



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



November 2018

November 2018 Worship Services

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

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Check the BBUUC Calendar for information on other programming.

November 4
Rev. "Faerie"
Elaine Silver
 presents

"Ernest Holmes
Through Song"



Worship Leader: Viqui Hilliard
Accompanist: Gary Smart

About our Service:

Ernest Holmes is the "father" of The Science of Mind New Thought philosophy, and after (only) 25 years in this empowering teaching, Elaine has recently obtained her Religious Science Practitioner's License (RScP) through Centers for Spiritual Living. During this 4 year course of study, many songs came through her as she was learning these Principles, giving her a comprehensive and easily attainable method for learning. Elaine is delighted to have discovered this teaching system that encourages the groups to embody the material in deep, creative and meaningful ways. She looks forward to sharing with her BBUUC family.

Elaine will be sharing songs from her forthcoming CD titled E R N E S T, which is a compendium of songs "co-written" with Ernest Holmes, the creator and author of The Science of Mind textbook and other wonderful books and articles.

About our Speaker/Musician:

Elaine Silver (A.K.A. "Faerie" Elaine) is a seasoned performer, songwriter, touring musician and recording artist (21 CDs to date and counting!). She has been blessed with the voice of an Angel, often described as stunningly clear, supple, rich and like fine crystal. Elaine is thrilled to have her music and life experiences evolve into a Musical Ministry that teaches Universal Law and Truth Principles in ways that fully engage the audience in a context of Peace, Love, Joy, Beauty, Grace, Light, Knowledge and Wisdom. She has had the honor of working in conjunction with many world-renowned spiritual leaders, teachers and authors including Deepak Chopra, Neale Donald Walsh, don Miguel Ruiz, Marianne Williamson, Alan Cohen, Wayne Dyer and others.

Pennies from Heaven is November 4

Please save all of your coins for the first Sunday of each month and remember, bills are welcome too! Pennies from Heaven donations are given to Meals on Wheels programs in Mandarin and Clay County and are alternated each quarter.



November 11
BBUUC Worship
presents

gratitude
CHANGES
everything

“Shared Gratitude”

Worship Leader: Linda Mowers
Accompanist: Gary Smart
Special Music by Claudia Beshears, Cello

About our Service:

This time of year reminds us to be thankful. Join us for a worship service centered on gratitude, which can transform both mood and perspective, as well as lives. Members of our congregation will share their personal experiences of gratitude and what it means to them. Together, we will explore ways to shift our lives into gratitude and recognize it as a spiritual practice.



Our Lifespan Religious Education program will also launch the annual Guest at Your Table (GAYT) program this morning. GAYT is our UU Service Committee’s annual intergenerational program to raise support for and awareness about key

human rights issues. Since UUSC works in over 25 countries, with over 75 grassroots partners, there are thousands of individuals involved in and who benefit from the work that our members make possible.

About our Guest Musician:

Claudia Beshears has been playing cello since she was 12 years old. She has gotten her training from LaVilla School of the Arts, Douglas Anderson School of Arts, and is now in the last year of her performance degree at UNF. She’s currently teaching part-time at Douglas Anderson and plans to pursue graduate school auditions this spring.



November 18
Linda Crawford
presents

“Our Search for Meaning: A Personal View”

Worship Leader: Jennifer Stokes
Accompanist: Gary Smart
Special Music by David Gall, Lute



About our Service:

What is the meaning of human existence? Linda gives two answers to this eternal question: giving and receiving.

About our Speaker:

Linda started delivering sermons at this church eight years ago, one year after she and her husband Dale became members. She writes sermons on topics that fascinate her, and she is finding more and more that these explorations impact her life decisions. Linda is grateful to Buckman Bridge Church for the opportunity to continue exploring these issues.

About our Guest Musician:

David Gall graduated from Jacksonville University cum laude and a few years later became a fan of the lute — thanks to his exposure to the music of Julian Bream. While at a lute recital in Scottsdale, Arizona, David met well known lutist and musicologist Paul O’Dette who specializes in early music. David then took lessons from O’Dette’s lute teacher, Donna Curry, in Topanga Canyon California. He considers himself a millennial troubadour.



