



# The Journey

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



October 2017

## October 2017 Worship Services

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

### October 1 Service:

#### Rev. Liz Teal presents **"Stuff"**

Worship Leader: Kris Kines • Accompanist: Eileen Morrison

#### *About our Service:*

You can't take it with you.... a sermon about the stuff that surrounds us and the stuff that fills our lives... We are a nation of hoarders - what are you hoarding?

#### *About our Speaker:*

Reverend Teal specializes in eco-theology, the human-animal bond, and all their healing aspects. She is the Spiritual Director for The Ministry of Animals and the Educational Director for Giving Paws, specializing in animal assisted therapies and chaplaincies. She graduated Summa Cum Laude in Behavioral Science from Mercy College in New York, with additional concentration and studies in animal-assisted therapies. She holds a certificate in Interfaith, Inter-spiritual Counseling. Her ordination is from and held by One Spirit Interfaith Seminary. Rev. Teal has taken the vows and is a member of The Community of the Mystic Heart. She is a mystic, a minister, a chaplain, an artist and a storyteller as well as being a third-generation Unitarian Universalist.



### **Pennies from Heaven is October 1**

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

### October 8 Service:

#### Billy Thomas presents **"Sitting with Yourself, Understanding Impermanence, and Making Changes"**

Worship Leader: Jay Gardner • Accompanist: Gary Smart

#### *About our Service:*

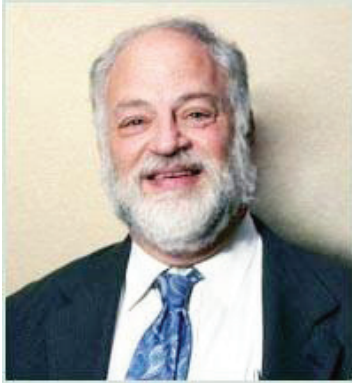
Sometimes it is just hard to sit with whatever you are feeling or experiencing while we have a tendency to be so reactive to change. I'm currently working with the idea that our feelings move our thoughts and then our thoughts spring into action, in the



face of “impermanence”. If we could learn to sit with what is happening to us for just a moment and not be overly attracted or overly repulsed, we may find that we have a better chance to be a part of our own intentional changes.

*About our Speaker:*

Billy has a BA degree from Stetson University, an MA from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and post graduate hours in counseling from the University of North Florida. He is an Academic Counselor at Florida State College at Jacksonville and the Director of the Karma Kagyu Study Group.



**October 15 Service:**

**Rabbi Merrill Shapiro** presents ***“Violence in the Time of Noah”***

**Worship Leader: David Austin • Accompanist: Gary Smart**

*About our Service:*

Genesis Chapter 6, Verse 13 tells us that "God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth." Of what kind of violence was God speaking? What could be worthy of the destruction of human beings on the earth? Those who read the narrative of Noah and the Flood as a children's story

and those who read it casually, all too often miss the point! Let's together read this episode, its prologue and epilogue, a little more carefully and truly understand the message of this classical tale.

*About our Speaker:*

Rabbi Merrill Shapiro, the President of the St. Augustine Jewish Historical Society studied Electrical Engineering at Cornell University and New Jersey Institute of Technology, Jewish Studies and Education at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and The Ohio State University and served as a Graduate Research Assistant at Melton Research Centre for Jewish Education in the Diaspora at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He has also been a Yad Vashem Scholar at Israel's Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem. He was an Instructor of Jewish History at the University of Central Florida and a frequent Road Scholar and currently an OLLI Educator at the University of North Florida.. Shapiro served congregations in Columbus, Ohio, Orlando, Florida and Richmond, Virginia. Shapiro is the Immediate Past National President of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. He and his wife Robyn live in Palm Coast, Florida and have two daughters and five grandchildren.



