



The Newsletter of the
Buckman Bridge Unitarian
Universalist Church
April 2012

Annual Meeting *Sunday May 20, 2012* *12:15 pm*

Sunday May 20th after the worship service, we'll have one of our famous BBUUC potlucks & our Annual Meeting will begin soon thereafter at 12:15. All are welcome to attend, but only BBUUC Members may vote. Up for election will be our next year's Board of Directors as well as suggested changes to our bylaws. The vote for any bylaw changes requires a 40% quorum of members and the Board is encouraging any & all of our Members to attend this meeting.

Annual Meeting Sandwich and Salad Potluck!

Stay with us after service on May 20th for a Sandwich and Salad Potluck! Please bring your favorite sandwich or salad to share with our BBUUC family. Remember to bring your dishes already to serve in a serving dish. We can keep some things warm in the oven but we will not do complete preparation. We do not have a stove top, and we only have one small microwave oven. Our Annual Meeting will follow.

The Nominees are:

President: Gina Norstedt
VP: Paul Marquardt
Treasurer: Chris Bak
Secretary: Melinda Kluding
Trustee: Stephen McCullar
Trustee: Eileen Morrison

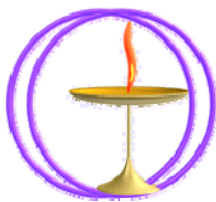
Trustee returning for 2nd of 2 year term Anna-
belle Gallois-Bernos

Nominating Committee:
Tara Crisp, Marilyn Smart & Ron Rothberg

Bylaw Revisions Town Hall Meeting

On Sunday, May 6 at noon, there will be a brief discussion for those interested in the bylaw revisions coming up for vote at the Annual Meeting on May

"Blessed are you who know that the work of the church is transformation of society, who have a vision of Beloved Community transcending the present, and who do not shrink from controversy, sacrifice, or change. Blessed are you indeed." – Rev. John Buehrens, former president of the Unitarian Universalist Association (1993-2002)



Joy's and Concerns

The Lynch Family left on April 24th for their amazing adoption adventure! Lisa has started a blog to document the journey, where she plans to post updates and photos along the way. In case anyone would like to keep in touch with the events and excitement, here is the blog site: www.followingfortune.com

Pam & Pedro are back at church! We've all missed seeing them so much while Pedro has been recovering after suffering a stroke. We're thankful for his continuing recovery and for their smiling faces on Sunday mornings!

Congratulations to Sherry Shafer on the arrival of her 2nd grandbaby - a baby boy! Sherry is also deserves congrats on her graduation May 4th from St. John's River State College! We're so proud of you, Sherry!

Congratulations to Jillian Christiansen! She made it to the State Science Fair and has been accepted to attend Stanton College Preparatory School in Jacksonville!

Continued wishes for a speedy recovery for Pat Ray who has faced several surgeries recently. Our hearts are with her during this very difficult time. Cards can be sent to:

Reverend Pat Ray
2353 Sternwheel Ct
Fleming Island FL 32003

Our condolences to Kris Kines and her family. Kris's father passed away this week. Our love is with them at this sad time. Cards can be sent to:

Kris and Bill Kines
2404 Edgemont Drive
Orange park Fl 32073

Finally, continued wishes for recovery for Lynn Wadley following her eye surgery. We're so glad that she has already been able to return to church!

The Artists' Corner: Suzanne Buckley

Suzanne works in watercolor and oil, but prefers collage. She enjoys the challenge of putting together different shapes, colors and textures in order to make an aesthetic composition. She finds her inspiration in nature and makes all her own greeting cards using collage. ***Stop by The Artists' Corner and see Suzanne's unique collages.***

The Artists' Corner is seeking artists to show their work. If you are a BBUUC member and would like to share your talents in a non-threatening venue, this is the place! There is a sign up sheet on the table in the Artist's Corner and several months are still available for 2012. For more details or more information, please contact Judy Culpepper.



**A Friend in Need is A Friend
Indeed...the Caring
Committee Needs YOU!
Please Complete the Online Survey**

Our Caring Committee provides many services for all of our members when they are sick, bereaved, or experiencing other life changes. Often, we need extra folks to join in and help with specific tasks- like driving someone to the doctor or helping a new mother with household chores. It is very fulfilling work, and brings us closer as a congregation as we express our concern through serving one another.

