



The Journey

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



February 2018

February 2018 Worship Services

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

February 4

Phillip Baber

presents

"The Origin of Love"

Worship Leader:

Meg Kaminski

Accompanist: Gary Smart



About our Service:

An examination of the origin and substance of love, with insight from Plato to Paul (Saint and McCartney).

About our Speaker:

Phillip Baber is a graduate of the University of Kansas with a Juris Doctor degree from William & Mary. He 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. He is currently the minister at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Jacksonville.

Pennies from Heaven is February 4

Each quarter we alternate donations between Mandarin and Clay County Meals on Wheels. Please save all your coins for the first Sunday of every month, and remember bills are welcome too! :)

November collection	\$ 87.37
December collection	\$107.91
January collection	\$101.34
Total Quarterly Donation	\$296.62

Learn more about the program in the BBUUC News Section.

February 11

**A Collaborative Worship Service:
*"30 Days of Love"***

Accompanist: Gary Smart

About our Service:

Members will share their thoughts, experiences, and reflections as the 30 day "Side with

Love" campaign concludes. For more information, visit the campaign website: <http://sidewithlove.org>



February 18

**Dr. Mark Yount presents
*"The Wisdom of Love"***

Accompanist:

Eileen Morrison



About our Speaker:

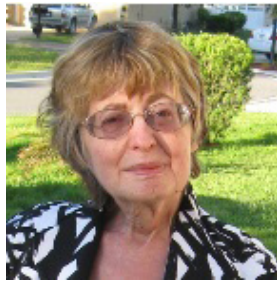
Since joining BBUUC in 1997, Dr. Mark Yount has given over 100 sermons, chaired committees, served on the Board, and served as Youth Adviser. Mark taught philosophy at Trinity College (Hartford), St. Joseph's (Philadelphia), and Jacksonville University. He has degrees in Philosophy from William and Mary (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.

February 25

Linda Crawford presents

"Our 6th UU Principle"

Worship Leader: Kris Kines
Accompanist: Gary Smart



About our Service:

Linda will explore the 6th UU Principle (The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all) as part of her ongoing series on our seven principles.

About our Speaker:

Linda and her husband Dale have been enthusiastic and active members of BBUUC for nine years now. This church has provided a home for her, a circle of friendship, and a refuge from a sometimes incomprehensible society. In the last few years, she has probed ever more deeply into Unitarian Universalist values; our greatest, in her mind, is compassion.

Treasurer's Corner

As I stated in last year's report to the congregation, the church's finances are in good shape. We are well-positioned to begin any major initiative that the congregation wants. That is not to say that we can afford to do most anything – hiring additional staff or undertaking a building initiative or property acquisition – without an increase in giving by our congregants. We have enough money to get started on a major initiative, but our congregation will have to increase our annual unrestricted giving to have enough money to carry a major initiative through to completion. That increase in giving will have to come from both new and existing members.

The Treasurer's reports to the Board, including complete year-to-date financial statements, are available on the Members section of our website www.bbuuc.org. The Treasurer (Dale Crawford) and Finance Chair (Pam Richards) are available to answer any questions about church finances.

Dale Crawford, Treasurer



ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



Learn BBUUC's wishes for the future at

Vision Town Hall

on Sunday February 11 at noon

Now that you've filled out your Vision survey, aren't you curious to find out what everyone else said?

We are!

Join us for a Town Hall meeting where we will share the results from the canvass that aims to learn the congregation's deepest wishes for the future. After the presentation, anyone attending will have the chance to talk about whether we "heard" their message correctly and what they think the results mean going forward.

Visioning is an important step in building the church all of us want. Thanks to everyone who filled out a survey. Your input is valuable to us. If you haven't filled one out yet, there's still time.

Don't forget to turn in your Vision Survey!

Deadline is Sunday, Feb. 4

You may:

- Turn in your completed survey at church, or
- Mail it to:

Vision Task Force

Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Church
PO Box 844
Orange Park, FL 32067

Our Mission:

Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Church exists to create and nourish a loving community that seeks justice and respect for all.

BBUUC Second Annual *Service* AUCTION 2018

WHEN? Sunday, February 18, 2018

Starts at Noon (after the service)

WHERE? BBUUC Sanctuary

WHAT? Live and Silent Auction of Services donated by members and friends of BBUUC.

The service auction will offer dinners, trips, outings, household help and other fun activities. Auction items will be services donated by Members and Friends of BBUUC. Plan to join in the Service Auction knowing that this is our major annual fundraiser by offering a service (or two) and bidding on a service (or two)!

There will be pizza, beverages and dessert at the auction for a nominal donation. All funds raised at the auction will go to BBUUC.



Blue Springs State Park Day Trip

Join us as we head down to Blue Springs State Park to see the manatee! We will meet at the church early on Saturday, February 10th, so we can get to the park before it reaches capacity. This is a very popular place to see manatee in the winter time! More details will be coming!



Upcoming workshops from Leadership Development

Sunday, February 25 and April 29, 2018
from 12:00 - 2:00 pm
in Pete Seeger Room @ BBUUC

Leadership Development will be conducting two upcoming workshops on **Sunday, February 25 and April 29**. These workshops have been designed to help new and established members enrich their experiences at BBUUC.