November 25

Family Worship Service:

**“The Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address:
Greetings to the Natural World”**

Worship Leaders: Chris Jarman and Jim Wood

Accompanist: Eileen Morrison

About our Service:

The BBUUC children will present the “Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address” Greetings to the Natural World” which is the First People’s Seven Nations Tribe tradition of giving thanks to all those parts of creation that do their duty each day. Join us as we give gratitude to the Natural World.



ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

An Introduction to **Shamanic Journeying**

**Saturday, Nov. 3
9 AM – 4 PM
at BBUUC**



Contact Jim at RavenInTheWood@aol.com to register or for more information.

Shamanism is an ancient spiritual practice for healing (both spiritual and emotional), divination and restoration of personal power. It has been practiced since the beginning of mankind. Jim will be providing an introduction to Universal Core Shamanism which is a distillation of shamanic practices from many cultures.

The workshop will be primarily experiential with participants learning to “journey” to the world of spirits and meeting with spirit allies for healing, divination and other activities. Cost is \$40.

Jim Wood has been a practicing Shamanic Practitioner for 25 years and has trained with the Foundation for Shamanic Studies as well as noted Shamanic teachers Tom Cowan, Sandra Ingerman and Gwilda Wyiaka. He is authorized by Sandra Ingerman to teach Beginning Journey Skills and Soul Retrieval courses.



HOW TO MAKE YOUR VOTE REALLY COUNT

Step out for the evening on Monday, November 12 to find out about the **National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPVIC)** and how it will ensure the presidential candidate with the most votes will be the one sworn into office!

But, it takes states whose electoral votes total 270 or more to put the NPVIC into effect.

How close is Florida with its 29 electoral votes to joining in?

Will Florida be part of this movement?

Do we want to be part?

What part can you play in this movement?

Join us to find out more.

When: Monday, November 12, 7 pm

Where: BBUUC Sanctuary

Open to the public so be sure to invite family, friends, neighbors, coworkers.

For More Information Contact:
Molly Brady, Chair, Social Action Committee



Monthly Drumming Circle

Join us on the 3rd Friday of the month 7:00-9:00 pm for Drumming Circle. The next one will be held Friday, November 16th at 7 pm. You don't have to be an experienced drummer to participate. Beginners are welcome. Bring your drum and your energy. Don't have a drum? We will have a small number of drums for folks to borrow. Don't feel you can drum? Listeners and dancers are encouraged to come and feel the rhythm. Connect with your spirit and your community on a deeper level.

Learn about the 10 health benefits of drumming: <https://www.drnorthrup.com/health-benefits-drumming/>



BBUUC will have a Thanksgiving Potluck this year from 1-6 pm. Before we start taking the list of who is bringing what we want to make sure we have the help to set up and take down. Set up would begin at 10 am. If you're planning on attending/volunteering, please email Lee Plumb at voiceomt2002@gmail.com or catch her at church.

**Now that you're in charge, how do you actually...
Run an effective meeting? Recruit volunteers?
Implement right relations?**

**Discover How Our Church's Top Experts Do
Leadership At BBUUC's First**



Whether you're currently a leader, a volunteer, or merely leadership curious, we welcome you to a morning of facilitated conversations, led by a panel of our church's top leaders, on how things really get done at BBUUC.

**Featuring a Keynote Panel Discussion on:
How to Handle Difficult Behavior in
a Meeting**

**With Chris Jarman, Ken Christiansen,
Eileen Morrison, Linda Mowers**

Followed by breakout sessions built around your leadership questions. Not sure what you want to talk about? Here are some ideas:

- Why do covenants matter and who's using them effectively?
- Do we have to take minutes at our meetings? What should we write down?
- Robert's Rules: Helpful, or a complete drag?
- Is everybody apathetic or what? How do we engage volunteers?
- Who's going to do this job after I'm gone?

Don't be afraid to join us: WE WILL NOT PUNISH YOU BY MAKING YOU A LEADER JUST BECAUSE YOU CAME! This workshop is our gift to you, to help support whatever your volunteer, management or leadership interests may be, within or outside of church.

What is an UnWorkshop anyway?

An UnWorkshop has no agenda. Instead, participants write out the questions and topics they'd like to cover on sticky notes at registration. Organizers set up sessions on the fly around your ideas. There will be thought leaders available who will participate in the discussions led by our group facilitators.

Get answers to your real questions about how to lead. The UnWorkshop will follow the law of two feet—If you're not getting what you need from your session, walk away and join another one.

