



# The Journey

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



October 2018

## October 2018 Worship Services

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

8447 Manresa Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32244

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Check the BBUUC Calendar for information on other programming.

**October 7**  
**Manuel (Manny)**  
**Andrade**  
**will present**

***"Saints Beyond their  
Caricatures"***



**Worship Leader: David Austin**  
**Accompanist: Gary Smart**  
**Special Music by Marilyn Smart**

### *About our Service:*

By going beyond the caricatures we paint of prophets and great teachers we lose their essence.

### *About our Speaker:*

Manuel (Manny) Andrade was born in Lima Peru and raised in NY. He attended Hunter College in NYC. He is a life professed Franciscan Friar. He attended Sanctus Theological Seminary and since 2002 holds a Licentiate in Sacred Theology. He received Diaconal Orders in 2000 and was ordained a Priest in 2003 in the American Catholic Church. He entered the Monastery of Our Lady Of Maine in 2001, on the grounds of the Cathedral Church of St Luke (Episcopal) in Portland as a friar of the Anglican Order of Jonathan Daniels for 2 years. He has been a Social Worker serving communities living with HIV in NY, VA, ME and FL since 1989. He married his husband

Rusty Turner 2 years ago and share their home with their beloved mutt Roxy.

### *About our Musician:*

Marilyn Smart has worked with Robert Shaw and the Seattle Symphony, Seiji Ozawa and the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and Dave Brubeck at Indiana University. She has given solo performances in formal concert halls in Europe, Japan, and the US as well as university concert halls, rural American schools, special cultural outreach venues in Japan, and even Eskimo villages in Alaska. Marilyn now teaches voice and vocal diction at UNF. She has long championed the works of contemporary classical American composers with her pianist-composer husband, Gary.



## ***Pennies from Heaven is October 7***

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.

**October 14**

**Rev. Elizabeth Teal**  
will present

***"Joy!"***

**Worship Leader:**  
Caitlin Regan  
**Accompanist:** Gary Smart  
**Guest Musician:**  
Clement Dutheil



*About our Service:*

A peek into the Art, Science, Spirituality and Essential Need of Joy. And why it is more important now, in these uncertain times, to cultivate it.

*About our Speaker:*

Reverend Elizabeth Teal is an ordained interfaith minister, an animal behavior specialist and an artist. She is honored to be present in spiritual counseling, chaplaincy and in creating ceremonies and celebrations for one and all. She deeply believes in our healing connections with each other and other species. Rev. Teal actively tours as a speaker and storyteller, as well as appearing on local and national television and radio discussing pets, pet-related issues and our human bonds with them. She has taken the vows and is a member of The Community of the Mystic Heart. Her ordination is from and held by One Spirit Interfaith Seminary. She is a third-generation Unitarian Universalist. Reverend Teal believes in the inherent worth and dignity of everyone, knowing that the Light of Love shines into every heart through many windows.

*About our Guest Musician:*

**Clement Dutheil** is a French native who grew up in Central Florida. He has been playing Tuba now for 15 years. Through the years he has also learned the Trumpet and Trombone. Clement is majoring in Classical Tuba Performance at The University of North Florida. He studies under James Jenkins and hopes to go to Boston for his Masters in Music.



**October 21**

**Diane E. Freeman, PhD. will present**

***"Caring for Ourselves and Others"***

**Worship Leader:** Kris Kines  
**Accompanist:** Gary Smart  
**Special Music By** Caitlin Regan and Job Meiller

*About our Service:*

Why care, who to care for, and ways to show our care. Everyone has an important role to play in making the world a better place.

*About our Speaker:*

Diane received her BSN from the University of Florida in 1969. She then joined the Air Force and was sent to Davis Monthan in Tucson, AZ. There, she met and married her, now, ex-husband. She has two children, Kim and Brian. After working as a nurse in both full-time and part-time jobs, she returned to UF, where she earned her Master's and Ph.D. in counseling psychology. She had a private practice, worked as an adjunct professor at St. Leo's University, as a Crisis Intervention Specialist for the Marion County Sheriff's Office, and as a Senior Psychologist at Lowell Correctional Facility. Diane was a founding board member of the Marion County Literacy Council, and she is a past-president of Altrusa International of Ocala. Today, she enjoys living right behind her son and his wife, Jae, and her two grandchildren, Dexter and Edith.



