people to do, nor is it a set of techniques or behaviors we ‘use’ on new people. Rather, it is an individual work of intentional action, action that creates the quality of relationships in our churches that will nourish newcomers and longtime members alike. Practicing hospitality expresses our belief in the inherent worth and dignity of each person. Through our actions of hospitality we move towards creating a world in which we are all treated with justice, equality, and compassion...Welcoming people to our congregations isn't a duty; it's a way to encounter the mystery and wonder of life.”* (DAVID RYNICK)

Yours in love and hospitality,

Linda Mowers, BBUUC Membership Chair

## What's Happening At BBUUC?

### Second Wednesday Lunch Bunch

The BBUUC Lunch Bunch got off to a great start in October, and will meet again on November 9<sup>th</sup> for food and fellowship at Pengrees Restaurant in Orange Park (556 Kingsley Avenue). All are welcomed to join us! Please contact Frances Kennicutt at 272-2151 to R.S.V.P. by November 7th 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!

### Thanksgiving Dinner at BBUUC!

Thanksgiving dinner at BBUUC has become an annual tradition! It's extra special this year since it will be the first Thanksgiving dinner in our new building. Join your church family for a Thanksgiving feast and fellowship on Thursday, November 24. Come early for setup and we will serve at 1:00 p.m. Turkey will be provided by the church and all participants are invited to bring a dish to share and your own place setting. ( Bring your "real" dishes and utensils to make a lovely table!).

Keep your eye out for the signup list on the back table (but we always welcome last minute guests). Anyone interested in helping with planning, cooking, set-up or decorations please contact Peg Christenson (e-mail [pegchristenson@comcast.net](mailto:pegchristenson@comcast.net)). Family and friends are all welcome to attend. Please sign up to R.S.V.P. or let Peg know you are planning to join us so that we can prepare the necessary amount of turkey, tables and chairs...possibly even football.



Our former longtime member Ed Phillips has passed away. Rev. Jack Ford will lead a memorial service at BBUUC on Nov. 12.

Congratulations to Debbie Jones on the arrival of her new granddaughter Aurora Adele Harris-Mejia!



11/07	Linda Mowers
11/10/09	Robert A. Nortstedt
11/11	Brenda Patterson
11/11	Carl Shrader
11/12	Erik Slader
11/15	Grace Lindewirth
11/15	Hunter Rafuse
11/16	Debbie Atkins
11/16	Linda Crawford
11/16	Jack Ford
11/16	Marianna Marquardt
11/16	Melinda Rafuse
11/17	Pierce Toupin
11/19	Peg Christenson
11/19	Karen Roberts
11/23	Annabelle Gallois-Bernos
11/27	Paul Chernyshev

### Philosophy/Discussion: Wisdom on the Way

**Thursdays, November 3, 10, 17 from 7 – 9 p.m.**

Join our "resident philosopher" (and former professor) Dr. Mark Yount, to discuss the "big questions:" What really matters in life? Why are we here? Are we just physical beings, or spiritual, too? Are science and religious faith compatible? What makes me who I am? Am I really free? How should I live my life? Each week Mark will share two essays from his work-in-progress, *Wisdom on the Way* (via e-group and/or website early in the week). Come any week you want or invite a friend, because every week is open to all without any commitment or prerequisite. Each of the essays began as a sermon and can be read and discussed on its own. Mark also envisions the series as an opportunity for those interested in developing their own philosophies in greater depth. For more information, email Mark at [wearegolden@comcast.net](mailto:wearegolden@comcast.net).

*Schedule of readings for discussion:*

11/3 Terminal Mind, Network Mind ...and Avatar Bodies • The Death of God and the Gods We Might Be

11/10 You May Already be a Bodhisattva • Mattie Stepanek's Heartsongs/The Gift of Life

11/17 The Christmas Spirit • Human Grace

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### Tribal Style Belly Dance Classes

Thursdays: November 3, 10, & 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Taught by Charlotte "Annunciata" Jones

The final three sessions of this six-week class will be held on Thursdays in November through the 17<sup>th</sup>. Drop-ins are welcomed at \$5 per class, to benefit the church Wish List fund.

Annunciata is certified in American Tribal Style (ATS) Bellydance with Fat Chance Bellydance of San Francisco. She is a core member of *Belili Moon*, a tribal bellydance troupe based in Northeast Florida. Since *Belili Moon* is a fusion group, they also perform tribal-based choreographies as well as traditional ATS.

Contact [admin@bbuuc.org](mailto:admin@bbuuc.org), or call the church office at 276-3739 if you wish to reserve a space in the class.