Please consider ways that you would be willing to help, and complete the online survey by clicking on this link: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dFhSUFZ5U2xZVDVXTkRoQnZna1lmaEE6MQ>

If you cannot access the link or need a paper copy, please contact Debby Jones, Caring Committee Chair, either by phone 284-5693 or via e-mail debjones2001@gmail.com.

CUUPS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans or CUUPS, will now be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. This month, CUUPS will meet on May 9th and 24th. CUUPS also meets regularly for Sabbats and Esbats. Talk to Nikki Bak or Tom Townsend for more details.

**A celebration of another successful
Guest at Your Table program!**

Friends, congratulations! This year we were able to raise \$910.00 through our Guest at Your Table program. Plus, our gifts of \$100 or more are eligible to be matched dollar for dollar, thanks to the generosity of the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock in Manhasset, N.Y.

The RE committee thanks you for your generous Guest at Your Table donations. Your gift will be used to support tangible service projects to advance human rights and social justice around the world. If you would like to learn more about the UUSC and their on-going projects please visit: <http://www.uusc.org/>



Fellowship Hosts

May 6 The Lopezes
May 13 Karen Nolan and
Peggy Mullins
May 20 Annual Meeting Potluck
May 27 Eileen Morrison



Greeters/Ushers

May 6 The Lopezes
May 13 The Crawfords
May 20 Nina Hemmelgarn and
Sandy Goldman
May 27 The Porters



**Welcome
Ambassadors**

May 6 Linda Mowers
May 13 Deb Hansen
May 20 Joann Carollo
May 27 To Be Announced

2012 Florida District Assembly Report

by Kenneth Christiansen

The 2012 Annual Assembly of Congregations in the Florida District UUA met March 23-25 at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Jacksonville, our sister congregation on Arlington Expressway. BBUUC was represented by four delegates: Gina Norstedt, Elizabeth Teal, Debbie Atkins, and Kenneth Christiansen. It was very good to meet UU's who came from all over the state as well as several national leaders.

A major change in Florida District bylaws was passed unanimously at the Friday evening meeting. What has been an eleven member Board of Directors was replaced with a five member Board of Trustees. This change was undertaken to decrease the amount of energy put into legal maintenance activities and add energy to efforts toward faith development, youth and young adult empowerment, intentional multi-racial and multi-cultural inclusivity, and congregational health generally. Among other things, a "Council of Elders" (persons of all ages with experience and commitment) has been created to help guide our new efforts on a district-wide basis.

The above changes fit with the new regional structure and goals of the Unitarian Universalist Association. At some future date, perhaps coinciding with the startup of church activities next fall, it would be good to host a meeting with one or more of our district executives to learn how all of this structure can work for us and how we can best contribute to it.

Friday evening activities were completed with a concert by Emma's Revolution.

Saturday activities included presentations by three keynote speakers, three afternoon service projects on site at ARC of Jacksonville, Tree

Hill Nature Center, and North Florida School for Special Education, a feedback session, and an evening concert by Jacksonville Musicians. In addition there were three worship services one of which, the midday worship, was led by the youth in attendance including four youth from BBUUC: Morgan Jarman, Joshua Dean, Nicholas Oliver, and Jillian Christiansen.

All of the keynote presentations dealt with congregational outreach in some way. Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray is the settled minister of the UU Congregation of Phoenix, AZ, where this year's UUA General Assembly will be held. She spoke deeply from her heart about the ministry her congregation has undertaken to stand with immigrant families adversely impacted by Arizona immigration laws. Her advice to the leaders of all congregations was to know their own story; to pick one issue that matters to them and work on it out of faith, not out of guilt; and to make everything we do part of our religious work.

Revs. Jose Ballester and Patricia Jimenez, co-authors of *Both & Neither: Being Unitarian Universalist and Latino/a*, spoke about building congregational awareness of cultural differences in ways that create more welcoming congregations. What are our customs when somebody new comes into the church? What questions do we ask? How do we present ourselves? Do we have unstated expectations that make people feel included or excluded?

Additional BBUUC attendees included Karen Christiansen, Eric and Dani Slader, C.J. Griggs, Chris Jarman, Joyce Johnson, Jeremy and Sarah Ritzmann. Overall our delegation felt that the 2012 Florida District Assembly was a very worthwhile event.

