



The Journey

The Newsletter of the
Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Church



 A Welcoming Congregation

May 2017

May 2017 Worship Services

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

May 7 Service:
Ev Corum
“Roots Hold Us Close”

Worship Leader:
Grace Repass
Accompanist:
Gary Smart



About our Service:

Ev will reflect on some historical figures such as Michael Servetus, Thomas Jefferson, and others.

About our Speaker:

Ev is the Director of Communication, Humanities, Philosophy, Religion, and World Languages Programs at American Public University System, an accredited, online university. In addition to academic administrative and leadership skills, he has created international connectivity programs and original interactive television (ITV) classes. He created international programs with folk musicians in Tallinn, Estonia, and language students in Lille and Lyons, France, and has directed several theatrical productions. He is an expert in curriculum development, producing teacher support materials, and online

interactive student activities for students at all levels. He was awarded a Distance Education Certification from the University of Wisconsin (2001). He taught at the University of Missouri—Kansas City, and was the Director of Distance Education at Interlochen Center for the Arts. Before his appointment as an APUS program director, he was the Director of Academic Affairs at the University of Phoenix - Maryland Campuses, and has taught for University of Maryland University College. He was recognized in Who’s Who in American Teachers in 1996 and 2000. He has several publications, presentations and grants to his credit. He earned his Ph.D. in Theatre and Media Arts from the University of Kansas in 1990. His dissertation was entitled Tantalizing Ambiguity: The Cinema of Peter Weir. He enjoys traveling, cooking, and reading. He and his lovely wife, Michelle, joined BBUUC in October 2015. They have two grown sons, Spencer and Brady.

Pennies from Heaven is May 7



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

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Annual Meeting of the Membership of BBUUC • Sunday, May 21

Our Annual Meeting is an important gathering where the Membership votes for next year's budget, Board of Directors, and Nominating Committee. We will need every member to attend. They should watch for meeting information packages in their emails. Members of the Board and Finance Committee will be available to Members for the next three Sundays at the Board Corner for questions about the proposed budget and requested By-Law changes.

**May 14 Service:
Pixie Larizza
“Holistic
Approach
to Happiness”**



**Worship Leader:
Joann Carollo**

Accompanist: Sydney Crisp

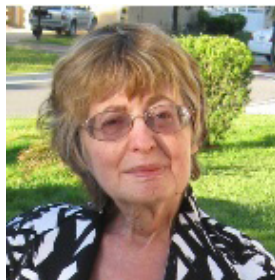
About our Service:

Pixie will be speaking on the power of putting one’s self first, and the importance of taking care of ourselves with respect to Mind/Body and Spirit. Finding empowerment in knowing when to say NO and not feeling guilty.

About our Speaker:

Pixie Larizza is a Jacksonville native, Artist, Holistic Counselor, Relaxation Expert, Certified Color Therapist and Entrepreneur. Her passions include yet are not limited to, mentoring women & girls (Generation W and It’s Her Business), inspiring creativity, assisting others in their journey through life and its many transitions, being grateful daily, having fun, loving family and friends, meditating, reading and daily walks at the beach.

**May 21 Service:
Linda Crawford
“Our 3rd UU Principle”**



**Worship Leader: Kris Kines
Accompanist: Gary Smart**

About our Service:

One of our core goals, as Unitarian Universalists, is personal spiritual growth. But what does “spiritual growth” really mean? And how are we supposed to encourage it in others? Isn't spiritual growth a journey we each take alone? Linda will examine those questions. In so doing, she will also discuss the importance of community to our individual spiritual development.

About our Speaker:

Linda and her husband Dale have been Unitarian Universalists for about seven years. They have been

members of BBUUC for the entire time. An ethnic Jew, Linda has been brought kicking and screaming into organized religion, but she is very glad she was. Now she is kicking and screaming her way to spiritual growth.

**May 28 Multigenerational Service:
“Transitions”**

**Worship Leader:
Dani Slader
Accompanist:
Marilyn Smart**

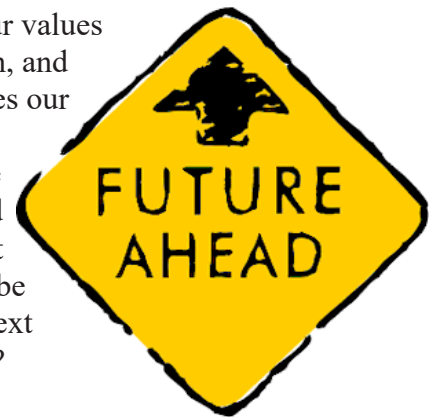


About our Service:

In our Faith, Bridging ceremonies are the sacred transition from one point in our lives to the other. Bridging is about change, growth, and our ability to reach out from where we are to where we could be if only we let ourselves realize our potential.