— Brought to you by the BBUUC Leadership Development Team



2019

New Year, New RE

January will be the beginning of our new Religious Education programming for adults. The new format takes a 4-part approach to meet the needs and interest of our congregants. Please check out what is coming up. Registrations will begin in December.

Journey Circles (Small Group Ministry)

Journey Circle's central goal is to foster circles of trust and deep listening. In traditional small groups, questions are an opportunity for the group to think together, going through each question one by one. Journey Circles will engage reflection questions differently. Questions will be tools for individual exploration and spiritual discernment. Instead of asking small groups to go through the questions and discussing them one at a time during group time, participants will read all the questions ahead of time and find the one question that "hooks them"—the one that speaks to and challenges them personally. Participants then live with -or "walk with"-that question for a couple weeks leading up to the group, coming to their meeting, not with an answer to each of the questions on the list, but with a story about how their one personally chosen question led them to deeper, personal insight. This technique leads us away from abstraction and intellectualizing and challenges us to think about how the topic (and question) applies to our daily living. Sign-ups will begin last week of December.

- Meet once a month
- Each group has a trained facilitator
- Activities provided for the entire month
- Members hold each other accountable to the group
- Groups set the time, day, and place of their meetings

Covenant Group

Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month
Beginning January 9th 7:00 -9:00 pm

- Short-term, bi-weekly commitment for a set amount of time such as Even Song
- See the Heart to Heart Invitation for more information

Book Club

Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month
7:00-9:00 pm

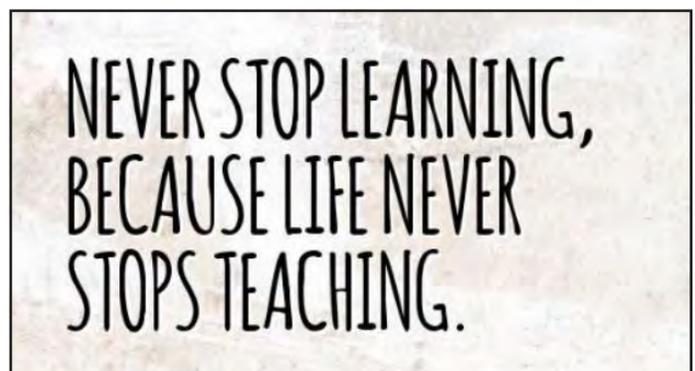
First book will be *Something Must Be Done About Prince Edward County* by Kristen Green. Available at: <http://a.co/d/f5CYMHt>.

Following months' reads:

- (UUA Common Read for 2017-18): *Centering: Navigating Race, Authenticity and Power in Ministry*, edited by Mitra Rahnama. Available at: <http://a.co/d/jkaQbCG>.
- (UUA Common Read for 2016-17): *The Third Reconstruction: How a Moral Movement is Overcoming the Politics of Division and Fear*, by The Reverend Doctor William J. Barber II. Available at: <http://a.co/d/9A5vtrx>.
- *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*, by J.D. Vance. Available at: <http://a.co/d/aFvPSyo>.
- (UUA Common Read for 2017-18): *Daring Democracy: Igniting Power, Meaning and Connection for the America We Want*, by Frances Moore Lappe' and Adam Eichen. Available at: <http://a.co/d/dH5XLnB>.

Workshops

- As scheduled and interest lead
- Example: Shamanic Training Nov 3rd



BBUUC'S
HEART 
 TO **HEART**
COVENANT GROUP

Invitation

We hope you will be a part of a new **HEART TO HEART COVENANT GROUP** for reflection and sharing. Participants will explore individual life journeys through sharing thoughts, experiences, doubts, and beliefs. We will meet on Wednesdays twice a month from 7 to 9pm at the church.

Each time we will follow an order of service with the central event being a sharing time. We will be listening attentively and without interruption to one another. Listening is at the core of Heart to Heart.

Here is our plan (all dates are 2019):

January 9	Listening
January 23	Gratitude
February 13	Balance
February 27	Forgiveness
March 13	God
March 27	Loss and Grief
April 10	Money
April 24	Nature
May 8	Success and Failure
May 22	Friendship
June 12	Doubt
June 26	Making Peace with Parents
July 10	Sustainable Living
July 24	Endings

The Heart to Heart Covenant Group is a good way to explore personal beliefs and possibilities and a great way to get to know a group of people.