"We Unitarian Universalists have inherited a magnificent theological legacy. In a sweeping answer to creeds that divide the human family, Unitarianism proclaims that we spring from a common source; Universalism, that we share a common destiny." - Forrest Church

Lunch Bunch Meets

Wednesday, May 9th at 11:30am

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

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

From the UUA

The UUA Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for [elected volunteer positions \(PDF\)](#) in the UUA. If there are people in your congregation, or in other congregations, ready to serve as a UUA trustee, Financial Advisor, or as a member of the Presidential Search Committee, Commission on Appraisal, GA Planning Committee, Nominating Committee, Commission on Social Witness, or Board of Review, we are interested! Application deadline is August 12, 2012. Apply now!



BIRTHDAYS

05/03	Ruxandra Marquardt
05/08	Christine Rothberg
05/08	David Strickland
05/11	Gina Norstedt
05/12	Lucy Warner
05/15/05	Sydney Lynch
05/17	Ariel Patterson
05/17	Sherry Shafer
05/19	Karen Walsh
05/21/01	Helen Strickland
05/23	Kris Kines
05/31	Dale Crawford
05/31	Emily Ringgold



Anniversaries

05/15	Ann Marie & Carl Shrader
05/24	Brenda & John Patterson
05/27	Carlos & Linda Marina
05/27	David & Anna Strickland
05/28	Pam Edwards-Roiné & Pedro Roiné

Circle Suppers in May and June!

Circle Suppers are a tradition of hospitality and fellowship here at BBUUC. We hold them for both adult groups and for family groups. The Circle Dinners are always an excellent chance to get to know one another better. Sign up for one on the sheet on the table by the entrance to the Sanctuary or contact Betty Forbes at 379-3789 for more information.

Draft FY 2012-13 Budget

BUCKMAN BRIDGE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH



Income: Jul '11- Jun '12

Contributions - Pledges
 requested/'11-'12 94,340
Contributions - Est'd Donations,
Not Pledged/'11-'12..... 8,000
Contributions - Plate Cash/'11-'12 3,000
Interest Income - all accounts/'11-'12..... 200

Total Projected Income This Fiscal Year: 105,540

Expenses: Jul '11- Jun '12

Social Action
 Events-50
 Program Costs & Supplies.....-50
 Registration Fees.....-200
 UU Social Justice Programs ..-200
Total Social Action-500

Membership
 Babysitting/
 New Member classes.....-240
 BBUUC Directory-200
 Historian 0
 Mailings & Correspondence....-60
 Name Tags.....-80
 New Member Literature-500
Total Membership-1,080

Hospitality
 Cookies/Crackers.....-780
 Coffee/creamer/supplies-270
 Plates/napkins/
 juice & snack cups-150
 Thanksgiving.....-200
 Other Holiday Potlucks-200
Total Hospitality.....-1,600

Finance and Board Administration

Administration
 Awards/Recognition-250
 Supplies-100
 Background Checks.....-60
 Bank Fees.....-60
 Books & Pubs-50
 Child Care - Mtgs.....-100
 Fees - Govt.....-130
 Insurance-4,000
 Office Assistant & Taxes ..-5,040

Office Equip. & Supplies-500
 Pastoral Care Training-150
 Postage & PO BOX 844-180
 Printing.....-250
 Telephone-1,880
Total Administration-12,690

Denominational Affairs
 Conferences/Training.....-400
 FL Dist Annual Assembly ...-500
 FL Lead'ship School-350
 Gen Assembly Del's.....-1,500
Total Denominational Affairs.....-2,750

Finance
 Fundraising-50
 Loans - 1099 accounting ...-200
 CPA consult-400
Total Finance-650

Denominational Dues
 FL District Dues-2,550
 NE Cluster Dues-120
 UUA Dues-2,000
Total Denominational Dues-4,670

Total Finance Administration-20,760

Public Relations and Communication

Literature of UUA & BBUUC ..-200
 Newsletter Printing
 & Postage-350
 Promotions, Mags, Misc.....-450
 Website & Internet.....-100