If you have never been a leader—these workshops are for you. If you would like to be a committee member - these workshops are for you. If you are a committee member but are interested in being a chair - these workshops are for you. If you have been a leader but are experiencing burnout—these workshops are for you. If you would like to serve on the BBUUC Board - these workshops are for you. If you want to enhance the time you spend at BBUUC - these workshops are for you.

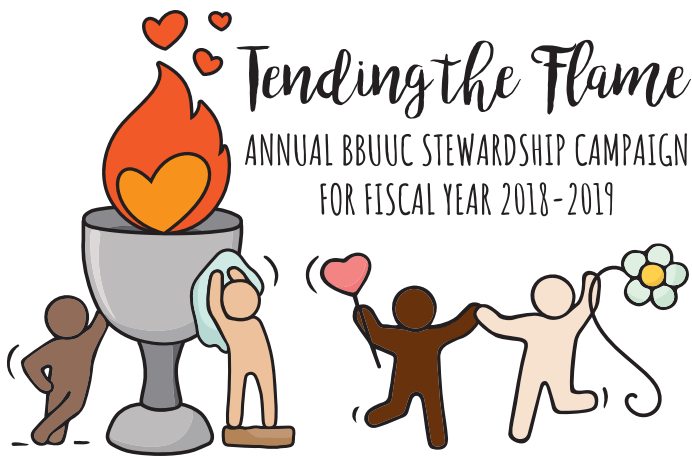
Since these workshops have been designed for new and established members, any member is welcome to attend.

Childcare is available so let us know asap if needed.

Please respond to us if you are interested in being part of these workshops at: ld@bbuuc.org

Joann, Peg, Grace

Your BBUUC Leadership Development Committee



Stewardship Sunday (March 4th) is coming soon!

This is NOT your typical Stewardship Sunday!

We are celebrating what Stewardship means here at BBUUC.

Aside from the compelling worship service, we will also be hosting a Volunteer revival. Whether you are a new member, a first time visitor or a long time member - we have so many volunteer opportunities in areas like Social Action/Justice, Caring, Hospitality, etc. We all have our unique time, talent or 'treasure' to allow us to thrive as a congregation.

Obviously our pledges support our worship services, our magnificent building, and our ongoing programs. But on top of that, our volunteer spirit provides the ability to provide a pretty magnificent lay led congregation. Then take on the talent that provides music, worship leaders/speakers, behind the scenes administration and oversight ... we have the pretty good thing going on.

Join us on March 4th to celebrate Generosity at BBUUC as we look ahead to all that is possible in a truly caring and loving environment we call 'home.'



Newcomer Classes February/March 2018

Do you want to know more about Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Church?

We offer a three part series of classes in preparation to become a member of BBUUC.

When: February 25, March 4, March 11
New Member Ceremony - March 17

Where: BBUUC

When: After services, 12 Noon - 2 pm

Other: Bring a lunch. Will you need child care?

February 25 - Session I - "Getting to Know U"

Small group discussion where we get to know one another, share our spiritual journeys and talk about UU principles and practices.

March 4 - Session II - "Getting to Know UU"

What is Unitarian Universalism? Learn about our history.

March 11 - Session III - "Getting to Know BBUUC"

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

Each two hour session is designed for group participation.

For those who choose to join the church, a New Member Ceremony will be held during Sunday worship service after the classes end.

Please respond to membership@bbuuc.org or to Eileen Morrison or Grace Repass, Membership Co-Chairs, if you are interested in attending these classes.

MEMBER NEWS



New Member Elizabeth Garcia

New member Elizabeth Garcia has been attending BBUUC regularly for about a year, and loves the fact that folks here are so down-to-earth, active, involved, and not judgmental.

Born in New Jersey, she came to Florida at age 14. Her son and daughter are both adults and Floridians. Elizabeth is considering returning to college soon; meanwhile, she has been involved with social action projects in the community.

You'll often see Elizabeth crocheting—not for herself, but for others who are sick or homeless. And she adds a special gift - an affirmation with every stitch: “You are strong” “You are a good person.” “You are healthy” for the unknown recipient to be helped by the message.

Elizabeth knows something about overcoming challenges. She lip reads and speaks so well that you might never guess that she has been deaf since birth. She also signs, which uses completely different grammatical constructions. Health issues have plagued her in the past. Happily, she credits the fact that she is feeling better than ever before with her recent change to a ketogenic / paleo diet. (And she's lost 40 pounds – so far - with her new eating plan and exercise.)

We welcome Elizabeth to our BBUUC family!



Happy Birthday!