It is said that our values guide our vision, and our vision guides our goals.

Can you see the pathway toward a vision of what BBUUC could be - next month, next year, five years?



Do you have the burning desire, and the time to tend the flame? Don't sit on the side and think someone else will do it. Dance in the fire!

We're looking to put together a working team that represents a cross-section of the Membership—young, old(er), long time member, new member, YOU!

If you are willing to be actively involved with the work of long range planning, please email me at President@bbuuc.org.

President's Place

In January, the Unitarian Universalist Association developed a Declaration of Conscience. The following provides background information from former President of the UUA, Rev. Peter Morales and president and CEO of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, Hon. Thomas Andrews:

“Based on the many conversations we’ve had with each other, people of our communities, our partners, and those most likely to face looming threats, we’ve concluded that in these extraordinary times we must be united in purpose to protect the values of our democracy and those vulnerable populations among us.

To that end we have undertaken an unprecedented degree of coordination between the Unitarian Universalist Association and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. There is a sense of urgency, and a need for vigilance. And there is clarity that we must act, not alone, but together. We need everyone—including you, your congregation, your friends, and your colleagues.

As a first step, we have prepared a [Declaration of Conscience](#) stating in the strongest possible terms our commitment in these troubling times. By signing the declaration, individuals and congregations will be affirming our core values and declaring our willingness to put them into action. Please read it and, with your signature, join us in standing on the side of love, protecting the most vulnerable among us, and defending core values that are under attack.” Read more here from the UUA: <https://www.uua.org/pressroom/press-releases/calling-all-friends-faith-and-conscience-invitation-uua-president-and-uusc>

Treasurer's Corner

We are finishing up a successful pledge drive for this coming fiscal year which begins on July 1, 2017. Our church has been able, over the past several years, to accumulate enough reserves to be confident of our ability to weather most future storms.



As mentioned in the April 2017 Treasurer’s Corner, the Board plans to start the Congregational Growth and Development Fund in this coming fiscal year through which we intend to accumulate the funds for our next significant step forward. There are plans to begin a process that will identify what that step should be. I hope that all of you are as optimistic as I am about the future of our congregation.

Dale M. Crawford

BBUUC Finance Committee

Operating Income & Expenses		
July 1, 2016 - July 31, 2016		
	Total \$	% of Budget
Revenue - Unrestricted		
Contributions	\$27,008	26%
Other Income	\$465	8%
Total Revenue	\$27,474	25%
Expenditures		
Operating Expenses	\$10,091	11%
Mortgage Principal	\$3,270	24%
Total Expenditures	\$13,360	13%
Net Operating Income	\$14,113	

Slate of Nominees for the Annual Meeting on May 21st

The current slate of Board nominees are as follows: **President: Vanessa Birchell, Vice President: Jennifer Stokes, Treasurer: Dale Crawford, Trustees: Meghan Kaminski, Ed Spade, ? (open)**

For the Nominating Committee: **Joann Carollo, Peg Christenson, Grace Repass**

We are still in need of filling one position—that of a Trustee. The Trustees shall keep abreast of the business and programs of the church; participate in meetings of the Board of Directors; and perform such other functions as assigned by the Board. Trustees shall be elected annually to commence serving July 1st, and shall not be related to one another or any officer by blood, marriage, or domestic partnership. The Nominating Committee is authorized to nominate individuals for the position of Trustee for terms of one (1) or two (2) years.

If you are interested, please respond to the Nominating Committee (nominating@bbuuc.org) as soon as possible. The Nominating Committee wishes to hear from you—not only for the Trustee opening but for all positions. We would love to see multiple people vying for multiple positions. Let us practice the gift of free elections in our democratic society.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

CUUPS Workshop on Prayers

Wednesday, May 3 @ 7:00 pm

This will be a workshop and discussion about prayers from different traditions in preparation for World Day of Prayer (May 4th). Please bring your favorite prayer to share!



This event is open to individuals of all paths. You do not have to be Pagan or a member of CUUPS or BBUUC to attend. All are welcome to share in ritual, community, and fellowship.



Sacred Conversations on Race

Starting on May 7 and continuing until August 7, Sacred Conversations on Race will be held on Sunday Mornings at 9:00 am in the Forrest Church room. Contact DRE@bbuuc.org for more info.



CUUPS The Goddesses Feast in Their Temples

Tuesday, May 16 7:00 pm

We shall be celebrating the Egyptian ceremony Netjerts—(Goddess) feasts in their temples; a day of strong feminine energies.

We will be honoring all aspects of the feminine divine in reverence and gratitude, invoking a myriad of Goddesses, and asking them to help us realign and balance the feminine energies in ourselves. We shall conclude by honoring the deities with a feast.

This is a pot luck feast!