Total Public Relations & Communication.....-1,100

Caring

Memorial Hymns-250
 Ministerial Supplies-250
 Training-100

Total Caring Committee ..-600

Worship

Flowers, Décor for Services..-200
 Lay leader Training
 & Supplies-150
 Music (special) Honorarium ..-300
 Printing & Supplies.....-500
 Speaker - Honorarium.....-9,000
 Speaker - Travel Reimburse ..-250

Total Worship.....-10,400

Facilities

A/V Equipment-400
 Chalice Oil & Candles-25
 Cleaning Equip. & Supplies ...-450
 Bldg Cleaning Service.....-2,500
 Lawn Maintenance-3,000
 Mortgage Payment
 Int. & Princ.-45,125
 Piano Tuning-170
 Repairs.....-1,000
 Security & Fire Alarm
 Monitoring-720
 Utilities - Electric & Water...-4,800
 Building Improvements-1,000

Total Facilities.....-59,190

Lifespan Religious Education

Babysitting/Nursery Care-2,300
 Chalice Camp-200
 Curricula - LRE-400
 Dir LRE - Base Salary.....-10,500
 Dir LRE - Tax (total, all).....-810
 DRE Training.....-150
 Supplies-600
 Social Activities-250
 Educ/Program Conferences..-200

Total Lifespan Religious Education...-15,410

Proposed FY 2012-13

Budget.....-110,640

Net Deficit With Projected

2011-12 Income-5,100

Stewardship Drive 2012-2013

Our Stewardship Drive provides the financial foundation of everything we do at Buckman Birdge Unitarian Universalist Church. In turn, the foundation of the Stewardship Drive is the commitment, good will, joy and generosity of every member and friend. A Pledge Drive is about Stewardship and Ministry: Stewardship of the congregation and its mission by all of its members and friends.

The previous page shows the draft budget for our next fiscal year. It is shown with this year's projected income, however, to show that as our mission grows, so does our need for more contributions. Please pledge, and pay what you pledge, so we can keep this church and fulfill our mission.

Don Culpepper
Finance Chair

"People say, what is the sense of our small effort.

They cannot see that we must lay one brick at a time, take one step at a time.

A pebble cast into a pond causes ripples that spread in all directions. Each one of our thoughts, words and deeds is like that.

No one has a right to sit down and feel hopeless.

There's too much work to do."

Dorothy Day.

Notes from the Board



The search for the new DRE has begun!

Your Board has called together a DRE Search Team & we have begun the process of finding our next Director of Religious Education. We have a timeline laid out & are working on some of the initial tasks for the search. The Board with the assistance of the Lifespan Religious Education Committee as well as volunteers has a group of individuals that we will be asking to participate in the interviews of the candidates. If you are one of those asked to participate in this, please give it your consideration to participate in this very important task.

We are hoping that we'll be able to have a new DRE ready to start on July 1st 2012. But we are willing to hold the position open if no satisfactory candidates are found prior to that date. If we don't have someone to fill the position at that time, we will be looking for alternative ways to handle the DRE tasks until we are able to hire someone.

Also, we can't forget our outgoing DRE, as if we could! To celebrate Brenda Patterson's wonderful 10 years of service to our church, we are holding a retirement reception for her after the worship service on June 3rd 2012. Mark your calendars! You are all invited to wish Brenda well as she begins her life as a lay member of our church.

Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Church Chosen to be an Anchor Congregation

To all,

As chair of the Anchor Congregation & Young Adults Task Force, I am proud to announce that on April 17th our congregation was one of only two congregations this year, nationwide, to be honored by the UUA for our ongoing dedication to developing and supporting Young Adults and Campus Ministry (YA/CM), and have been awarded “Anchor Congregation” status!

We are one of only two congregations in our entire district ever to have been awarded this designation by the UUA. Many of you are curious what this means to our congregation and what it brings to our church.

Anchor Congregation status means:

We are being recognized for our efforts, and have been designated by the UUA as a congregation that both is willing to help congregations and also have the experience and knowledge to help other congregations start and/or grow their YA/CM groups.

We will be given space on the UUA website. This space will include our Congregations name, and will provide contact information for those congregations that are looking for assistance in starting and/or growing their congregations YA/CM groups and initiatives.

We have access to several grants and scholarships that are **only** available to Anchor Congregations.