*About our Musicians:*

**Job Meiller** has loved the guitar for many years. It's usually in the car, tuned up and ready to play. He is often found livening up parties or local cafes with his





rich baritone voice, interesting repertoire and guitar chords. And Job is always ready to help out with a song!



**Caitlin Regan** has loved to sing all her life. In college, she regularly performed the National Anthem for the Hudson Valley Renegades, the Single-A baseball team for the Tampa Bay Rays, later became the lead singer for her church's worship band and has been a member of the

Jacksonville Symphony Chorus since 2012. Her favorite audience, however, is her two young daughters, who love to hear "If," by Bread, and Elvis Presley's "I Can't Help Falling In Love With You" before bed each night.

### ***A Love Offering for the Emergency Caring Fund is October 21***

We will collect a special separate offering Oct 21 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. For more information about the ECF, see the article in this issue of *The Journey*.



### **October 28 BBUUC's Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS) will present:**

#### ***"Celebration of the Ancestors"* with Paolo Santo**

**Worship Leader: Meghan Kaminski  
Accompanist: Gary Smart  
Special Music by Lynn Wadley on Psaltery**

#### *About our Service:*

Join the BBUUC in honoring the Ancestors in this special Sunday service presented by Jacksonville CUUPS. 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.



This year the service will also include a mini-sermon by Medium Paolo Santo about the world that lies beyond the veil.

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

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 the ritual.

*About our Speaker:*

Paolo Santo is a practicing Psychic Medium Proper, who has for the last 18 years been involved in many traditional forms of Eastern & Western ceremonial magick, philosophies, psychic phenomenon & Esoteric/Exoteric studies. His passion centers closely on reproducing experiments and demonstrations from the Golden age of the Divine Sciences. Beyond his traditional Spiritual pursuits, Paolo is involved in a multitude of metaphysical arts which allows himself to understand spiritual phenomena which have occurred in his life since a young age. Paolo Santo has studied from the Omni Center of Hypnosis, Morris Pratt Institute of Spiritualism. He has also been spiritually ordained from the N.S.A.C. He is currently a student of the University of Metaphysics and he is a 32nd° Master Mason and GoldenDawn Member. Paolo is a full-time student of Magic. By using His spiritual guidance of love and compassion, Paolo connects with you in a profound sense of understanding, guiding you to overcome blockages in your life and showing you how to shift your energies into a new path of spiritual Awakening. Paolo's Mission is to operate from the Angelic Plane on this planet, expressing authentic love. He offers sessions to heart-centered, positive oriented people who are committed to transforming their lives with greater joy, peace, love, and prosperity.

*About our Musician:*

Lynn Wadley loves music, especially folk music. Well known in the folk community, she sings and plays many instruments (especially dulcimers) and performs often in hospitals, senior centers, and conventions. As the new BBUUC Special Music Coordinator, she works with Worship Assistants to increase live music in our Sunday Services. Lynn also organizes Song Circles and Coffee House events to encourage BBUUC members to support, develop and share the gifts of our own musicians and poets.



## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

### BBUUC'S FALL AUCTION



### BBUUC's Fall Service Auction

**WHEN:** Sunday, October 14 - Sunday, October 28

**WHERE:** BBUUC Sanctuary

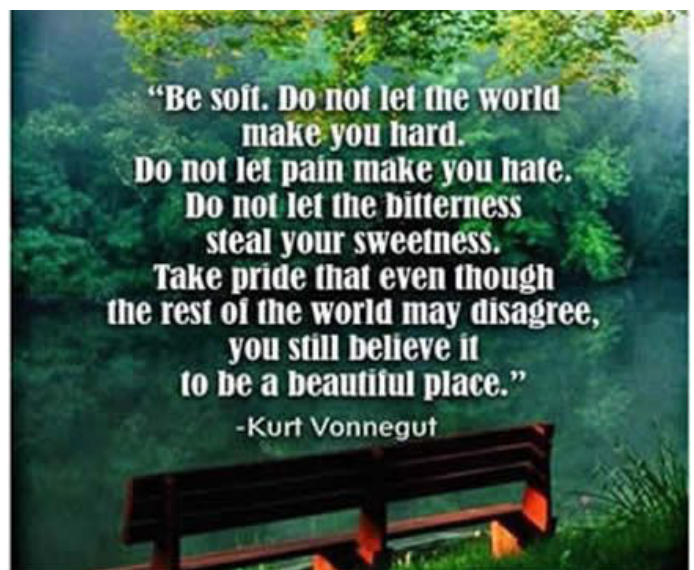
**WHAT:** Silent auction of services donated by  
Members and Friends of BBUUC

Donations include meals and parties, entertainment and excursions, gastronomic delights and more!

Donation forms will be available after worship services through September 30th or online at  
<https://goo.gl/forms/Gx0OxMntnFEmz1uR2>

Contact [auction@bbuuc.org](mailto:auction@bbuuc.org) with any questions.

All funds raised at the auction go to support BBUUC operations.





# Chili Cook-Off!



## Square Dance and Chili Cook-off At BBUUC!



**Saturday, October 13**

**Chili cook-off starts at 5:30**

**Square Dancing 6:30 – 8:30**



Adults \$10.00  
Children 5 to 12 \$5.00  
Under 5 Free (nursery available upon request)

**Families, Singles,  
Couples, Friends  
Young & Old**

Tickets on sale now and at the door!  
RSVP to [Secretary@bbuuc.org](mailto:Secretary@bbuuc.org)

## 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, October 19th 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/>

Thinking about joining BBUUC? Consider attending our next newcomer classes that will introduce you to Unitarian Universalism: our principals, our history, your spiritual journey, and the workings of our own BBUUC.

The sessions will be on **October 14th and the 21st at noon.**

They will last about 2 hours. Lunch will be provided.

The format is informal and lighthearted, but you will leave with a thorough understanding of how being a UU can fulfill your spiritual needs, and how your participation can enhance the mission of our liberal faith.

Please RSVP to [membership@bbuuc.org](mailto:membership@bbuuc.org). If you are still ambivalent about actually joining, why not come to the first session and see how you feel?

Please check out this 2 minute video. It is a wonderful little clip that explains our faith: <https://www.uua.org/beliefs/who-we-are/video/use-video>

Hope to see you at the sessions.

— Cindi Jorgensen, Membership Chair

## Newcomers Class



*"I believe God's truth is higher, wider, deeper & longer than all our creeds and includes what is best in each of them."*

- Horace Greeley, Universalist





***It's that time again!***

**With weather getting  
(a bit) cooler, it's time  
for BBUUC's**

## **Fall Grounds Cleanup**

If you are able, please come help out on **October 20th** and join in on the fun of cleaning our church's grounds. We will start at 8:00am but come whenever you can and stay until you must go.

*The more hands we have, the less we all have to do!*

Lunch will be provided and maybe an adult beverage to ease the muscles!

If you have the following, please bring them:

**Brooms • Rakes • Shovels  
Gas powered Weed Eater  
Gas Powered Hedge Trimmer**

## **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



**Saturday, October 27, 2018**

**Join CUUPS and LRE for BBUUC's annual**

## **Trunk or Treat!**

**6:30 - 9:00 pm**



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



## COLUMNS

# President's Perspective

October 2018

The progress being made towards the goals developed from the 2018 congregation survey is very exciting. Numerous strides forward have been made in a number of areas.



Due to the work of the previous BBUUC Board, our Director of Religious Education is now a  $\frac{3}{4}$  position. The new DRE, Chris Jarman is making a significant impact on our child, teen, and adult programs. The newly developed adult RE programs will begin in January 2019.

Two Chaplains, Pat Ray, Karen Christiansen, and our brand new Pastoral Care Team are in full swing. They call on our home bound congregants, and are available to serve members' spiritual needs, be it in hospice, the hospital or at home.

On August 27 Eileen Morrison and I spoke with Christine Purcell, the ministry representative for the UUA Southern Region. She answered our questions about how to proceed with the desires of the congregation regarding a minister and pointed us to helpful online information.