**October 22 Service:**

**Dr. Mark Yount** presents ***“From Pedestals of Privilege: Deconstructing Confederate Monuments”***

**Worship Leader: Grace Repass • Accompanist: Gary Smart**

*About our Service:*

A majority of Americans believe the South waged Civil War to defend “states’ rights,” not slavery. Many argue that to remove or relocate Confederate monuments is to revise the past. Do these relics of reconstruction still stand for white privilege? How much southern mythology needs to be deconstructed for

the causal chains of slavery to stop rattling our history?

***This service will include a New Member Dedication.***

*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.



## Love Offering for Emergency Caring Fund is October 22

We will collect a special separate offering Oct 22 to help those in need right here in our own church. The Emergency Caring Fund gives our members anonymous financial help if assistance is needed related to illness, disability, death, loss of income or act of nature.

### October 29 Service:

### Jacksonville Covenant of Unitarian Universalist

### Pagans (CUUPS) presents

### *"Celebration of the Ancestors: Samhain Sunday Service"*

Worship Leader: Meg Kaminski • Accompanist: Eileen Morrison

Join BBUUC in honoring the Ancestors in this special Sunday service presented by Jacksonville CUUPS and members of the NE FL Pagan Leadership Coalition. Please bring a photo representing your departed loved ones to place in honor upon the memorial altar. We will call to the ancestors for guidance, learn how various traditions honor their dead, and celebrate those we love who have crossed past the veil.

Following the service we will share a feast in fellowship with our Ancestors and each other. Please bring your best spooky fingerfood, or a favorite dish of your Beloved Dead to share with the living and the dead that will be in attendance.

This is an open event, individuals and families of all faiths, paths, traditions, and religions are warmly welcomed. Childcare is provided during the service for those who may need it, but children are also more than welcome to be present during ritual.



## Director of Religious Education -- DWELLINGS

Sunday August 27th launched our new LRE Year. We are going through some changes as we are still the process of finding a new Director of Religious Education. In the mean time, I have agreed to serve as the Interim DRE. I am hopeful that I will be able to serve our children well as we move forward in our church.

We have started this year with a large group of wonderful kids! So far, each class has made a covenant with one another. For the kids, they understand that a covenant is not a list of rules, but rather promises and expectations that we hold one another to. Spirit Play (ages 3 through 5) is exploring the Wheel of the Year this year and Spirit Explorers (1st through 3rd grades) are building Wonder and Awe in their curriculum. Spirit Seekers (4th through 6th grades) are exploring social problems, also known as "horcruxes," with the help of Harry Potter. We hope to make a difference in our community as we fight these real world social problems. The teens are studying hot topics and social justice, as well as helping with some "horcruxes."

I am excited that we have such a great group of children this year! May we all move forward in hope and love as we move through this upcoming year.

With Hope,  
Erin Rogers  
Interim DRE





# PRESIDENT'S PEN

## The Difficult Questions

Our second source reads: Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love.



If you are unfamiliar with Unitarian Universalist Reverend James Joseph Reeb, I strongly encourage you to engage in some very much needed research. In his short time on this Earth, Reverend Reeb affected the lives of many with his passion and dedication to racial justice. Reverend Reeb died on March 11, 1965, at University Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama. The Reverend had arrived in Selma, Alabama, two days earlier on March 9, 2017, in response to Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s call to people of all faiths to support the marchers that were attempting to walk from Selma to Montgomery. That evening, Reverend Reeb and his African American companions were attacked after they became lost and ventured in to an all-white neighborhood. They were viciously attacked with clubs by a group of white men. The head injuries sustained by Reverend Reeb proved fatal. He died while answering the call of justice.

So, you may ask why I am sharing this anecdote with you. I feel that the most appropriate answer to this question is to use the powerfully prophetic words of Reverend Reeb. When completing his application for ministerial fellowship he wrote the following, "I want to participate in the continuous creation of a vision that will inspire our people to noble and courageous living. I want to share actively in the adventure of trying to forge the spiritual ties that will bind mankind together in brotherhood and peace." When I first came across this quote, I could not help but interpret this as: I need to consciously work to ensure others have the basic worth, dignity,

and respect that I have the luxury of expecting to receive.