We will be recognized on the floor of Justice General Assembly this year in Phoenix, where we will be publicly recognized for our efforts and awarded our framed certificate to hang in the church.

Most importantly, we will have the opportunity to work directly with the UUA and The Office of Youth and Young Adults to help re-envision the Anchor Congregation program, to extend its scope to ensure it is supporting the growth of Young Adults/Campus Ministry effectively.

Being awarded this status is much more than just a plaque to hang on our wall. Becoming an anchor Congregation means we have been recognized for standing out from the crowd, for being a guiding light with-in our community **and beyond!** Lying before us is an opportunity to directly impact our faith and help shape part of its future.

I am, as I am sure you are, excited to see what the future may bring, and to have an opportunity to see our shared light help to shape the future of our faith in such a direct way!

In faith and love,

Jeremy Ritzmann & BBUUYA

Sunday, May 6 at 12pm Welcome Ambassador Update/Refresher Gathering

For our Welcome Ambassadors who were not able to attend the initial training, and for anyone who wishes to become a Welcome Ambassador, please join us for this brief recap and training for this important ministry!

May 6-27, 2012
Buckman Bridge Unitarian
Universalist Church
Spring Food Drive to Benefit



“The great end in religious instruction is not to stamp our minds on the young, but to stir up their own; not to make them see with our eyes but to look inquiringly and steadfastly with their own...in a word, the great end is to awaken the soul, to excite and cherish spiritual life”

~William Ellery Channing 1873

The first Sunday in May begins our annual food drive. The food drive has been conducted by Religious Education for about nine years. Over these years the Second Harvest Food Bank has been able to streamline the process of gathering food donations for distribution. For every \$1 they receive they can provide enough food for 7 meals. More and more, the people Second Harvest serves are working families who have lost income. Despite these families' best efforts they simply cannot make ends meet from paycheck to paycheck. The chances are very high that you've met someone who is hungry-the young man working at the carwash, the person stocking shelves at the grocery store or the senior sitting next to you. Second Harvest's role has evolved from one of emergency relief to being a main source of food for thousands of families every day. (<http://feedingamerica.org/ways-to-give/food-grocery-food-drives.aspx>)

This year at Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Church you will see collection barrels in our sanctuary in which to place tangible donations. Why would we have barrels when Second Harvest can do so much with a dollar? Let me explain...In the children's religious education classes, they

learn about our faith and our principles. It is important that they have tangible, real, and contextual connections to why and how we can help others. Children tend to readily relate to other children who are hurting or have a need. Our children are taught that all people have inherent worth and dignity and through the food drive and the many other social actions projects conducted by our congregation, our children learn to support and uphold this principle.

So, how do you donate?

For the **general congregation**, we are asking for monetary donations. If you can, please write a **check to Second Harvest Food Bank** and place in the collection plate on any Sunday in May.

For **Parents of children in the Religious Education program**-we will be sending home a box for the kids to collect food items. When shopping, we encourage you to talk about favorite foods and foods that will be the best to donate to hungry children. Let your kids pick items from the list provided and have them bring their boxes back to church by May 27th. Children and Youth can be encouraged to ask neighbors and friends for donations. Making this a hands-on social action project with the kids, nurtures their compassionate spirits and their Unitarian Universalist identities.

After all...

Love is the spirit of this church and service is its law. This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in freedom, and to help one another.

MOST WANTED ITEMS

Meals in a can, peanut butter, canned meat/poultry, evaporated milk, canned tuna, canned fruit, dry beans, canned soup, boxes of pasta or macaroni, oatmeal, macaroni and cheese, canned veggies, rice, diapers, nonfat dry milk, and baby food



FROM YOUR DRE

After ten years, I now have only two more DRE columns to write for The Journey. I'll miss this form of conversing with you. It's been a good discipline for me, a teacher of writing, to experience. As UU's our Sunday speakers enjoy the "freedom of the pulpit", the freedom to speak from their conscience, not from any proscribed topics or viewpoints. I've enjoyed the same freedom through this column, and I'm grateful for that.

Many times when I've had a chance to speak in a service or some other occasion, I refer to us and to our kids as being links in a human chain that was forged before our births. We have benefitted from those who come before and hopefully do our part to keep that chain intact and strong. So in these last two columns, I want to talk about some specific Unitarian Universalists that have special meaning for me for a variety of reasons.

