



# Activities and Events

Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Church

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## Universalist Convocation 2015

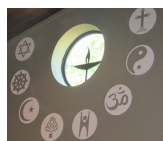
We are very excited to host the Universalist Convocation on May 29-31. Rev Pat Ray and her team have pulled together a really exciting program of keynoters and workshops, including two of the recognized world experts on Unitarian and Universalist history.

We will need volunteers to help with a number of tasks, and we look forward to working together to make this event a success.

For more information about the Convocation, or to volunteer, please speak with Rev. Pat Ray or go to the Convocation web site at [www.BBUUC.org/uc2015/](http://www.BBUUC.org/uc2015/)



## BBUUC Annual Meeting and Election of Officers



Sunday, May 17th at 12:15pm, following a light luncheon served after the service. Child care will be available during the meeting.

All voting members are urged to attend to participate in the governance of your congregation.

The proposed budget will be submitted for approval by the congregation. Officers for fiscal year 2015/16 will be elected, a By-law revision will be presented for approval, annual reports will be presented to the congregation, and as of press time, there is a good possibility that there will also be a vote called to approve the purchase of property which adjoins our lot for additional parking.

Each member will receive an official notice of the meeting, along with the supporting materials for all voting matters, including the proposed budget. The slate of nominations for officers and nominating committee members will be presented, along with biographical information on each of the nominees. Our Nominating Committee takes great care and consideration in selecting each nominee, as these roles are very demanding, and require a high level of commitment and leadership skills.

The meeting materials will be sent out to each voting member the first week in May, no less than 10 days prior to the meeting on the 17th. They will be sent by email attachment, and for those members who do not have email access, they will be sent via US mail. We will post announcements to the "Communications to Members" section and budget information to the "Budget Process" section of the Members-Only section of the web site. Please check the "This Week at BBUUC" bulletin in coming weeks for additional updates.

*Linda Mowers*, President

## The Journey Newsletter



The full Journey is available on the web site, from the office administrator, or at:

**May Journey:** <http://eepurl.com/bhJIND>

May, 2015



## CUUPS Schedule

The Covenant of UU Pagans (CUUPS) will meet at 7pm on Wednesday, May 6 and 20.

CUUPS provides a safe space within the BBUUC community where interested people can learn about and practice paganism. Contact [cuups@bbuuc.org](mailto:cuups@bbuuc.org) for more information.

## Animals as Partners, Healers, Teachers, and Guides

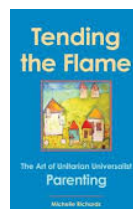
Rev. Elizabeth Teal of the Ministry of Animals will be presenting a 4-part series beginning April 29 on the varied ways of including animals into our faith. Rev. Teal and the CUUPS group will delve into animals as partners, healers, teachers, and friends.



What do they give us, and how do we care for them in return? This series of talks will investigate the many ways we can work in tandem and share our spiritual lives with other species.

CUUPS continues this series on May 20, June 17, and Aug 19.

## Parenting Book Group



Lifespan Religious Education facilitates a bi-weekly parenting book group on Sundays at noon. They will meet on May 10 and 24. The group discusses Tending the Flame - The Art of Unitarian Universalist Parenting. If you will need child care, please sign up on the sign-up sheet or by emailing [religious\\_ed@bbuuc.org](mailto:religious_ed@bbuuc.org).

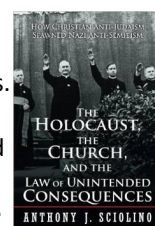
Tending the Flame includes information about developmental stages, suggestions for incorporating spiritual practices into family life, teaching the Principles in age-appropriate ways, and answering difficult questions on religious matters.

## Religious Texts and Society

On Thursday, May 7 at 7pm, the Religious Texts and Society group will discuss The Holocaust, the Church and the Law of Unintended Consequences.

Religious Texts and Society meets on a semi-monthly basis to discuss how religious history and documents reflect the societies from which they emerged, and how their influence has shaped the world we live in today. We meet the first Thursday of odd-numbered months at 7pm.

All are welcome. If you would like more information, please contact Dale Crawford or Scott Cromar.



## Schedule of Services

Services are held Sundays at 10:30 a.m. at

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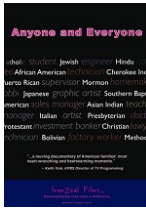
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## WCM Film Series

The Welcoming Congregation Ministry (WCM) is sponsoring a series of films highlighting issues that are familiar to the LGBTQ community. The May 15 movie will be *Anyone and Everyone*.

