



# 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/)



### Spirit Play & Spirit Explorers

#### Blueberry Picking and Sleepover: June 13-14



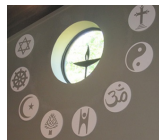
Our adventures include: blueberry picking, visiting a small farm, swimming, pizza, games and movies.

We spend the night at the church and in the morning have our parents join us for a Blueberry Pancake Breakfast. Yum!

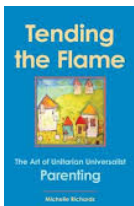
Please sign-up in order to help us make our plans. Contact [religious\\_ed@bbuuc.org](mailto:religious_ed@bbuuc.org) for more information.

### Newcomer Class

The next round of Newcomer classes run Sundays June 7, 14 and 21 at noon. The Newcomer classes are a great way to learn about the history of BBUUC and UUism. If you are interested in becoming a member of BBUUC, please plan on attending the Newcomer classes. Contact [membership@bbuuc.org](mailto:membership@bbuuc.org) for more information.



### Tending the Flame Parent Group



Lifespan Religious Education facilitates a bi-weekly parenting group on Sundays at 11:45. (Check the church calendar.) We bring finger foods to share during our discussion time, as able. Child-care is provided and parents should provide a bag lunch for their children. Discussions are varied.

Currently we are discussing ideas from "Tending the Flame: The Art of Unitarian Universalist Parenting." Reading the book is optional. Join us as we share ideas and discuss parenting as a spiritual practice. No Sign-up required. Contact [religious\\_ed@bbuuc.org](mailto:religious_ed@bbuuc.org) for more information.



### The Journey Newsletter

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

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

### Medieval Art: a Personal View

LRE hosts an interactive series every Wednesday at 7 PM in June, moderated by Linda Crawford (MA and PhD Candidacy in Gothic and Northern Renaissance Art History)



**June 3rd:** How Jesus' image changed: We will see how portrayals of Jesus changed in both style and meaning from late classical to late Gothic art, and how these changes reflected societal changes. (This will be an expanded version of the Universalist Convocation Workshop)

**June 10th:** 500-1000-Early Medieval Art: We will observe the influences on, and styles of, the first 500 years of medieval art, from the exuberant "animal style" of Germanic and Celtic imagery to the grandeur of Romanesque cathedrals.

**June 17th:** High Gothic Art: We will study the stained-glass, sculpture, architecture and illuminated manuscripts of this brilliant period of medieval art.

**June 24th:** Late Gothic/Northern Renaissance Art: We will view the revolutionary realist style of this northern European counterpart to the Italian Renaissance, from Jan Van Eyck to Hieronymous Bosch

There will be an additional class July 1st if requested.

### Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Friday, June 19th from 7-9pm, BBUUC invites you to join us for a delicious dinner and festivities! Help us celebrate and show our grateful appreciation to our wonderful volunteers for another fabulous year of hard work and dedication.

Child care is available upon request. Attendees MUST R.S.V.P. by Sunday, June 7th! Dinner will be provided to all guests, so your response will assist us with advance planning. Please use the following link to R.S.V.P: <http://bit.ly/1doxOSF>

Contact Linda Mowers at [president@bbuuc.org](mailto:president@bbuuc.org) or 904-536-6003 if you have any questions!



### 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.

### 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)

## 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 June 17 and Aug 19.

### Reiki



The next Reiki session will be at noon on June 14 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.

### Reiki Training, Level 1 - Fundraiser

Rev. Pat Ray and Rev. Liz Teal will be providing a Reiki Level 1 training on Saturday, June 27th, 10am-5pm.

Cost is \$35 for BBUUC members, \$75 for non-members. Fee includes class, workbook and light lunch.

All proceeds will be donated to the Emergency Caring Fund.

Note: Advance enrollment is required due to the limited class size. Registration log is on the back table.

### 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.

### 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.

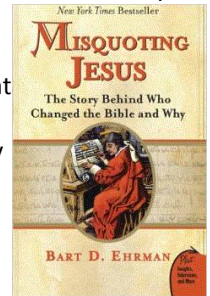
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## Misquoting Jesus

On Thursday, July 9 at 7pm, the Religious Texts and Society group will discuss *Misquoting Jesus* by Bart Ehrman.

"For almost 1,500 years, the New Testament manuscripts were copied by hand—and mistakes and intentional changes abound...many of our widely held beliefs concerning the divinity of Jesus, the Trinity, and the divine origins of the Bible itself are the results of both intentional and accidental alterations by scribes."



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

### mUUVies at UUFSA



On some Fridays at 6:30pm, UUFSA hosts a night at the mUUVies. There is a \$5 suggested donation. June 12 - *Lone Star* "When the skeleton of his murdered predecessor is found, Sheriff Sam Deeds unearths many other long-buried secrets in his Texas border town."

### BBUUC Annual Meeting

On May 17, members of BBUUC gathered to receive reports about the past fiscal year, approve a budget for the coming fiscal year, deal with several issues related to congregational governance, and vote for officers for the coming year. The 2015 Annual Report is posted in the "Communications to Members" section of the web site.



The 2016 officers approved at the annual meeting are: Eileen Morrison (President), Candace Gerding-Barone (Vice President), Dale Crawford (Treasurer), Madeline Sims (Secretary), Ellen Miceli (Trustee), Christine Rothberg (Trustee), and Don De-Stephano (Trustee). The 2016 Nominating Committee will consist of Linda Crawford, Pam Edwards-Roiné, and Linda Mowers.

In the Treasurer's report, Dale Crawford reported that the finances of the church have strengthened significantly over the past year. Due to wise fiscal management and an outstanding pledge drive managed by the Stewardship Task Force, the church's improved financial position allows it to look towards resolving several long-term problems. The full report is available in the "Finance Reports" section of the web site.

Finance Chair Peg Christenson described a healthy budget for 2016, based on responsible projections for both revenue and expenditures. The 2016 Budget is available in the "Finance Reports" section of the web site.

The congregation also approved the purchase of two lots adjoining the church property. Current plans are to generate proposals to increase available parking for the church location. Since lots adjoining the church property do not come up for sale very often, the congregation approved the expenditure of up to \$25,000 to secure the property for further use.