As I informed the Board at our meeting on September 18, Ms. Purcell was impressed with the results of the congregational survey and the plans proposed by the Vision Task Force. Additionally she agreed with the direction our Board took at our planning session this summer:

The BBUUC Board requested the Long Range Planning/ Research Team to:

1. Review the Task Force Final Report from March 2018,
  - a. recommend actions,
  - b. identify the parties responsible for taking those actions, and
  - c. create timetables for completion of actions.
2. The Research Team will add its findings to the Vision Task Force Final Report to complete a Strategic Plan.
3. The Research Team is tasked with conducting cottage meetings (similar to the ICARE house meetings) to share the Strategic Plan with BBUUC members and get their input.
4. The Board is charged with evaluating IF and HOW they would proceed with a minister search.

Options for the Board could be to establish a committee to search for a part-time, possibly retired consulting/contract minister or continue exploring other options for a minister.

Thank you to all of our church members who give many hours of their personal time to promote the ongoing activities of BBUUC.

— Grace Repass  
BBUUC Board President  
president@bbuuc.org

## Our Mission:

Buckman Bridge  
Unitarian Universalist  
Church

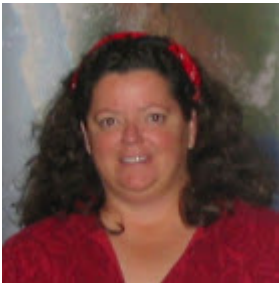
exists to create and nourish a  
loving community that seeks  
justice and respect for all.





## DRE COLUMN

### Bringing it home: Encouraging Children's Spirituality



Spiritual practices come naturally to children. Spiritual practices are time-honored ways that people use to get closer to the sacred; to family, friends, and community; and to the world around them. They can teach

children and adults about being present, enthusiasm, imagination, play, and wonder—to name just a few. Here are some ideas for how families can encourage our children's spirituality.

1. Give thanks before you eat, not just for the food, but also for everything that contributed to your having this meal--the earth, the rain, the sun, the farmer, the store, the cook, even the cooking equipment. Gratitude is an essential spiritual practice.
2. When watching television or a video, choose a favorite or interesting character and "step into the story" to see how you would act in his or her place. This exercise uses imagination and supports compassion for others and hospitality toward the media.
3. When doing chores, such as picking up toys or putting away the dishes, imagine that you are returning these things to their homes where they will be more comfortable. Reframing chores in this way teaches reverence for your surroundings, kindness, and nurturing.
4. Experiment with silence by lying on the ground for 15 minutes without saying anything. Pay

attention to what you are thinking about. Then notice the reports of your senses of sight and smell. This is the practice of wonder.

5. Practice meaning by choosing symbolic names for your home and your room.
6. Create a party for your pet. Indulge the animal with a favorite treat or activity. Name some of the lessons you have learned from living with this teacher.
7. At bedtime, identify one good thing and one bad thing that has happened during the day. For children, these are times to practice enthusiasm and forgiveness. For parents, these are opportunities to practice openness and listening.
8. Have a moon-viewing party, complete with special food and costumes appropriate to the season of the year. Talk about the beauty of the natural world. Then imagine how the moon sees the world, an exercise that teaches connections and the unity of all Creation.

Resource: <https://www.spiritualityandpractice.com/practices/features/view/16936/encouraging-childrens-spirituality>

Love & Peace,  
Chris Jarman

Director of Lifespan Religious Education  
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## THE WISDOM TREE

By Meg Barnhouse  
Used with permission.

I dragged myself to the early morning Theme Talk, even though it was the last day of a week at church camp and I was tired from staying up late singing with friends and dancing my fool head off. A panel of old-timers was talking about the early days of SUUSI—South-eastern UU Summer Institute, but no one calls it that—which has now grown to nearly a thousand Unitarian Universalists coming together every July on the campus of Virginia Tech. Here is the story that stuck in my mind; Roger Comstock, the former district executive of our Thomas Jefferson District, is the one who told it.