We will be using the book *Heart to Heart* by Christine Robinson and Alicia Hawkins, available at <http://a.co/d/diPkkmn>. If you don't have Amazon Prime or for any other reason would prefer that our DRE Chris Jarman purchase a copy for you, let her know (dre@bbuuc.org) and she will get it for you at cost (currently \$12.34 per paperback copy), no shipping charge.

For our first gathering, reflect on the idea of sharing in a group by creating your own stepping stones (see below) and choosing one or more of the other journaling suggestions to explore this topic.

Stepping Stones. To help you begin to tell your story to others in the group, think about your life so far as a set of stepping stones marking major eras in your life. These could include your years as a single mother, or the time you served in the military, or the job you had in Portland, or the time you spent recovering from an accident. Often stepping stones begin or end with a major event of some kind. You might describe one by saying, "I was promoted to a job which I hated and I did it faithfully for three years until I had a heart attack, which was a wake-up call, and so I moved on to ..." Or "Joey was born and I stayed home with him and earned my degree. I graduated, he turned three, and that era ended."

Start with as many stepping stones as you'd like, but try to collapse them into about five "eras" that you are willing to share.

Journaling Suggestions:

What is your favorite childhood story? What is your favorite "victim" story, your favorite "hero" story?

When you were a child, how did your family act around the dinner table? What was mealtime like?

Write about a time in the past few years when you called on one or several of "your communities" for help, nurturing, and support.

Along with your "Stepping Stones" list, bring to the group five tokens such as coins, game markers, pebbles, or similar small items. You can bring five of the same thing, or you can bring tokens that symbolize the five stepping stones of your life.

COLUMNS

President's Perspective

November 2018

Grace Repass
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Get excited!!!! A lot is happening the first quarter of the fiscal year at BBUUC. Fundraising for 2018-2019 is off to a great start. The projected income for our budget this year includes \$12,000 to be earned through fundraising. Let's take a look:

October 13: 70 multi-generational members and friends enjoyed the Chili Cook Off and Square Dance at BBUUC. This fundraiser exceeded all expectations. Prizes were awarded for the best chilis: Best overall, Meat, Spiciest, Veggie, and Youth. Next year look forward to a cornbread category!!! YUM-MY. Square dancing was enjoyed by all. Children danced with adults and it was great fun.

The Silent Auction is getting a lot of attention. DO not miss out. There are dinners, massages, and so much more. It is currently on display in the Sanctuary. Many of our members and friends have offered services. The auction ends on Sunday, October 28. Put your bid in now and check back frequently to make sure you have the winning bid!

First Fridays are fun gatherings of BBUUC members and friends. Various hosts organize each event, everybody attending the potluck meal buys a \$10 ticket, and brings a luscious dish to share. Last month it was "green" which meant each person brought their own plates, utensils, and napkins and took them home to wash afterwards. That saved paper and a lot

of clean up time. In the future, there may be a speaker, or some other fun activity in addition to eating and visiting.

Fundraising this year is being carried out under a new ideology, The Hub Approach, introduced to us by Jasmine Turner through her work with the National Parks Association.

The points of contact for the HUB are Trustees Christine Rothberg and Eileen Morrison. Members are asked to consider their own talents and skills to propose and lead fundraising events. Utilizing the talents of our members offers the congregation the opportunity to get to know one another better, as well as generate funds for the improvement of the place we love, BBUUC.

More information about this HUB Approach will be announced during an upcoming service and more in depth in next month's Journey. In the meantime if you have an idea or skill you would like to share to add to the fundraising goals contact Christine trustee_crothberg@bbuuc.org or Eileen trustee_emorrison@bbuuc.org.

As has been said previously, "It Takes a Village" and that is especially true at BBUUC.

— Grace

FUND RAISING HUB





DRE Column Bringing it home

If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough.

— Meister Eckhart

Cultivating a spirit of gratitude has proven to lower stress and lead people toward a more optimistic world view and greater life satisfaction. What better day to cultivate a spirit of gratitude than Thanksgiving? It is the perfect time to focus on our blessings.

