



The Journey

The Newsletter of the
Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Church
 A Welcoming Congregation

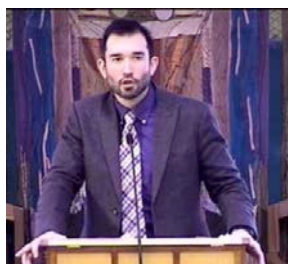


April 2017

April 2017 Worship Services

Services are held on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

April 2 Service:
Pastor Phillip Baber
from UUCJ
“Skynet, the Devil, and
Gingerbread Men”



Worship Leader: Kris Kines
Accompanist: Gary Smart

About our Service:

One of these things is not like the others....or are they the same? Come hear Phillip Baber from UUCJ decode his mysterious sermon title.

About our Speaker:

Phillip Baber is the pastor at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Jacksonville (UUCJ). He is a graduate of the University of Kansas with a Juris Doctor degree from William & Mary. Phillip is a former high school educator with extensive experience in youth and music ministry. He is happily married and the father of two beautiful girls. In addition, Phillip is involved with ICARE, a non-profit organization that addresses citywide concerns related to issues of justice and fairness.



Pennies from Heaven is April 2nd

Please bring your extra change for a special collection to benefit our local Meals on Wheels program.

April 9 Service:
Rabbi Rachael Bregman
“Passover Service”

Worship Leader:
Viqui Hilliard
Accompanist:
Sydney Crisp



About our Service:

Rabbi Rachael Bregman will deliver a sermon about Passover.

About our Speaker:

Rachael Bregman is currently at Temple Beth Tefilloh in Brunswick, Georgia (on the coast north of Jacksonville) as the first female rabbi ever and the first resident rabbi in over 50 years. She earned a bachelor's degree from Boston College, a master's degree from Harvard Graduate School of Education and ordination from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR). She hiked the Appalachian Trail, is a fellow with Rabbis Without Borders, was a chaplain candidate in the US Navy, and currently serves on the board of Faithworks Ministries. She lives by the ocean with her daughter Lilith and her dog Zooey.

BBUUC Mission Statement:

BBUUC exists to create and nourish a loving community that seeks justice and respect for all.

**April 16 Multigenerational Service:
Easter Sunday
“Flower Communion Service”**

Worship Leader:
Joann Carollo
Accompanist:
Gary Smart



About our Service:

The Flower Ceremony, sometimes referred to as Flower Communion or Flower Festival, is an annual ritual that celebrates beauty, human uniqueness, diversity, and community.

Originally created in 1923 by Unitarian minister Norbert Capek of Prague, Czechoslovakia, the Flower Ceremony was introduced to the United States by Rev. Maya Capek, Norbert's widow.

In this ceremony, everyone in the congregation brings a flower. Each person places a flower on the altar or in a shared vase. The congregation and minister bless the flowers, and they're redistributed. Each person brings home a different flower than the one they brought.

And don't forget the best part of our Easter / Flower Communion service — the Easter Egg Hunt conducted right after the service, followed by a delicious potluck.

**April 23 Service:
Dr. Mark Yount
“A Question of
Balance”**

Worship Leader:
Jay Gardner
Accompanist: Eileen Morrison



About our Service:

Is global warming the fever symptom of a planet overrun by virulent progress? Ecofeminists trace the problem to our historically masculine domination and often evoke the Gaia myth as an image of balance. Since "male" science offers such stark confirmation of the problem, perhaps we can draw out a scientific thread to weave into the healing vision of our 7th principle.

About our Speaker:

Since joining BBUUC in 1997, Dr. Mark Yount has given over 100 sermons, chaired committees, served on the Board, and served as Youth Adviser. Mark taught philosophy at Trinity College (Hartford), St. Joseph's (Philadelphia), and Jacksonville University. He has degrees in Philosophy from William and Mary (BA), Villanova (MA), and the University of Colorado at Boulder (Ph.D.). Mark works with Mental Health America of NE FL, helping homeless/at-risk people apply for disability benefits.