There was a teacher who used to come to the camp every summer, a man who could transform himself into Thomas Jefferson, Ralph Waldo Emerson, or Theodore Parker in turn. He would bring his class to sit under a large oak tree out on the quad, and the conversation would range over history, philosophy, and theology. Summer after summer folks would look forward to that class, to sitting under what they came to call “the wisdom tree.” They would look forward to having the kind of conversations where you hear and even say things yourself that surprise and delight you.

One summer night, during the church camp, a storm came through. As the people slept, winds and rain whipped the campus. Lightning flashed and struck hard. It struck close. In the morning, daylight revealed the wisdom tree scattered in splinters on the ground.

As the grounds crew came to clear it away, church people came from every corner of the campus to circle round. One by one they asked to take a piece of the tree home with them.

This story struck me. It makes such a good picture of who we UU's are. There is a broad and spreading wisdom available to us, which shows up in history, theology, poetry, music, art, scripture, conversation, nature, and ritual. Individuals have a spark of the Divine inside, an inner wisdom that, related to sanely, responsibly, and in community, will lead to truth and peace.

Sometimes the place where you used to find wisdom gets destroyed. People fail you, a church disappoints you, new information strips away your feeling about a scripture. It's as if your wisdom tree is lying in splinters.

In the aftermath of such a coming apart, we are tempted to take our piece of wisdom home with us and stick it in a place of honor, savoring and celebrating that one little piece of wisdom of which we can be sure, pulling it out whenever there is a new question, a new issue, acting as if that piece of wisdom is self-sustaining, and as if it is enough, on its own, to sustain us.

In acting like this, we are forgetting the crucial next step. What is needed is to bring our piece of the wisdom tree back together with the others, to stand together on the roots of what wisdom we have. We do have wisdom within us, but it is not enough to hold and savor just the wisdom we can grasp. Our piece needs to be added to the others.

It is difficult to walk a good spiritual path solo. It helps to be in relationship to a community where your wisdom can be made more whole, challenged, and where it can have fresh life breathed into it by touching it, again and again, to its roots, by bringing it together with the wisdom others carry with them. Then if lightning strikes, if all the places you used to go to learn are ruined, if all the things you used to know for sure are gone, just hold up your piece of wisdom. I'll be holding mine, and we'll find each other.



Let's make a difference and spread kindness! What is Socktober? Socktober is an annual clothing drive started by Kid President creator, Brad Montague, in response to the growing homeless population. During the month of October, our kids have set a goal to collect 200 pairs of socks. At the end of the month we will be donating them to the Sculzbacher Center. Let's blow the socks off this drive!

## Why the Wonder Box?

The Wonder Box technique of story-telling was created by the Reverend Christina Leone-Tracy, senior minister of the Fox Valley UU Fellowship in Appleton, WI. This interactive way of sharing the story for all ages, integrates the message of the Wonder Box into the theme of the service.



“Wonder” can be a noun and a verb. As a noun it means a feeling of surprise mingled with admiration, caused by something beautiful, unexpected, unfamiliar, or inexplicable. In its verb form, it means to wonder- desire or be curious to know something. These two things describe perfectly what we’re trying to impart to people of all ages in our Unitarian Universalist congregations. It’s something we cherish.