Materials:

- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Markers/crayons/pencils
- Yarn
- A tree or bush in the yard with branches low enough to hang ornaments from

Instructions:

- Cut out construction paper circles, punch a hole in each of them, and tie a loop of yarn through each hole. This will create the circle ornaments that can hang on the tree. Make enough circle ornaments for each family member to have at least three.
- On Thanksgiving Day, before or after the meal, ask each family member to sit at the table and write down on the ornaments at least three reasons they are thankful (one per ornament). Younger children can draw pictures. Remind everyone that the reasons will be shared.
- Gather outside at the tree.
- Take turns naming the items and hanging them on the tree.
- After the conclusion of the tradition, someone

says, “Our tree is full of so many reasons why we are grateful this day. Let us continue our celebration together knowing that our lives are full! Blessed Be!”

- Invite everyone to take their ornaments home with them.

Notes:

It is easy for some people to think of things that they are grateful for. It’s more of a challenge for others. Help those who need a little assistance by prompting. Is there anyone in this house you are thankful for? What about the food you eat or the clothes you wear? Try not to evaluate what people (particularly children) list on their gratitude ornaments. A child might want to be grateful for their toys, their video games, and their puzzles instead of the bed they sleep in, the food that they eat, and the clothes that they wear. The exercise is about naming the things we are grateful for, not inspiring guilt.

Variations:

- Create an indoor tree by putting a large branch in a tall vase.
- Make the gratitude ornaments in the shape of leaves
- Do the exercise on a different fall day.

Resource: *Faithful Families* by Traci Smith

Chalice Lighting:

We light this candle to remind ourselves to treat all people kindly, because they are our brothers and sisters.

We light this candle to remind ourselves to take good care of the earth, because it is our home.

We light this candle to remind ourselves to live lives full of goodness and love, because that is how we will become the best people we can be.

— Anonymous

Family Grace:

*May we hold hands quietly for a moment,
feeling love flow around us and through us,
knowing that as we give love away
there is always more within.*

— Anonymous

A Thanksgiving Blessing Meditation

By Naomi King

Let us join hands and hearts in gratitude on this wondrous day where we have the abundance of our lives before us. We remember this day of bounty all of those who do not have enough, who are afraid, who are lonely, and who suffer. We wish for the abundance of this world to be shared, for fear to become love, for the lonely to feel welcomed, and for the suffering to know rest and joy. For the labors, the love, the care that gave us the delights of this and every day, we say “thanks!” For the nourishment of our spirit, the challenges that strengthen us, and the friends we have on the journey, we sing “thanks!” For all that is our lives, for these good gifts, we whisper, “thanks!” Overflowing with gratitude, let us shout, “thanks!” Amen.



Love & Peace
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The UUSC & The Guest at Your Table

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) is a nonprofit, nonsectarian organization advancing human rights together with an international community of grassroots partners and advocates.

The UUSC focuses their work on intersecting roots of injustice to defend rights at risk due to criminalization and systemic oppression of people based on their identity. They support self-determination and

defend the rights of people displaced due to climate, conflict or economic hardships; and respond to humanitarian crises as partners with people whose access to aid is most limited.

Striving to center the voices of people most affected by injustice, UUSC creates eye-to-eye relationships with frontline grassroots movements across the world that support marginalized communities in determining their steps for the future.



What is Guest at Your Table?

Guest at Your Table (GAYT) is UUSC’s annual inter-generational program to raise support for and awareness about key human rights issues. Since UUSC works in over 25 countries, with over 75 grassroots partners, there are thousands of individuals involved in and who benefit from the work that our members make possible. The program is an opportunity to celebrate grassroots partnership, support human rights, and learn about just four of these individuals – the “guests” in Guest at Your Table. Just place your “guest” box on your dining table and every time you eat place your change into the box. Share the box with friends and neighbors, maybe even host a GAYT dinner. At the end of the campaign, count up your collection and write a single check to UUSC GAYT and turn in at the RE table in the sanctuary on December 9th.



Support from UUSC members allows us to partner with grassroots organizations around the globe, making a lasting difference in the lives of thousands. Congregations participating in Guest at Your Table are introduced to four grassroots partners – the “guests” in Guest at Your Table. Connecting with these partners’ through their stories and experiences, participating congregations join UUSC in raising support and awareness to advance human rights, dismantle systems of oppression and uplift the inherent dignity of all people.