A common exercise that I assign to couples that come to me for counseling is as follows: Step 1: Identify five attributes/values that you believe is important for your partner to possess. Step 2: For each item listed, share an instance where you have demonstrated these attributes/values that you believe is important for your partner to possess. I must note that I began utilizing this exercise after my exposure to the teachings of Reverend Reeb.

I find that many people are more than happy to comply with the first step of this exercise. Unfortunately, many people thoroughly enjoy finding faults and deficits in others' actions. As for the second step, people hesitate or simply refuse to follow through on completing it. The issue that most people find in completing the second step is that they do not actually express the very thing that they expect from others. So, how does this apply to our Unitarian Universalist faith? Simple. You cannot expect a person to treat you with compassion, patience, grace, or understanding if you are not exhibiting those attributes to others.

I encourage all who read this to not only engage in this activity, but also apply it to your faith and spirituality. Step 1: Identify five attributes/values that you believe is important for your church to have. Step 2: For each item listed, share an instance where you have demonstrated these attributes/values that you believe is important for your church to possess. You can even take it a step further... Step 1: Identify five attributes/values that you believe is important for the Unitarian Universalist faith to have. Step 2: For each item listed, share an instance where you have demonstrated these attributes/values that you believe is important for your faith to possess.

With this exercise, you can identify not only what you want, what you need, or what you believe that you deserve. You also can identify what you can do to enact change in your relationships. What will you consciously work on to ensure others have the basic worth, dignity, and respect that you have the luxury of expecting to receive? It's time to answer the difficult questions.

In Faith,

Vanessa Sampson Birchell  
BBUUC Board President

## TREASURER'S CORNER

I am pleased to announce that Meg O'Brien has generously bequeathed the Church \$10,000 from her estate. She intended for the funds to be used to increase the Church's endowment, which we will honor. For information on providing for the Church in your estate, please see either Dale Crawford (treasurer@bbuuc.org) or Pam Richards (finance@bbuuc.org).

Dale M Crawford  
Treasurer



## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



### Artist Corner Presentation October 11th

The amazing Butterfly Photos featured in the BBUUC Artist Corner in October are the work of Bill Berthet, international butterfly photographer (and the partner of Lynn Wadley). He took them during his travels in Mexico, Ecuador, Brazil, Bolivia, Peru, China, Russia, Thailand, India, and the US. The framed images are for sale, and 75% of the proceeds will be donated to BBUUC.

AND YOU ARE INVITED on **Wednesday October 11 at 7:30 pm in our sanctuary** to hear about Bill's adventures in the field, as he traveled high mountains and deep jungles in search of these gorgeous creatures. His free Powerpoint Presentation is called *Leeched, Stitched, Bitten, and Poisoned, Adventures of an International Butterfly Photographer*.



### HOW TO DISMANTLE THE RACIAL HIERARCHY A Workshop for White People

**Saturday, October 7th, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm**  
**Buckman Bridge UU Church, 8447 Manresa Ave.**

This workshop is for white people who want to challenge the racism around them—and in their own heads and hearts—and who are searching for a way to strengthen their work for racial justice. It's for white folks who want a better understanding of how white privilege and racism operate in society and inside of them. And, it's for white folks who already do anti-racism work and want to develop their skills and deepen their approach.

The workshop is facilitated by white people for white people. Our two facilitators bring years of experience, knowledge of structural racism, and a passion for creating change:

**Michael Burkart** has been consulting with a focus on diversity training since 1990. He has worked for a wide variety of corporate, public, and non-profit clients and held a teaching position at Antioch New England Graduate School. He has a doctorate in Behavioral Studies from Boston University.