**April 30 Service:
Rev. Laurie Denman
“Unconscious Bias,
Diversity, and
Compassion”**

Worship Leader:
Meghan Kaminski
Accompanist:
Gary Smart



About our Service:

Rev. Laurie will examine our innate unconscious biases, how they help shape how we interpret Deity, and what they mean for our daily life. Learn to recognize unconscious bias. Understand how humans interpret Deity. Recognize how that affects our interactions with Deity, each other, and the world around us.

About our Speaker:

Rev. Laurie Denman is the 3rd Degree High Priestess and Temple Keeper for the Chosen Path Church, a full Temple of the Correllian Nativist Church. She is an attuned Reiki Master and instructor as well as a Correllian Shaman. She is a charter member of the Northeast Florida Pagan Leadership Coalition. She is a Project Manager for a major world bank with two grown children who are still the center of her Universe. She volunteers in several employee networks at the bank including the LGBT Allies, CFO Diversity and Inclusion Council and LEAD. She volunteers for Pug Rescue of Florida fostering dogs and serves on the Board of Directors as Treasurer. She is the CFO and Membership Volunteer for Correllian Education Ministries, the seminary of

the Correllian Nativist Church, commonly known as Witchschool.com. She is an active participant as a Faith Leader in the Jacksonville Coalition for Equality's efforts to update the Duval County Human Rights Ordinance to include protections for our LGBTQ citizens. Her hobbies are water gardening, playing World of Warcraft and spending time with her pugs, her cat, and her pet tortoise.

Treasurer's Corner

Congregational Growth and Development Fund

In my nearly four years as treasurer, I have observed that our congregation gives most willingly when working towards some goal. Whether the goal is a building or a minister, our congregants are energized by the prospect of positive changes for our church community.

With that perspective in mind, the Board has included a new fund for the coming fiscal year. This fund will be called the Congregational Growth and Development Fund. The church will be putting aside at least \$1,500 per month into this fund. The purpose of the fund is to accumulate the monies needed for some significant future need—a minister, a fellowship hall, or some other currently unidentified item—so that the funds will be there when the church elects to go forward. The reason that the Board has not named a specific need at this time is that the congregation's wishes in the future may not be the same as what the congregation wants right now. If the church collects money for a specific purpose, the church cannot spend it for a different purpose.

I am hopeful about the future of our church. Things looked very grim a year ago, but we have recovered and prospered since then. We are planning on a bright future, and one critical element in giving us a bright future is having the money we need. I think the creation of the Congregational Growth and Development Fund is a positive, first step in advancing towards that bright future.

Dale M. Crawford



President's Place

Our Lasting Legacy

Recently I've been thinking a lot about what we leave when we're gone. I mean, truly gone. Does a legacy matter, if I'm no longer here to worry about it?

At Christmas I came close to losing my oldest brother. He had an arrest after surgery, and spent five days on a respiratory ventilator. He has quite a legacy to leave behind – four sons, countless friends, and as many film credits and videos.

This week one of my students died. It was unexpected. She was found when they realized she hadn't left for school. I had high hopes for her. She was a middle aged woman trying to turn her life around. Few friends and no children. Perhaps I am her legacy.

Each year during the annual pledge season it often feels like we are just focused on money, but it is more than that. We are moving forward to see what our vision, and our legacy will be.

I am hopeful that long after I am gone, that BBUUC will continue to be a haven for those who need a religiously liberal home. I am hopeful that I will live on in our children's hearts, in our stories, in our picture histories, in our Spirit of Life Memorial Garden. I am hopeful that this is my legacy, and I am hopeful that in this time of Spring and renewal, that each of us gave what we could toward that legacy.

So I share an offering from another church in the area – a Methodist one. I am always reminded that we have more in common than we have different.

So, come,
you who have much faith
and you who have little,
you who have been here often
and you who have not been for a very long time,
you who have tried to follow
and you who have failed.
So, come.

May Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Church continue to be the place where you come. May it be your legacy.