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### A Tapestry of Faith Program for Adults:

**Faith Like a River: Themes from Unitarian Universalist History**

**Wednesdays – November 9, 16 & 30, 7-9pm • Facilitated by Rev. Jack Ford**

We've heard the familiar saying, "History is prologue," and although we might not have thought of it in terms of the religious life of BBUUC, our Unitarian Universalist history actually reaches into the present as an active force. *Faith Like a River* uses stories, music, and video to show how who we are today is connected to the time, turmoil and truth-seeking that came before us. In *Faith Like a River*, expect to see yourself as a part of that flowing whole. All are welcome to attend as many of the class sessions as you'd like in this series that extends through November; the classes are designed as independent units. Childcare will be available if you register by the preceding Sunday.

## ***What's Happening Continued***

**Join us the first Wednesday of November (the 2<sup>nd</sup>) for the first BBUUC Coffee House at 7pm.**

*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.

Contact David Murphy at [murphy52@gmail.com](mailto:murphy52@gmail.com) if you want to participate as a performer or to help organize the hospitality for the evening.

The first Wednesday of the month is music night at BBUUC—alternating between the Music Circle (open mike) sessions and Coffee House, which will include organized performance. Come and help us create a new tradition at BBUUC

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### **UU Perspectives on Immigration**

Sundays, November 13 and 20, 9:15-10:00am

You might wonder what the Muslim Public Affairs Committee, the Franciscan Action Network, and the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) have in common. They, along with 29 other organizations have created the Interfaith Immigration Coalition (IIC) "committed to enacting fair and humane immigration reform that reflects our [their] mandate to welcome the stranger and treat all human beings with dignity and respect." As a member congregation of the UUA, BBUUC needs to understand our denomination's position, and as Unitarian Universalists, we need to understand what - if any - actions our faith requires of us.

For two consecutive Sundays, Nov. 13 and 20, we will discuss "UU Perspectives on Immigration" during Enrichment from 9:15-10:00. Brenda Patterson, Director of Religious Education, will facilitate the class. Childcare will be available. All are welcome!

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A Memorial Service will be held

In honor of

**Edwin C. Phillips**

Saturday, November 12, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

At Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Church

Officiated by Reverend Jack Ford

Ed, a former member of BBUUC, passed away on Thursday, October 6, 2011. Ed's daughters would like to invite members of BBUUC who knew Ed to attend the service. You can send condolences to the family at the following address: Debbie and Nell Phillips, 3580 Pall Mall Drive, Apt. 2501, Jacksonville, FL 32257

## The Artist Corner: Lisa Lynch Exhibit

For the month of November, The Artists' Corner is pleased to present the photography of Lisa Lynch. As described in her own words:

"This is a collection of photography from our global travels. Each place we've visited is so unique and different, I wanted to try to capture a little something about what made each place special to me. There are two separate times each day - early morning and late evening - when the light is soft, and taking a landscape photo turns out best. One of my photography teachers used to refer to this time as the "sweet light". And he was right. Shooting in the sweet light makes all the difference in the world."

Take a few minutes and enjoy viewing the world through Lisa's lens.

The Aesthetics Task Force

## What is YA?

YA gives our congregates between 18-35 years old a way for us to develop deeper connections with one another and support each other by sharing our lives, thoughts, and through activities like worship, social action, discussion and other exciting activities that are focused on addressing our specific needs.

We are thrilled that BBUUC has given us the opportunity to be more involved and look forward to what the future holds for all of us!

We have a lot happening in the upcoming month, including:

Our next monthly meeting which will be on November the 22nd from 7-9pm at BBUUC. All members and friends between 18&35 years old are welcomed to join us!

We are currently organizing a winter clothing drive to prepare the homeless in Duval and Clay counties for the upcoming winter season. For any questions or to donate please contact a member of YA during Fellowship after service or at our email address.

On November 13th, we will be hosting our inaugural "Lunch and Discussion" event following our service. This month's topic is "The Art of the Elevator Speech", which will be held at Osaka Grill located at 11701 San Jose Blvd. For more information or directions to the restaurant, please contact Sarah or Jeremy Ritzmann.

If anyone in our congregation has any questions for us or knows of a young adult who may be interested in YA, reach out to us either in person or through our email at [youngadults.bbuuc@gmail.com](mailto:youngadults.bbuuc@gmail.com).