**Hope McMath**, a Jacksonville native, is a cultural leader, educator, artist, and activist with a strong commitment to social justice and generating positive change in organizations and the community.

**Cost is \$75.**

**If cost presents an obstacle please be in touch.**

**Email [bobbie@whiteandwoke.org](mailto:bobbie@whiteandwoke.org) or call 904.923.6468 to register. Space is limited.**

***A packet of resources, continental breakfast, and light lunch are included.***

This is the fourth in a series of trainings produced by White and Woke, a community of white people committed to dismantling structural racism. We are white, we are woke and we speak out because the half of our whole collective is filled with black lives that really do matter. To learn more please visit our website at **[whiteandwoke.org](http://whiteandwoke.org)**



## Fall Picnic October 14th

at Conner's A-Maize-ing Acres  
from 11am to 2pm

We will be meeting at Conner's  
A-Maize-ing Acres to celebrate  
Fall! Come with your family and  
enjoy the corn maize, wagon rides,

farm animals, and farm food! Admission is free for  
children under 2 years old, \$12 for 2 - 4 year olds,  
and \$15 for everyone 5 and over. If we have a group  
of 20 signed up, we can get a discount of \$10/person.

No outside food is allowed, but there is plenty of  
farm fresh food to purchase there! If any one wants  
to sign up, e-mail Erin Rogers at [erinjrogers@fscj.edu](mailto:erinjrogers@fscj.edu),  
with the subject of Fall Picnic.

Conner's A-Maize-ing Acres is located at:  
19856 County Road 121, Hilliard, Fl 32046

You can also check out their website at [http://  
www.conners-a-maize-ing-acres.com/](http://www.conners-a-maize-ing-acres.com/)

## October is Love Offering month for our Emergency Caring Fund!

At BBUUC our Caring Committee has an Emer-  
gency Caring Fund which gives our members anon-  
ymous financial help  
if assistance is needed  
related to illness, disabil-  
ity, death, loss of income  
or act of nature. The fund  
has been in operation  
since the early days of our  
congregation and has helped many of our members  
and their families through rough patches. This fund  
is maintained through your generous donations and  
not from pledge money.



We will collect a special separate offering from  
the congregation on Sunday, October 22. Your  
contribution will help those in need right here in our  
own church. Donations to the Emergency Caring  
Fund can also be given to the church anytime by  
making out a check to BBUUC with "ECF" written  
on the memo line or with a cash offering in a dona-  
tion envelope (found in our hymnals) with "ECF"  
specified on the front.

If you have any questions please contact Tara  
Crisp or Ellen Micelli, Caring Committee co-chairs  
at [caring@BBUUC.org](mailto:caring@BBUUC.org), or see them at church!

## Afternoon Tea

**Wednesday, October 18  
from 2:00PM - 4:00PM**

Join us this month at the home  
of Don & Grace Repass 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 to know each other better. If you'd like  
to bring something not homemade, we welcome it.

**Directions:** Contact [membership@bbuuc.org](mailto:membership@bbuuc.org) to  
RSVP or for address or directions.

**Future Tea Events:** Saturday, December 16 - Janice  
& John Knapik's home

Contact [membership@bbuuc.org](mailto:membership@bbuuc.org) to volunteer for the  
November Afternoon Tea



## Facilities Clean Up Day Saturday, October 21st

Facilities would like to announce a hurricane/fall  
grounds cleanup and invite everyone to come help  
on October 21st. We'll start  
at 8 am. If you cannot get  
there until later, come when  
you can.

If you work until lunch  
with us, we'll provide  
lunch. (And maybe an adult  
beverage but no promises).

We need lots of people  
and people who can provide the following:

- Chainsaw
- Yard tools (rakes, shovels, brooms)
- Cordless drills with screw bits
- Gas-powered weed eater
- Gas powered hedge trimmer

If you have questions, contact Jennifer Stokes or  
[facilities@bbuuc.org](mailto:facilities@bbuuc.org).