Samuel J. May (1797-1871). Samuel May, born in Boston and related to well-known families in colonial Massachusetts, spent 1845-1868 as minister of the Unitarian Church of the Messiah in Syracuse, NY (since renamed for him). He was known as a pacifist (until the Civil War), a great supporter of public education for all (girls and blacks included), a supporter of women's rights, and an active abolitionist, openly participating in the Underground Railroad and welcoming freed slaves as members in his church (breaking the Fugitive Slave Law repeatedly), even insisting they sit up front rejecting any segregation of them to the back. As one of many life-long efforts to support public education, he and his Unitarian church raised funds to help send a young family friend, Chloe Merrick, (a Methodist, not Unitarian family) to the south to teach the children of freed slaves and create an orphanage for them. Not to just anywhere in the south – to Fernandina Beach. A few years later, continuing to receive support from May's church for her work, Merrick met and married Harrison Reed. Reed was born in MA, moved to WI where he was an early owner and editor of the *Milwaukee Sentinel* newspaper, and finally ended up in Florida after Lincoln appointed him Tax Commissioner. Chloe encouraged her husband to establish a multiracial political and educational system in Tallahassee and he did. At the end of his term, the Reeds moved to Jacksonville where Harrison edited a local magazine. His last public service was representing Duval County in Florida's House of Representatives until his death in 1899. He and Chloe are buried in Jacksonville.

I learned about Samuel J. May in a personal way. Born and raised 20 miles from Tallahassee, I knew nothing about Merrick, Reed, or May. In 1979, my husband was hired by the (combined) *Milwaukee Journal--Sentinel's* telecommunications subsidiary and we moved, living there for 23 years. When our daughter Ariel left WI for college in Boston in 2001, John and I decided to move to the Jacksonville area. In 2002 we moved to Yulee and I began teaching in Fernandina as well as serving as DRE at Buckman Bridge. After a summer working at the Amelia Island Museum, Ariel decided to write her history honors thesis on Fernandina during the Civil War. It was she who introduced us to Merrick, Reed, and May. What an amazing, convoluted path of connections as I finally learned about a man who has become one of my personal heroes!

Tony Larsen (1949-). The Rev. Dr. Tony Larsen was born in San Francisco, studied to

be a Catholic priest for ten years, then became a UU minister in 1975. He has been the minister at the Olympia Brown Unitarian Universalist Church in Racine, WI ever since. Tony was the first openly gay minister in our denomination. As a nationally respected UU minister, he was asked to carry the UU banner at the World Parliament of Religions in Chicago in 1993. There he combined his love of music and his commitment to his faith tradition when he sang “Spirit of Life” to that assembly as an invocation – creating an opportunity that many attendees took to find out more about Unitarian Universalism. Tony goes together with music, love of humanity, humor, deep knowledge, firm commitment to justice, and an honest voice. You’ll hear that voice when you read the chapter he wrote about religious education in the outstanding UU book of voices, “Salted with Fire” or his other publications. During my years in WI, I had many UU occasions to work with him and experience his unique energy and enthusiasm. I’m sure he doesn’t remember me, but no matter. From him I learned that I wasn’t the only one who believes in UU evangelism, who sees our faith as something that matters in the world and can matter even more. He has no idea that he’s one of my heroes, but he is. Whenever I think of Tony, I can’t help but smile. I’ll close this with the words he uses to end each Sunday service, simple words which speak to his understanding of Unitarian Universalism and the work we have before us in the world.

Peace and unrest,

Brenda

(You can learn more about Samuel J. May online and about Tony from reading a famous “classic Tony” sermon he gave years ago that’s online at the following url.

<http://www.cedarsuuchurch.org/Documents/Why%20You%20Should%20Not%20Be%20a%20Unitarian%20Universalist.pdf>

Adult Religious Education Opportunities in May:

Wednesday, May 9, 7pm: Holidays and Holy Days—Our final Holidays and Holy Days class for the year revolves around birth days of religious figures worldwide and the celebrations that have evolved. From B'haullah to Buddha, from Jesus to Mohammed, what is it that these and other historical religious leaders inspired in their followers?