Movie screenings will start at 7pm. All are welcome; there is no admission. For more information, please contact [lgbtq\\_welcoming@bbuuc.org](mailto:lgbtq_welcoming@bbuuc.org)



## Reiki



The next Reiki session will be at noon on May 10 at BBUUC. Reiki is a spiritual practice which seeks to balance energy and promote self-healing.

There is no need to undress. Just kick back and relax. Watch for the sign-up sheets at the rear of the sanctuary, and contact Rev. Pat Ray if you have any questions.

## Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, May 13 at 11:30am at Pengree's Restaurant in Orange Park (556 Kingsley Ave). This group meets the second Wednesday of each month for food and fellowship. All are welcome! Please contact Frances Kennicutt or [admin@bbuuc.org](mailto:admin@bbuuc.org) if you plan to join us, so that we can reserve a table at the restaurant.



## Coffee Conversations



Each Sunday morning at 9:30, the Coffee Conversations group gathers for a friendly discussion of the issues of the day. All are welcome.

## Prayer Shawl Affinity Group

The Prayer Shawl affinity group creates shawls and lap blankets to comfort community members in need. The group will meet on the first Monday of each month, 10am-noon, at the Mandarin Panera (11111 San Jose Blvd). The next meeting will be May 4.



If you would like to attend, please contact Lisa Cromar at [prayershawls@bbuuc.org](mailto:prayershawls@bbuuc.org) no later than the day before the meeting. If there are no RSVPs, the meeting will be cancelled.

## Teen Overnight Trip Postponed

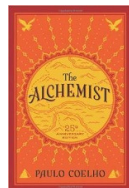


The April 24-25 overnight trip to St Augustine has been postponed due to the weather forecast. LRE will announce a new date for this activity when it is re-scheduled.

## UUFSa Book Club

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St Augustine (UUFSa) holds a book club one Thursday afternoon a month at 1pm. Schedules and additional information are posted in the UUFSa Quest newsletter.

May 19: *The Alchemist*, by Paulo Coelho, led by Uldis Golts



**May Journey:** <http://eepurl.com/bhJIND>

## May 3 Anniversary Service

Come celebrate our 25th Anniversary with a special collaborative service featuring the history and stories of our congregation, as told by the members themselves. May 3, 10:30am.



## MUUVies at UUFSa

On some Fridays at 6:30pm, UUFSa hosts a night at the mUUVies. May 8 - Cedar Rapids

## UUFSa: Day at the Zoo



The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St Augustine is planning a trip to the Jacksonville Zoo on Friday, May 22, 9 am. The group rate of \$13.95 per person is available if at least 15 people pay one week in advance.

Those who saw the film "The Bonobo Connection" know how interesting these great apes are. The Jacksonville Zoo is one of the few zoos in the country who have a bonobo exhibit.

We could talk about bringing our lunch and perhaps eating on the grounds, in their beautiful Botanical Gardens. We will plan to car pool once we have a head count. Contact Nana Royer for more information, [nanaroyer@gmail.com](mailto:nanaroyer@gmail.com)

## UUFSa: Sanctuary St Augustine



"Sanctuary St Augustine" debuts on Wednesday, May 20 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, in the UU Fellowship of St Augustine Sanctuary. Join in a celebration for all ages in co-creating a joyous "Love Song for the Earth". Appropriate for children 8 and up, and they are most welcome! Contact Nana Royer for more information, [nanaroyer@gmail.com](mailto:nanaroyer@gmail.com)

## Mindfulness Classes

Bethany Crawley, who was in our pulpit in late January presenting "Mindful and Heartful Living," is a long-time yoga, meditation and mindfulness instructor. She co-owns the Lotus Yoga studio in Riverside.

Bethany is planning to offer Mindfulness Classes at BBUUC on four consecutive Thursdays, April 30 – May 21, from 6:00-7:15pm. Class size is limited, and she will take registration on a first-come-first-served basis.

The classes will be held in the Olympia Brown room. The cost of the classes will be \$100 for the four sessions, paid to The Healing Tree Project. As with the Tai Chi classes, this is an independent offering to the BBUUC congregation. These classes do not require physical efforts, and no yoga mats or special clothing will be required.

If you want to participate in the upcoming four consecutive sessions, please email [admin@bbuuc.org](mailto:admin@bbuuc.org) with your name and contact information, and a subject line of "Mindfulness Classes." This will be passed along to Bethany, and an announcement will be made with the classes are full.

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