In faith and gratitude,
Rev. Pat

BBUUC Finance Committee

Operating Income & Expenses

July 1, 2016 - Feb 28, 2017

	Total \$	% of Budget
Revenue - Unrestricted		
Contributions	\$87,901	83%
Other Income	\$3,886	67%
Total Revenue	\$91,787	82%
Expenditures		
Operating Expenses	\$57,226	62%
Mortgage Principal	\$9,944	74%
Total Expenditures	\$67,171	64%
Net Operating Income	\$24,616	

DRE Dwellings

Last week the wonderful Meg Kaminski asked me if I would do the story for all ages for the service. She sent me a lovely piece about seeds as a metaphor for hope, and the message of it is lingering in my head.

If you missed the service on the 19th the theme of the story was that all great actions initially start off as someone's hope, but, just as seeds need soil, water, and light to grow, so too does hope need care, work, and actions to come to fruition. So often we hear phrases like, "I hope it will get better," or "hope for the best," but these are empty phrases unless accompanied by a plan of action. It's not enough to have a dream—one has to work for it.

I think this idea is rattling around in my brain because so much of what I see is injustice; things that have me gritting my teeth and telling myself it can't last forever. But the truth is that they might. If I and my fellow justice seekers fail to take action, nothing will ever change. Noticing that there is a problem is not enough. It is an empty gesture to worry about the vulnerable if we are not willing to fight for their needs.

Ours is a denomination where faith is put into action, and that makes me proud. I hope our church lives up to what we hope for.

With Hope,
Dani Slader



ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS) Presents:



Saturn in Retrograde Full Moon

Wed, April 5 7:00 PM

Join Jacksonville CUUPS as they welcome the Olympic House of Venus-Hathor who will perform a ritual honoring the Saturn retrograde full moon.



Workshop: Soul Retrieval

Tue, April 18 7:00 PM

Learn the basics of Chakra Balancing and Soul Retrievals in our third workshop on Shadow Work and Soul Retrieval from the Correllian-Nativist Church's perspective.

Understand the Soul and how parts of it get "lost". Learn to reconnect those lost parts of your Soul for deep healings. Participants will do a Chakra Balancing guided meditation followed by a Soul Retrieval. Bring a journal to record your notes from your Soul Retrieval in order to examine them later. Class Participants seeking to enter into the Soul Retrieval meditation MUST have been doing their Shadow Work exercises prior to class. Information on the Shadow Work exercises can be found on the Chosen Path Church website: www.ChosenPathChurch.com.



POTLUCK

Sunday April 16, 2017
Immediately following the
Flower Communion Service

Please bring a dish to share!

Afternoon Tea

Wed., April 19th

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Join us this month at the Repass Home for tea, snacks and conversation!

Dress: Casual (or feel free to dress up if you'd like!)

Goodies: If you would like to bring something, great! If not, great also! Some of us love to bake, some of us don't have the time or desire. But we all like getting together. If you'd like to bring something not homemade, we welcome it.

Directions: Call or text Grace at 919-906-5037 to RSVP or for address.



Join us for a friendly discussion of the issues of the day. All are welcome!

Every Sunday @ 9:30 am



If you have been attending BBUUC for awhile and are interested in exploring whether membership is right for you, we invite you to attend our upcoming Newcomer classes.

The next three-part class will be in April & May 2017, as shown below. Please let us know if you will be able to attend or if you are still interested but can't attend this session!

- Meet in Olympia Brown Classroom.
- Bring a bag lunch if you would like to eat during the classes.
- We will provide drinks and dessert.
- Wear your BBUUC nametag!

Session 1 - Sunday, April 23 at 12pm

Getting to Know U—Small group discussion where we get to know one another and share our spiritual journeys.

Session 2 - Sunday, April 30 at 12pm

Getting to Know UU—What is Unitarian Universalism? Our history, principles, and practices.

Session 3 - Sunday, May 7 at 12pm

Getting to Know BBUUC—How is our congregation governed? What are the privileges and responsibilities of being a Member of BBUUC?