This event is open to individuals of all paths. You do not have to be Pagan or a member of CUUPS or BBUUC to attend. All are welcome to share in ritual, community, and fellowship.

Afternoon Tea

Wed, 5/17/17 @ 2:00PM - 4:00PM

Join us this month at the Richards/Schwartz home for tea, snacks and conversation!

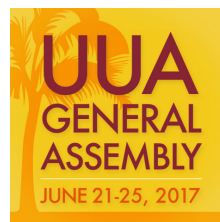


Dress: Casual (or feel free to dress up if you'd like!)

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.

BBUUC G.A. Nights



Join LRE for G.A. nights as we prepare for the upcoming General Assembly in June! We will be meeting April 26th, May 17th, May 31st, and June 14th at 7:00 pm in the Olympia Brown room. All are welcome!



FRIDAY NIGHTS:

May 19 • June 16 • July 21 • August 18

Every third Friday of the month at 6:30 pm May - August, we will be having Friday Night Movies and Dinner with Diversity. Movie titles will be announced at a later date.

Blueberry Picking

Saturday, May 20

Join LRE for blueberry picking on May 20th! We will be meeting at the church and then head off to blueberry picking, followed by a visit to Jay and Shanna's farm. We will then back to church for ice cream making, pizza, and more!



MEMBER NEWS

New Member Spotlight

Welcome New Member Adrienne Cology!

Adrienne moved to the Jacksonville area in 2013 after graduating with an MA in Counseling Psychology from Boston College.

What was supposed to be a temporary one-year vacation from school

(and the cold) quickly turned into four years! She closed on a house in Avondale in October 2015 and became an LMHC (Licensed Mental Health Counselor) in Florida in October 2016. She is employed at Mandarin Counseling where she does mental health counseling and also works privately doing mental health counseling for children, teens, families, and adults.

Adrienne has previously lived in Ohio, Arizona, and Massachusetts. What different cultures in all these places! And in Florida!

A search for a community and connection to “her tribe” brought her to BBUUC. She had visited with UU churches in Ohio and Massachusetts and remembered them as accepting places.

Kayaking, reading, gardening, writing, crafts, board games, camping, and traveling occupy her free time (although not as much as she would like). Some say her most interesting hobby is participating in medieval re-creation.

When not at work or enjoying outdoor activities, Adrienne enjoys precious moments relaxing at home. Glad to have you with us at BBUUC, Adrienne!



SAVE THE DATE for Upcoming LRE Activities

Tubing the Ichetucknee: August 12

We will be tubing on the Ichetucknee on Saturday, August 12. We will be meeting at the park early and have a pavilion reserved. More details to come!

Suwanee Canoe Trip: July 22 - 23

Come canoe the Suwanee with us! We will be taking canoes down the Suwanee and camping on July 22 - 23.



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.)



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

WED, 5/3 & TUE, 5/16 @ 7PM



**PRAYER
SHAWL
AFFINITY
GROUP**

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

FRI, 5/5 @ 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 5/10 @ 11:30 am

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freely following jesus



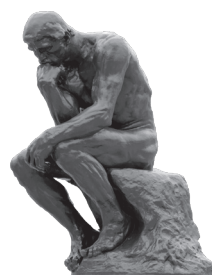
<http://www.bbuuc.org/connection/affinity-groups/bbuucf/>

Monthly on the 4th Sunday @ 9 am



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

Every Sunday @ 9:30 am



**First Coast
Freethought
Society**

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

MON 5/15 @ 6:30 pm

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

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



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.

Happy Birthday!

05/05	Eva Lester
05/07	Alexandra Hamon
05/08	Christine Rothberg
05/11	Veronica Bunce
05/12	Lucy Warner
05/13	Rune Kaminski
05/23	Jamie Bunce
05/23	Kris Kines
05/24	Bryce Hamon
05/25	Michelle Corum
05/31	Sandy Coffey
05/31	Dale Crawford
05/31	Leah Rogers



Wedding Anniversaries

05/11	Jo & Sarah Nieschalk
05/24	Brenda & John Patterson
05/28	Pam Edwards-Roine & Pedro Roine



BBUUC Membership Anniversaries

5/6/1990	Pam Edwards-Roine
5/6/1990	Frances Kennicutt
5/6/1990	Joani Maskell
5/6/1990	Linda Mowers
5/20/1990	Alice Fletcher
5/27/1990	Cliff Maskell
5/1/1994	Pedro Roine
5/14/1995	Joyce Johnson
5/6/2001	Jennifer Stokes
5/14/2006	Debbie Jones
5/23/2010	Michael Bernos
5/8/2011	Don DeStephano
5/8/2011	Eileen Morrison
5/8/2011	Sarah Ritzmann
5/20/2012	Lee Albright
5/20/2012	Erik Slader



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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