## From Your Director of **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**



### FROM YOUR DRE

Both my husband and a good friend who teaches with me in Yulee are from Alabama. She and I have compared many “Alabama” notes over the years. This week I learned that she has told her Alabama relatives that she won’t be coming back home for visits any time in the foreseeable future. You see, her husband is a native of Peru, and although he was adopted as a child and raised by Caucasian Americans in Michigan, he, of course, clearly looks Hispanic. So do their two children, and so will the baby that she’s expecting in July. With the new Alabama immigration law, she doesn’t feel like her all-American family will be safe in Alabama – safe from suspicion, safe from search and seizure, safe from imprisonment without due process. And she’s not the only one. Hispanic people – including many who are there on perfectly legal work visas – are leaving in droves, many of them coming to Florida. When I was talking to my friend, I was reminded, also, of the student who graduated as the valedictorian at YHS about four years ago – an illegal immigrant. She, though, was born in South Africa and is white. The chance of her being picked out as an immigrant is very slim. She, like many, many children, were brought to the U.S. as a young child by parents seeking a better life; she had no choice.

These are just two among many personal stories around the country in the midst of this currently hot topic. As Unitarian Universalists, how do we react to the challenge of immigration reform? The UUA, and BBUUC is a member of the UUA, is a member of the Interfaith Immigration Coalition, a group working for immigration reform based on human dignity and worth. So what are the “UU Perspectives on Immigration”? That’s what we’ll be talking about on Sunday mornings, November 13th and 20th, from 9:15-10:00 in Enrichment. I hope you’ll join us and add your voice to the discussion.

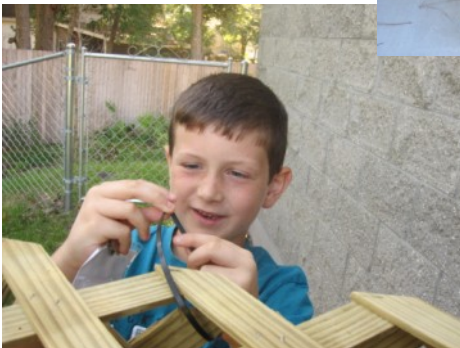
Many of you have been participating in this year’s adult programs and classes – the immigration class joins our UU history class “Faith Like a River”, our adult Tai Chi class, and the first in our quarterly world religions class, “Holidays and Holy Days: Adult Version”, all since September. If you haven’t had a chance to participate, watch the calendar and news of upcoming events posted on yahoogroups and take your pick. You’re welcome to attend whenever you can.

Special thanks to Ron and Christine Rothberg for hosting the Baktoberfest celebration/fundraiser for the Teen Travel Fund! And thanks to all of you who attended and supported the teens with your purchases at the teen bake sale. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by all of the teens and their parents.

See you in church,

Brenda

# A Sneak Peak at RE



In the RE elementary class, we are celebrating Holidays and Holy days. We got to learn about the sukkot holiday, which represent an old pilgrimage festival from the times of the early Jewish people. It also celebrates the harvest, when Jews give thanks for a good harvest and share food with guests. The third thing that Sukkot celebrates is when the Jewish people were able to finally escape from Egypt after 40 years of wandering in the desert, living in temporary shelters. Above is the shelter (or sukkah, which means booth) that we built in the RE class in celebration of this important holiday. After decorating our sukkah or shelter, we shared treats provided my Miss Brenda, giving thanks for the shelter we built together and for the treats we shared.

# Teens in Transistion



Nicky Glassman: "Being a teen is like being more responsible. It's going to be more fun because we are growing up, we are going to be talking about interesting subjects, learning new things and having fun experiences."



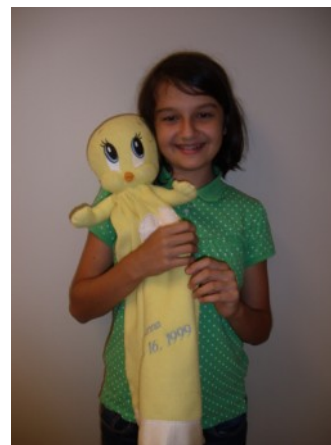
Simon Strickland:  
"I am looking forward to doing new things and to new experiences."  
"BBUUC has helped me in the way that I went to a transitions class at the church. which was very interesting and helpful."



Ava Lopez: "I am excited about the teen class because I get to do more things."  
"At BBUUC and in RE, they taught me a lot of things. I guess that counts when growing up."



Sydney Crisp:  
"I am looking forward to having a good time with everyone and having more independence."  
"Everyone in our church is nice and accepting and everyone has a good understanding about growing up, because we are all going through the same things. We all help each other."