Sunday, May 14 at 10:30am

New Member Ceremony (during church service)

RSVP to membership@bbuuc.org or to Grace at 919-906-5037

RSVP for how many attending and if you will need child care!

If you are interested but can't attend one of these sessions for some reason, please let us know.

JACKSONVILLE COVENANT OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST PAGANS

<https://www.facebook.com/JacksonvilleFICuups/>

WED, 4/5 & TUE, 5/18 @ 7PM



PRAYER SHAWL AFFINITY GROUP

<http://www.bbuuc.org/connection/affinity-groups/prayer-shawl-affinity-group-2/>

FRI, 4/7 @ 12 pm



BBUUC Meditation Group

<https://www.facebook.com/WestJaxMeditationGroup/>

1st and 3rd Sundays @ 9:30 am



Lunch Bunch @ Pengree's

RSVP to
Frances Kennicutt
at 272-2151

WED 4/12 @ 11:30 am

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CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

freely following jesus



<http://www.bbuuc.org/connection/affinity-groups/bbuucf/>

Monthly on the 4th Sunday @ 9 am

*The following groups hold their meetings in our facility.
They are not affiliated with BBUUC, but are open and
welcoming to members and friends of our church:*

IDEA TEMPLE

IFA Temple for
Divine Elevation
and Abundance



<https://www.facebook.com/IDEATemple/>

SAT 4/8 & 4/22 @ 1 pm



First Coast Freethought Society

<http://firstcoastfreethoughtsociety.org/cms/>

MON 4/17 @ 6:30 pm

BBUUC's Full Calendar can be
found on line at:

<http://www.bbuuc.org/activities>



Childcare is available for many church
activities, but must be requested in
advance when you sign up for an activity.
Please contact the activity sponsor listed in
the announcement for more information.

BBUUC NEWS



The updated BBUUC Safety Policy is ready for review. I would like as many people as possible to see this before sending it to the Board for adoption. I am not asking for any commitments that you don't want to make, but I will be looking for a committee of sorts in conjunction with this in the future. If interested, please call/text, email gbmowers@comcast.net, or hand me a note so I can keep track of responses.

Your Sexton,
G.Barry



Shopping on Amazon?

Remember that purchases made through this link pay a referral fee to

BBUUC: <http://amzn.to/1LcEwFZ>

You don't have to use a special login or enter a special code. All you need to do is enter Amazon using the above link (which is also posted on the "Fundraising" section of the church web site). This is probably the easiest fundraiser BBUUC will do over the course of the year.

BBUUC gets a 6% referral fee on most items, and more for some. (This fee is much larger than is available through other programs, such as Amazon's Smile program. For this reason, please do NOT use the Amazon Smile program. Instead use the link from the website prior to making purchases.)

SAVE THE DATE!

May 21, 2017: Annual Meeting



News from the Nominating Committee

At the May 21 Annual Meeting, we will be electing Board Members and Nominating Committee Members for the 2017-2018 church year.

We will be choosing members to fill the following Board positions:

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
One Trustee

Three Nominating Committee Members

The Nominating Committee is taking its cue from the UUA to be more inclusive and transparent and to stress the importance of leadership in a healthy, sustaining congregation. At the May 21 meeting we will be making the following transition:

From: Nominating Committee presents a slate of officers to be approved.

To: Nominating Committee presents a ballot with choices for each position, followed by an election.

**BBUUC members are encouraged
to self-nominate or nominate others.**

The Nominating Committee invites all members of the congregation to take part in a workshop and, in addition, take responsibility for nominating members to the various open positions on the Board and Nominating Committee for the 2017-2018 church year.

The next workshop will be held on April 2, 2017 from 12:00 - 2:00pm.



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General Assembly is more than the annual business meeting of the Association. The myriad of programs, worship events, witness and service opportunities, and exhibits not only provide a rich experience to the thousands of UUs who attend each year, they also give participants a renewed sense of energy, up-to-date information, inspiration, and innovative ideas to take back to their congregations and communities.