## Trunk or Treat

**Saturday, October 28th from  
5pm to 9pm**

***Join CUUPS and LRE for BBUUC's  
Annual Trunk or Treat!***

Costume and pumpkin carving contests, creepy crawly dishes, and of course our Best Trunk Competition promise to make the evening absolutely Spooktacular!



## Proposed Art and Handicraft Sale:

**Saturday and Sunday,  
December 9 and 10**

The church is in the planning stage for an art and handicraft sale December 9 and 10. Members and friends may show their wares and contribute a portion of the sales to the Church. The church hopes to open the event to the community on Saturday.

If you have an interest in participating as a seller, please contact Jim Niss. Please indicate the type of product that you will be offering and some idea of the amount of space you will need.

## Chili Cook-Off Saturday, November 4, at 6:30 at the Church

Tickets will be on sale after Church during October.  
Adults \$10 and Children \$5

Wine, beer and soda will be available for donations.

Join the fun and enjoy sampling a number of great chili recipes at the same time. After supper, you will have an opportunity to vote for your favorite chili. The winner will take the traveling trophy home for a year. Following the Cook-Off, we will organize an Ice Cream Social / Bingo Game activity. I bet you have not played Bingo for many years. This is your chance to join a church Fun-Draising activity and win prizes at the same time.



We cannot have a Cook-Off without Chili Cooks. If you have a favorite recipe, please plan to bring a pot to the Cook-Off and enter the competition for the trophy. Please email Cindy Gaunder at [cigaunder1980@gmail.com](mailto:cigaunder1980@gmail.com) or Jim Niss at [jjfljax@gmail.com](mailto:jjfljax@gmail.com) to confirm your entry. Tell us a bit about the expected taste and degree of heat. We look forward to enjoying your efforts.



**Buckman Bridge  
Unitarian Universalist Church**

### Our Mission:

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

## MEMBER NEWS



### NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

#### Welcome to New Member John Wrightington who tells us:

"I moved to Orange Park (Foxwood) in July from Dallas (and before that Houston) Texas - lived there 22 years. Work for Accenture Consulting in the airline planning group. This work involves helping airlines plan new routes I work from home so can basically live anywhere. I moved here because I plan to retire here and sail (conveniently at the Rudder Club just down the street from BBUUC) and have family here as well.

My immediate family consists of a Black Labrador Retriever (Cody) and a Pit Bull mix (Tanner). They are spoiled and they lick a lot.

I did a lot of volunteer work in Dallas that I'm gradually integrating into my life here. Meals on Wheels for the last 40 years (since college in Daytona Beach) either coordinating volunteers or driving routes. I Also volunteered with Lab Rescue groups in Texas. At the North Texas Food Bank, I worked on fund raising and volunteer coordination, but especially loved sorting food at the distribution center!

I got too many aviation/airline related degrees from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach. As I found out later, I was their youngest applicant (14) even though I didn't start until I was 17.

I transferred to BBUUC from First Unitarian Church of Dallas. Was an RE teacher for 4 and 5 year olds but have recovered from that experience. Was also part of the Caring and Social Action/Justice groups and am getting involved with them here. PS: I was actively discouraged from being in the choir in Dallas - take heed."

## October Birthdays

Ev Corum .....	10/4
Barry Mowers .....	10/7
Betty Forbes .....	10/8
Adam Danisovszky .....	10/9
Robin Regan.....	10/12
Jennifer Glassman.....	10/14
Xena Bunce .....	10/14
Kaia Goodrich.....	10/15
Kent Halsey.....	10/19
Joani Maskell .....	10/20
Steve McCullar .....	10/22
Sharon Antunes .....	10/28
Michelle Danisovszky.....	10/31