UUSC 2018-2019 Theme: Justice Across Borders
From the Northern Triangle of Central America, to

deserts of Mexico and Arizona, to detention centers in the United States, the road away from danger is paved with injustices. Partnering with grassroots allies along the Central American migration trail, UUSC addresses root causes, supports migrants in transit, and protects the right to seek asylum. Join with UUSC for Guest at Your Table to learn more about UUSC's and our nation's involvement in Central America – historically and presently – and our courageous Migrant Justice partners.



Since 2014, violence in Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala has led nearly 250,000 Central Americans to seek asylum in the United States.

THE STATISTICS ARE IMPORTANT.
SO ARE THE STORIES.

This year, you'll meet...



<https://www.uusc.org/resources/congregations/guest-at-your-table/v>

Guest at Your Table Suggested Activities

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
November 11 Take boxes home and place them on your dining table	November 12 Read Ely Rosales story in <i>Stories of Hope</i> and discuss it.	November 13 Watch videos of human rights work from these boxes on the GAYT website	November 14 Find some age-appropriate books about countering hate to get from the library	November 15 Talk with family & friends about what you think constitutes hate	November 16 Follow U.U. Service Committee (UUSC) on Facebook	November 17 Invite friends to dinner. Tell them about GAYT and ask them to contribute
November 18 Stop by the social justice board to find out what our church is doing & what you can do	November 19 Read Clementina Flores story in <i>Stories of Hope</i> & discuss it	November 20 Write about a time you've been away from family and how it felt for you	November 21 Find out what refugee groups have been resettled in Florida	November 22 Gather toiletries, socks, and other items requested by the social justice committee	November 23 Offer to do 'chores for change' to earn money for the GAYT box	November 24 Take the box with you to a friend's house and add it as the centerpiece
November 25 Talk with someone about how the increase in hate is affecting you	November 26 Read Argelia Barajas story in <i>Stories of Hope</i> & discuss it	November 27 Write about how you maintain your own resiliency	November 28 Talk about how you can be more welcoming to people who are different from you	November 29 Share a story you've heard about something hateful that has happened	November 30 Take a self-care moment to strengthen your resiliency	December 1 Find out what local organizations are working for immigrant social justice in our community
December 2 Research the <i>Love Resist</i> movement, a joint effort of the UUA and the UUSC	December 3 Read Valentina Mejia story in <i>Stories of Hope</i> & discuss it	December 4 Call one of those organizations and find out what support they need	December 5 Learn about UUSC's history	December 6 Fill a purse/bag with things that you can offer to a homeless person in our community	December 8 Make a list of questions you wonder about the people from the brochure	December 9 Write about what human rights & social justice mean to you

Return contributions from your boxes to the RE table in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 9. Please add up your change and write one check for the amount to UUSC GAYT. Please bring the check in an envelope with your name, address, phone number, and email address so you can be credited for your donation by the UUSC.



Treasurer's Report November 2018

Pam Richards
BBUUC Treasurer
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At the end of September we completed the first quarter of our fiscal year in a strong financial position.

Since some Members pay their entire pledge early in the fiscal year, as of September 30 we already had 38% of pledge promises. General donations, plate cash, and other revenue were higher to date than budgeted. Total Revenue was 33% and Total Operating Expenses were 30% of budget. \$5,600 was utilized from the Capital Repair and Replacement (CR&R) Reserve for emergency repairs to the sanctuary A/C system. Donations to the Emergency Caring Fund and Memorial Garden Fund were received in memory of Tina Nomura.

Fundraising is off to a good start. By the end of December we expect to have reached at least half of our \$12,000 goal for the year: ~ \$1,000 from First Fridays, the Chili Cook-off/Square Dance, and Shaman workshop, plus anticipated proceeds of \$5,000 or more from the Silent Auction. Please direct suggestions for fundraising activities for the second half of the year to Trustees Eileen Morrison and Christine Rothberg.

In September we provided training for the Board and Long Range Planning committee aimed at:

1) Knowledge of financial reports 2) Shared understanding of BBUUC's financial position 3) Authority and responsibility for financial decisions 4) Budget process and timing.

In October, Sandy Goldman and Nina Hemmelgarn completed the annual review, concluding that financial statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 are an accurate representation of BBUUC's financial status. They highlighted the extraordinary efforts of Dale Crawford who served the church as Treasurer for 5 years, stating, "Having completed an audit 9 years ago, it is clear to us how substantially BBUUC has evolved. It is with sincere gratitude that

Dale has successfully organized and managed the financial growth of the church during this period. Of note is the creation of an Endowment Fund and more importantly the creation of Reserve Funds into which reserves are set aside each month to assure the church's finances are not at risk when high price maintenance is required."