Thursday, May 10, 7pm: Great Decisions—The topic is “*State of the World’s Oceans*” and we will use the briefing book on that subject published through the Great Decisions program. Copies are available in the office for members to check out. Great Decisions is the largest ongoing discussion group in the US with thousands of groups meeting regularly to discuss world affairs topics.

Wednesday, May 16 & 24, 7pm: Resistance and Transformation: Unitarian Universalist Social Justice History—We’ll explore social justice themes in Unitarian Universalist (UU) history using historical stories, primary source material, and opportunities for reflection. Grounded in the belief that even “failures” in our history can be instructive, this program presents the ongoing struggle of our tradition to live up to its ever-evolving ideals of social transformation. Topics include abolition, peace-making, civil rights, free speech, utopianism, counter-culture, women’s movements, sexuality education, and Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) equality. This class is suitable for older teens as well as adults.

Please RSVP on the signup sheet on the church info table for the above classes, or contact the church office if you plan to attend any of these classes! Free childcare is available if needed, but we must know in advance.

May 2012 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

May 6: The Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Young Adult Affinity Group will present *"Young Adult Sunday: The Missing Piece"*

This sermon will concern young adult perspectives. Why are we Unitarian Universalists? Why do we need each other? What can we bring to our faith – in other words, what is the missing piece we fill in our congregations?

Led by **Sarah Ritzmann • Gary Smart**, Accompanist

May 13: Rev. Jack Ford will present *"Cheating Death"*

Nothing is certain but death and taxes? Both are being redefined these days. If any topic opens to the mystery beyond experience, it is death. Death is the heart and soul of religion. In his new book, *Cheating Death*, Dr. Sanjay Gupta invites us to wade along the moving shore transporting us from life to death. As he reminds us: "Life and death is not a black-and-white issue".

Led by **David Dean • Gary Smart**, Accompanist

May 20: Religious Education will present *"Under the Sky, All People Are One Family"*

Religious Education supports our "free and responsible search for truth and meaning," and our congregation has always highly valued and strongly supported our R.E. program. Today, we will lift up and celebrate Lifespan Religious Education at BBUUS, with the children, the youth, the teachers and the R.E. leadership who nurture and are nurtured through lifespan faith development.

Led by: **Brenda Patterson • Marilyn Smart**, Accompanist

May 27: Re. Elizabeth Teal will present *"The Ten Commandments"*

What is the meaning of the Ten Commandments? Should they have a place in our own hearts? And is it appropriate to inscribe them on our public monuments?

Led by: **Linda Crawford • Accompanist TBA**

May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7pm CUUPS Beltane Ritual	2 7pm BEACON	3 7pm Member- ship Cmte	4	5 3pm Teatime Melodies
6 RE Food Drive Begins 12pm Welcome Am- bassador Refresher 12pm Facilities	7	8 7pm Council Mtg	9 11:30am Lunch Bunch 7pm BEACON 7pm CUUPS 7pm Holidays and Holy Days	10 7pm Great Deci- sions	11	12 7pm Peter Mayer Concert
13 10:30am OWL 12pm BBUUYA Sunday Lunch	14	15 7pm Worship Cmte 7pm Hospitality Cmte	16 7pm BEACON 7pm Resistance and Transformation 7pm Steering Cmte	17	18	19
20 10:30am OWL 12pm ANNUAL MTG and Pot-	21	22 7pm Board Mtg 7pm BBUUYA	23 7pm BEACON 7pm Resistance and Transformation 7pm CUUPS New Moon Ritual	24	25	26
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"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do. What I can do, I should do." - Edward Everett Hale



Florida All Souls UU Congregation presents Peter Mayer

Saturday May 12th at 7:30pm at the
Downtown Blues Bar and Grill:
714 St. Johns Avenue Palatka

Tickets cost \$20. Advanced tickets
are available.

Proceeds benefit the Putnam
County School District literacy pro-
grams. <http://petermayer.net>



First Ever Chalice Camp!

This summer we will be holding our first ever chalice camp July 9-13 from 9 a.m. to noon each day and need your help. Adults, middle school students, and high school students all have roles they can play. Please contact Debbie Atkins or Dani Slader if you are interested. We want to have an initial meeting in a couple of weeks to talk about chalice camp and brainstorm some ideas. We're looking forward to having an awesome first-ever BBUUC Chalice Camp!!!!

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