## October Membership Anniversaries

Annabelle Gallois-Bernos .....	10/6/02
Ellen Miceli.....	10/10/93
Ev and Michelle Corum.....	10/11/15
Patty DeStephano.....	10/11/15
Jo and Sarah Nieschalk .....	10/11/15
Tara and Michael Crisp .....	10/16/05
Joann Carollo .....	10/16/06
Erin Rogers .....	10/18/15
David Dean .....	10/19/03
Liz Teal .....	10/19/03



## October Wedding Anniversaries

Ed and Linda Spade .....	10/09
Ken Weintraub & John Giordano...	10/17



**BRADER/WISER**

COURAGE AND COMPASSION FOR LIFE AS IT IS

Life is full of hard edges and complicated choices. Braver/Wiser gives you weekly message of courage and compassion for life as it is. Every Wednesday we deliver an original written reflection by a contemporary religious leader, and brief prayer, grounded in Unitarian Universalism. Join the Braver/Wiser community and sign up today!

<http://www.uua.org/braverwiser/subscribe>



## BBUUC NEWS



### **Vision Task Force: October 1 from 12-2**

The Vision Task Force will meet Sunday, October 1 from noon to 2 p.m. All persons are welcome to attend. Members may offer comments and suggestions at the beginning of the meeting. Future meetings will be held on the first Sunday of the month. The task force was set up to develop a process to get congregation-wide input on BBUUC's vision, and to make recommendations to the Board based on that input.

### **ICARE Justice Ministry**



BBUUC is one of 38 religious congregations (Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Bhai, and Unitarian Universalist) that participate with Jacksonville's Interfaith Coalition for Action,

Reconciliation and Empowerment, AKA ICARE. Representing over 30,000 church members, ICARE works with very specific justice issues identified by persons who attend House Meetings which are held each fall in all of the ICARE congregations. BBUUC's ICARE Team Leaders are: Carole Hawkins, Viqui Hilliard, Corinne Warren, Karen Christiansen, and Ken Christiansen.

ICARE House Meetings are a time for small groups of congregation members to share deeply with each other. The same two questions are being addressed in all 38 ICARE congregations across Jacksonville: When have institutions let you down? What do you worry about (close to home, not just national or international happenings)? Citywide actions are planned based on input from house

meetings. Additionally, we at BBUUC can address concerns we share.

Saturday, Sept. 30, 10-noon is an excellent time to attend a House Meeting at BBUUC. We will hold multiple meetings based on RSVP signup. There may be a few spaces left for a House Meeting in a home Friday 7-9 PM, Sept. 29. An October House Meeting will be scheduled if needed. To RSVP or ask questions, respond to [social\\_action@bbuuc.org](mailto:social_action@bbuuc.org). Include your best phone number for a return call.

With the current very forceful and positive emphasis on racial justice in the Unitarian Universalist Association, the outreach of ICARE is central to the mission of BBUUC. More than half of the ICARE congregations are in the Northwest quadrant of Jacksonville. All of the work researching issues and ways to solve problems is done on an integrated, long term basis.

Issues currently addressed citywide by ICARE include Restorative Justice for Youthful Offenders instead of arrests and loss of civil opportunities; Wealth Building in Northwest Jacksonville through worker-owned cooperatives; reducing Homelessness in Jacksonville by supporting a Day Resource Center; and increasing opportunities for felons who have served their sentences by strengthening the Jacksonville Re-Entry Center.

Come to a BBUUC ICARE House Meeting to share your justice concerns with other BBUUC members!



### **Social Action Committee News**

Saturday, September 30 at 4 pm: the River City Pride Parade will go from Boone

Park to Memorial Park in Avondale/Riverside. Gather along Van Wert Ave. 2:30-4:00 pm. Or cheer along the parade route which is new this year: Boone Park > St. Johns Avenue > McDuff Ave. > King St. > Post St. > Park St. > Margaret St. > Memorial Park. BBUUC's Welcoming Congregation will also have a booth at the River City Pride Festival Sunday, Oct. 1, 11 am – 8 pm at Riverside Arts Square (under the Fuller-Warren Bridge). To volunteer email [draustin04@hotmail.com](mailto:draustin04@hotmail.com). Include your best phone num-

ber for a return call.