Each month the full Treasurer's Report to the Board and accompanying financial statements are sent to all Members along with Board meeting minutes from President Grace Repass. Any questions or comments on church finances, please see me or Finance Chair Peg Christenson.

Respectfully,
Pam Richards, Treasurer



ICARE Report November 2018 by Ken Christiansen

With the House Meetings completed, the next major ICARE event is the Community Problems Assembly which will be held November 13, 7 pm, at Christ The King Catholic Church, 742 Arlington Road North. Fifty-one BBUUC members and friends shared individual stories in BBUUC House Meetings and one-to-one conversations with BBUUC Team Leaders. The Community Problems Assembly is where we funnel up all the stories from the 38 ICARE congregations in order to decide what our community's social justice story is and what issues we'll tackle this year. Everyone is invited and BBUUC's twenty-one Justice Ministry Network Members are strongly encouraged to attend. We will be carpooling as needed. For more information contact a BBUUC ICARE Team Leader: Molly Brady, Carole Hawkins, Viqui Hilliard, Karen Christiansen or Ken Christiansen. Or email ICARE@bbuuc.org.



MEMBER NEWS



We welcome new Member, Ashley Collins!

New Member Ashley Collins and her son, Kayden (age 11), LOVE animals. They have three cats, a fish and two sea snails. Her fiancé Warren has a cat too, and Ashley's parents with whom she shares a home have three dogs and a cat. She'll be glad to tell you all about the pets – their names, ages and health situations. One day she hopes to have some pet chickens for fresh eggs too. She is a pescetarian – eating no land meat, but seafood, dairy, and eggs.

Warren and Ashley went to high school together, lost touch and then were thrilled to re-connect on Facebook last year. They are planning to tie the knot at City Hall within the next few weeks and are in the process of searching for a house to rent.

Ashley works at Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center as a Medical Records Analyst. She's been with Baptist for six years, but just started with MD Anderson in May and loves it. Despite being so busy, she finds time to be a fan of all things Japanese – food and special recipes, music, culture and learning the language. She's also a big fan of sci-fi and fantasy, especially vampires!

Ashley was raised Jehovah's Witness but it just wasn't for her. She tells us that when she walked in the door of BBUUC she felt that she was home, something she'd never been able to feel before. Until then she had had no idea there were other people with the same or similar ideals when it came to faith. She wants to raise Kayden the same – to live and learn and choose the path that works for him.

We welcome new member Ashley Collins.

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 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.



Live your values aloud, not alone.

Our open-minded, open-hearted spiritual communities help people live lives of justice, love, learning and hope.

Your adventure in faith starts here.

Our Mission:

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

Happy Birthday!

11/1.....Jyoti Chawla
11/3.....Corinne Warren
11/5.....Robert Brewer
11/7.....Diane Freeman
11/7.....Linda Mowers
11/10.....Anunnaki Marquez
11/11.....Brenda Patterson
11/12.....Erik Slader
11/15.....Grace Lindewirth
11/16.....Debbie Atkins
11/16.....Linda Crawford
11/19.....Chloe LoTempio
11/19.....Karen Roberts
11/19.....Frank Schwartz
11/23.....Annabelle Gallois-Bernos
11/23.....Arabella Vergenz
11/24.....Alyssa Halliday
11/25.....Sev Johansson
11/28.....David Austin



Wedding Anniversaries

11/4.....Olevnik, Judy & Peter
11/12.....Jarman, Jim & Chris
11/25.....Hampton, Peter & Joye



Membership Anniversaries

Debbie Atkins..... 11/16/2008
David Christenson..... 11/16/2008
Peg Christenson 11/16/2008
Betty Forbes 11/20/2005
Howard Miller..... 11/22/2014
Rich Toupin 11/16/2008
Lynn Wadley 11/22/2009



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.

EXTERNAL EVENTS



UU Florida Women's Retreat Celebrating Sacred Places

**9th Annual Florida Unitarian Universalist
Women's Retreat
April 5-7, 2019
[DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center](#)
Ellenton, FL**

Still undecided about participating in the April UU Women's Retreat? Last year filled up quickly and there was a wait list. See Pam Richards if you want to learn more.