Marianna Marquardt:  
"I am looking forward to being able to discuss topics, religion, may be politics, may be not politics... I am also looking forward to the trip to New Orleans. It's something new for me that I am looking forward to: discovering new things about other people and myself."  
"My BBUUC family helped me know that there is a community around me that understands who I am, and it helped me discover how I can transcend to the different levels."



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## Fellowship Hosts and Greeters/Ushers for November 2011

Date	Fellowship Host	Greeters and Ushers
November 6	Eileen Morrison	Staci and Joe Cologero
November 13	Peggy Mullins and Karen Nolan	The Rothberg Family
November 20	Ken and Karen Christiansen	Sarah and Jeremy Ritzmann
November 27	The Lopez Family	The Lopez Family
December 4th	Brittany Perry and Sarah Ritzmann	Annabelle Gallois-Bernos

## Clean Up and Catch Up Crews for November 2011

November 6th	Rich Toupin, Laura Allen, Debbie Atkins, Chris Bak, Nikki Bak, Michael Bernos, Annabelle Gallois-Bernos, Robert Wright, Mark Yount
November 13th	Nina Hemmelgarn, Cheryl Frost, Candace Gerding, Martha Gilliland, Jennifer Glassman, Sandy Goldman, Chris Jarman
November 20th	Linda Mowers, Peter Grogan, Deborah Hansen, Phyllis K. Higginbotham, Joyce Irene Johnson, Deborah Jones, Frances Kennicutt, Kris Kines
November 27th	Grace Lindewirth, Myrna Kissinger, Melinda Kluding, Paul Kluding, Shirley (Jonnie) Long, Christopher Lynch, Lisa Lynch, Catharine Mallard, Carlos Marina, Linda Gillespie Marina

# 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](http://www.BBUUC.org)  
Check Calendar for information on other programming.

## NOV. 6, 2011:

**Speaker:** Various Congregation Members, **Lay Leader:** Joann Carollo , **Accompanist:** Paul Marquardt

**Title:** *"Celebration of Memory Service"*

The Celebration of Memory Service is a UU ritual wherein we remember our loved ones who have died. You are invited to bring a photograph or memento of your beloved (person or animal) and speak about them. Let everyone know the difference they made in your life and others. Photographs of our loved ones will be displayed on a table for the congregation to view.

As part of our day of remembrance, the service will include hymnal dedications to loved ones from the various members of our congregation.

Special music will also be performed by Paul Marquardt.

## NOV. 13, 2011:

**Speaker:** Jack Ford, **Lay Leader:** Topher Christiansen, **Accompanist:** Gary Smart

**Title:** *Forgiveness: A Sermon On Giving and Receiving*

The question of forgiveness lies at the root of spiritual faith. It is addressed in all religions. Jesus had a lot to say about forgiveness, though his answers aren't comfortable. Too many news reports of violence and evil leave us feeling justice demands retribution. Sins must be atoned.

No topic is more personal. All of us have suffered wrongs of one sort or another. Perhaps as often, we have hurt a fellow being. How do we handle transgressions, whether given or received?

The Church Choir will perform

## NOV. 20

**Speaker:** Mark Yount, **Lay Leader:** Annabelle Gallois, **Accompanist:** Marilyn Smart

**Title:** *The Gift of Life*

**Description:** This season leads us to think about what we can give, as well as what we receive. Many of us have it in our power to plan a gift that will save, or at the very least enhance, someone's life: the gift of organ donation.

## NOV. 27,

**Speaker:** Rev. Elizabeth Teal, **Lay Leader:** David Dean, **Accompanist:** TBA

**Title:** *Sermon Tetrzzini*

**Description:** Yes, we know we should give thanks, but to whom and why?

A look at being ever grateful, the universality of practices and rituals of gratitude, how that feeds us and what about the leftovers.

# NOVEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 7pm BEACON 7pm Coffee House	3 7pm Membership Cmte 7pm Wisdom on	4	5
6 8:30am Buddhist Meditation	7	8 7pm Council Mtg	9 11:30am Lunch Bunch 7pm BEACON	10 7pm Wisdom on the Way 7pm Belly dance	11	12 2pm Ed Phillips' Memorial
13 9:15am UU Perspectives on Immigration 12pm LRE Cmte YA Lunch @ Osaka	14	15 7pm Worship Cmte	16 7pm BEACON 7pm Faith Like a River	17 7pm Wisdom on the Way 7pm Belly dance	18	19 5pm Mini Mixer at the DeStephano s'
20 8:30am Buddhist Meditation Group	21	22 7pm YA meeting	23 7pm BEACON	24 THANKSGIVING DINNER	25	26
27	28	29	30 7pm BEACON 7pm Faith Like a River			

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