For any of the Social Justice activities this fall or next year, if you or anyone you know wants an adult size Standing on the Side of Love tee shirt, they can be ordered from the UUA bookstore at <http://www.uuabookstore.org/Standing-on-the-Side-of-Love-Adult-T-P17932.aspx>. If anyone needs child size shirts, there is still a box full of them in the office.

Bring donations for the Orange Park Clothes Closet to church Sunday, Oct. 1. The Clothes Closet provides emergency clothing, household items, food and financial aid. The "Closet" was organized in the early 1950's by a member of Orange Park Methodist Church and has continued to be a beacon of hope for many families in crisis in Clay County. Our goal is to provide non-perishable items that SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) does not provide. Much needed items include: paper towels, toilet paper, diapers, feminine products, Depends, toiletries, detergent, soap, sheets, blankets, quilts, towels, toothbrushes, toothpaste. These items can be placed in the laundry baskets provided near the entryway at the back of the Sanctuary the first Sunday of every month.

Ken Christiansen  
Social Action Co-Chair

## Standing on the Side of Love Shirts

Want an adult size Standing on the Side of Love tee shirt? Then order one from the UUA bookstore!

The church will not order merchandise on the expectation of selling it. The Finance P&P were changed last year to prevent financial losses from merchandise speculation. If anyone needs child size shirts, there is still a box full of them in the office.



## Are You Shopping on Amazon? Amazon Affiliates Fundraiser

### *Fundraising through Amazon is simple!*

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 [bbuuc.org](http://bbuuc.org)):

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

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

Revenue received from Amazon purchases made through our BBUUC link :

**\$118 in July (for purchases made in May)**

**\$118 in August (for purchases made in June)**

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## 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](mailto: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 or less 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.

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

**Every Sunday @ 9:30 am**

**unitarianuniversalist**  
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

*freely following jesus*



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

**Monthly on the 4th Sunday @ 9 am**



## PRAYER SHAWL AFFINITY GROUP

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

**Monthly on the 1st Friday at Noon**



**Lunch Bunch  
@ Pengree's**  
RSVP to  
**Myrna Kissinger**  
at 904-529-7272

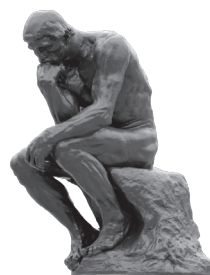
**Second Wednesday @ 11:30 am**

# JACKSONVILLE COVENANT OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST PAGANS



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

**WED, 9/6 & TUE, 9/19 @ 7PM**



## First Coast Freethought Society

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

**Third Monday of each month (EXCEPT DEC.)  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.)**

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's  
Full Calendar can be  
found on line at:  
[www.bbuuc.org/activities](http://www.bbuuc.org/activities)**



*“If I were to wish you peace, it would not be for long. It would be peace to rest, to reflect, to make ready for the coming day, that the full force of your creativity and love might be released and shared.*

*I do wish you peace. ”*

BY BILL HAMILTON-HOLWAY



## From Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray UUA President

**October 2 at 12:16pm**

My heart mourns as I learn of the devastating mass shooting in Las Vegas. May we all hold in our hearts and prayers the families of those who were killed, prayers for healing for those injured, and prayers for the first responders and everyone who was present. May all those touched by this violence including the residents of the community feel the love and prayers from all over the country holding them.



There will be time for answers  
and organizing soon,  
even healing.

But, first, let us open our hearts  
to the pain and the mourning in  
**Las Vegas.**

Reach out in prayer and love to  
the distraught, the confused,  
and the grieving.

Reach out with open hearts and  
loving hands to your neighbor,  
family and friends.

**Hold on, hold each other,  
and hold to love.**

Amen.

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