The retreat begins Friday at 5:00pm and ends Sunday. DaySpring Conference Center is conveniently located off I-75 just north of Sarasota on Florida's West Coast. The beautiful campus nestled under ancient oaks and located on a cove of the Manatee River offers a serene setting for our annual retreat. Take a look: <http://Dayspring.dioswfl.org>.

\$220 per person covers expenses for a semi-private room and meals. 8 women share a cozy cottage with 4 bedrooms and 4 baths, a screened porch and common area. A limited number of single rooms are available at \$292 each.

A non-refundable deposit of \$15 for a semi-private room or \$25 for a private room will reserve your place. Final payment is due January 15, 2019. Come join us for an enriching and memorable weekend. Any questions? Contact Helen Leddy: helen.leddy@gmail.com

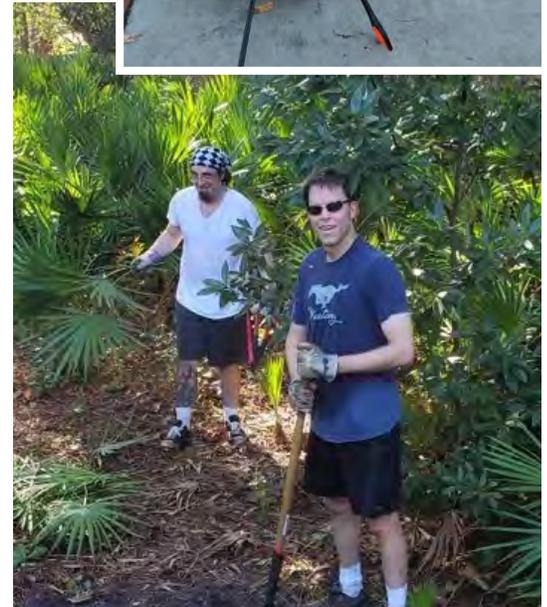
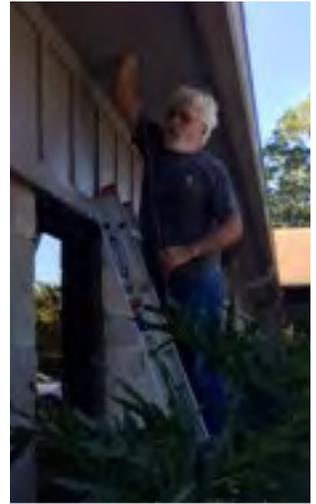
BBUUC NEWS

Church Cleanup Day

Thank you so much to all of our volunteers at the church cleanup day October 20th. Thank you for your time and service in tending to our church grounds.

Jim Wood
Steve McCullar
Cindi Jorgensen
David Christenson
Peg Christenson
Gary Dunkle
Thalia Dunkle
Sev Johansson
Molly Brady

Joann Carollo
Janice Knapik
Brad Goodrich
Barry Mowers
Don DeStephano
Mary Ann Kidd
Viqui Hilliard
And our Sexton,
Paul Christenson





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

EVERY SUNDAY @ 9:30am

JACKSONVILLE
COVENANT
OF
UNITARIAN
UNIVERSALIST
PAGANS



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

NOVEMBER 21st @ 7pm



PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

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

FIRST FRIDAY @ 12pm



LUNCH BUNCH

(Location to be determined each month)

Call or Text

John Sheffield to RSVP

(904) 728-3565

SECOND WEDNESDAY @ 11:30am



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

FOURTH SUNDAY @ 9am



First Coast Freethought Society

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

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



Beacon is a community of UU teens aged 12-20.

<https://sites.google.com/site/bbuucbeacon/>

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS FROM 7-9pm



Lunch Bunch @ GiGi's

inside the Ramada Inn (in Mandarin)

RSVP to Ron Nowack
ronow@yahoo.com

LAST FRIDAY @ 12pm

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.



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\$93 from purchases made in January, received in March
\$112 from purchases made in February, received in April
\$93 from purchases made in March, received in May
\$142 from purchases made in April, received in June
\$156 from purchases made in May, received in July
\$179 from purchases made in June, received in August
\$113 from purchases made in July, received in September
\$244 from purchases made in August, received in October
\$137 from purchases made in September, to be received in November

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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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