"It felt like we were part of a living faith—it gave me energy to keep going in my own community."

The votes that GA delegates cast have a huge impact on Unitarian Universalism. They determine our elected leaders, amend the bylaws and rules that govern our Association, and shape the justice work that we do as a movement.

"I was able to grasp the scope of the UUA—there is so much possibility when we are part of the whole!"

Theme for 2017: Resist and Rejoice!

We will gather in New Orleans, Louisiana for a General Assembly experience focused on solidarity with the movements for racial, economic and climate justice. We will invite the culture, history, geography, and people of New Orleans to be our teachers.

uua.org/ga



MEMBER NEWS

New Member Spotlight Diane Freeman

BBUUC welcomes New Member Diane Freeman. She is a native Floridian, but new to Orange Park. She moved here in November to be near her son Brian, daughter-in-law Jae, grandson Dexter (3 ½), and a new granddaughter due in July.



After down-sizing, Diane now lives in the "guest house." She tells us that it's wonderful to share meals and share lives with her loving family. Daughter Kim lives in Montana—a beautiful place to visit—and Diane gets to see her once or twice a year.

A retired psychologist, Diane has also been a nurse, a business owner, and a real-estate appraiser. Over the years, she has volunteered in adult literacy, and was active in the service organization Altrusa, and in the Presbyterian church.

For fun, Diane likes reading, playing bridge, quilting, card making and making stained glass decorations. She enjoys playing the piano and is planning to learn the bowed psaltery. She loves to visit National Parks—so far seven in seven states - and wants to visit many more.

Finding BBUUC and having a warm, supportive, welcoming church family has been a blessing. Diane looks forward to learning, growing, and working on the Caring Committee.

Introduce Yourself

If you are a recent member and we have not run an introduction article about you for the Journey yet, please feel free to contact publishing@bbuuc.org. We're interested in how you found BBUUC, what you like here, and what you would like other members of the BBUUC community to know about you.

We can help you write the article, or you can write a 400 word article about yourself. We would also like a photo so that people know who you are and can introduce themselves to you during Fellowship Time after the service.

Happy Birthday!

April 3 Lauren Spade
 April 6 Madeline Sims
 April 7 Valerie Bouffard
 April 8 Jay Gardner
 April 9 Morgan Jarman
 April 13 Dani Slader
 April 15 Judy Niss
 April 20 Joann Carollo
 April 25 Meg O'Brien
 April 28 Merric King
 April 28 Jonnie Long
 April 28 Daryl LoTempio
 April 30 Sarah Ritzmann



Wedding Anniversaries

April 13 Caitlin & Billy Regan
 April 13 David & Suzanna Siebert
 April 14 Ev & Michelle Corum
 April 18 Dale & Linda Crawford
 April 21 Eileen & Brantley Morrison
 April 27 Don & Judy Culpepper
 April 16 Michael Bernos & Annabelle Gallois-Bernos



BBUUC Membership Anniversaries

April 18, 1993 John Sheffield
 Leslie Sheffield
 April 13, 1997 Mark Yount
 April 29, 2001 Kris Kines
 April 17, 2005 Ron Nowack
 Dani Slader
 April 20, 2014 Neilly Edwards
 Lauren Spade



Please help us keep our records up-to-date. If you see birthday, anniversary, or membership anniversary information that needs to be corrected or added to our list, send it to membership@bbuuc.org.

Church Directory

If you would like online and quick/easy access to the BBUUC directory on your computer, tablet, or smart phone (always up to date and with photos), contact membership@bbuuc.org or see Pam Richards or Peg Christenson for login instructions.

If you would like the PDF directory and separate Picture directory emailed to you so you can access the file on your computer, tablet, or smart phone without an internet connection (or so you can print a hard copy), contact admin@bbuuc.org or see Stacy Asimos in the church office.



If you don't use a computer and need a hard copy, see Stacy Asimos in the church office.

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