2/1 Marilyn Jones
2/2 Ken Weintraub
2/2 Karen Christiansen
2/4 John Sheffield
2/6 Ellen Miceli
2/9 Lynn Wadley
2/9 John Seng
2/20 Billie-Anne Lentz-Lester
2/20 Jesse Rogers
2/22 Stacy Asimos
2/23 Charles Rippo
2/24 Patty DeStephano
2/24 Phyllis Higginbotham
2/28 Chris Lynch



BBUUC Membership Anniversaries

2/1/15 Jim & Judy Niss
2/5/17 Alexa Adamecz, Adrienne Cology, Diane Freeman, Richard Funk, Phil Hamon, Kristin Hamon, Peter Hampton, Carole Hawkins, Caitlin Regan, Terry Versailles
2/10/13 Madeline Sims
2/14/16 Kelly LoTiempo, Job Meiller
2/15/04 Steve & Bonnie McCullar
2/20/05 Ron & Christine Rothberg

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

An invitation from Tara Crisp, co-chair of the Caring Committee

Enter, Rejoice and Come In! is a favorite hymn of mine! Enter our doors, Rejoice that we can worship together and Come In to fellowship and community. But no one alone can create community. It is our strength together that creates the love we are seeking. When we care for each other and worship together by attending church on Sundays we fulfill the potential we each have to be holy. Come and fill our sacred space! Attend church on Sunday mornings!

—Thank you! Tara Crisp

Joys and Concerns

Congratulations to **Rachel Hunt** and **Orion Roesch**—they are recently married. We wish the newlyweds the best!

Continued healing prayers for **Eileen Morrison's** brother-in law, **David Christenson's** sister and **Myrna Kissinger's** cousin who are in recovery after facing medical challenges.

Our hearts are with **Jenny Kobin** and **Annabelle Gallois-Bernos** as both are currently undergoing treatment for breast cancer. Please find them in your church directory and reach out with calls and cards to support them during this challenge.

Continued healing prayers for **Peter Hampton**. He's recovering from severe trauma after being hit on his motorcycle by a drunk driver on his way home from work on Dec. 18.

BBUUC NEWS

BBUUC ICARE Network Meeting February 5

The annual BBUUC ICARE Justice Ministry Network Meeting will be held Monday, February 5, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, at BBUUC. A dinner of pizza and salad will be served. Current ICARE issues will be discussed. And plans will be made for the Nehemiah Assembly on April 23. If you are not already an ICARE Network Member and wish to learn more about ICARE (the Interfaith Coalition for Action, Reconciliation and Empowerment), email ICARE@bbuuc.org.



Social Action Committee Update

BBUUC members joined in Jacksonville's celebration the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on his birthday. This year is the 50th anniversary of Dr. King's Assassination. His passion and example continue to inspire justice movements that bring members of diverse racial, ethnic, gender, religious, occupational and age groups together in common causes.

With White Supremacist and Anti-Immigrant movements visibly active on the national stage every day, we need to hear again his words in the Letter From the Birmingham Jail, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

May his spirit live in our hearts and inspire our actions for justice.





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

Every Sunday @ 9:30am

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OF
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UNIVERSALIST
PAGANS



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

February 7th & 21st @ 7pm



PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

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

FIRST FRIDAY @ 12pm



Lunch Bunch @ Pengree's

RSVP: Call or Text
John Sheffield
at 904.728.3565

SECOND WEDNESDAY @ 11:30am

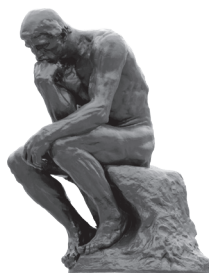
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CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

freely following jesus



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

Monthly on the 4th Sunday @ 9am



First Coast Freethought Society

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

**THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
6:30 - 8:30pm (doors open at 6pm)**

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.



"Goodness is the only investment that never fails."

— Henry David Thoreau

Meals on Wheels Update: Donation Collected February 4

About Clay County Meals on Wheels:

Home Delivered Meals and nutrition education are provided to elderly who have a physical or mental disability and are homebound, living alone, or with others who need help in the preparation of meals. Outreach is provided to the community for identifying persons in need of service through health fairs, speaking engagements and referrals.

The home delivered meals program provides 1/3 of the recommended dietary allowance requirements for persons over 60 years of age. Meals are packaged in special containers to preserve freshness and maintain food quality. Nutrition education information is provided on a monthly basis.

This “meals-on-wheels” program relies heavily upon volunteers to deliver meals. Private citizens donate their time and vehicles, assisting in the delivery of homebound meals for these isolated citizens. Voluntary contributions towards the cost of meals are encouraged and all contributions are used to purchase more meals.

Are You Shopping on Amazon?

Amazon Affiliates Fundraiser

This a great way to support BBUUC with no cost or effort! Revenue we have received from Amazon purchases made through our BBUUC link:

\$118 for purchases made in May, received in July
\$118 for purchases made in June, received in August
\$144 for purchases made in July, received in Sept.
\$118 for purchases made in August, received in Oct.
\$176 for purchases made in Sept., received in Nov.
\$100 for purchases made in Oct., received in Dec.
\$131 for purchases made in Nov., received in Jan.
\$300 for purchases made in Dec., received in Feb.

Remember to use the BBUUC link to Amazon every time you make a purchase, and ask your family and friends to do the same—you don’t need to be a Member of our church to contribute. Just use this link (also found at the bottom of our webpage www.bbuuc.org)

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

No special login or code is needed. How easy is that?

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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