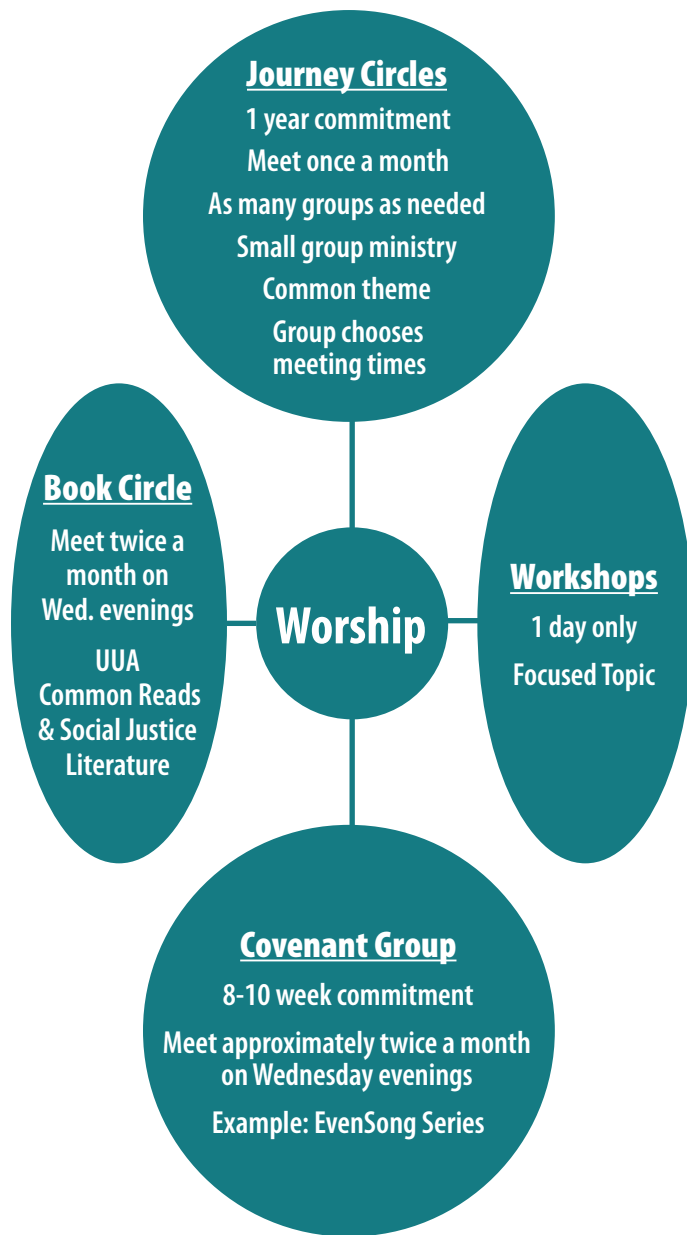
And the reason for why it’s a box? Why it’s closed? Is because it does many things. It is interactive and surprising. It allows for there to be an interaction. We must open our minds and hearts, just as we open the box - to the questions. It’s all about the questions. As Unitarian Universalists we do not give the answers, we ask the big questions. We are a faith that values inquiry over dogma. The Wonder Box sets the stage for inquiry for all generations present on Sunday morning.

Our fourth principle says that we honor the free and responsible search for truth and meaning and our third principle says that we support each other to spiritual growth in our congregations. So we honor, even in our principles, not knowing, wondering, and growing. So that’s why it’s called a Wonder Box

In our Spirit Play and Spirit Explorers religious education classes, one of the highlights is that there is a high emphasis on wondering. There’s even a time after each story where the children sit and have wondering time. So, if a child says to you, what is God like? My answer is, hmm, I wonder.


It’s a very Unitarian Universalist response. Not necessarily, I don’t know. But I have a sense of, and a desire and a curiosity to know about this question that we don’t necessarily know the answers to.

## Coming in January 2019 Adult Religious Education Small Group Ministry Building Deep Relationship



"When you **better**  
the lives of **others**,  
you better your  
**own life.**"  
- I.M. Sulzbacher





# Social ACTION

## Green Team Update

### SOCIAL ACTION TRIVIAL PURSUIT

By Pam Edwards-Roine;  
Contributors - Molly Brady and Janie Dew

1. What significant change was made in the structure and functioning of the Social Action Committee (SAC) after more than twenty years when our congregation moved into its new building?
2. How does a project qualify to be supported by the SAC?
3. What is the name and purpose of the most recently formed SAC subcommittee?
4. Currently, what is the largest and most active social justice project in BBUUC that has recently been established as a ministry?
5. What principles does ICARE “affirm and promote”?
6. What other SAC initiative works toward achieving those same principles, particularly stressing principle #5 “...the use of the democratic process within our congregations and society at large.”
7. How many Florida Constitutional Amendments will be on the ballot this November and why should you care?
8. How can I find out more about ICARE, the National Popular Vote initiative and the Florida Constitutional Amendments?

**BONUS QUESTION #1:** In the early years of BBUUC/BBUUS, a spirited group of 6 to 10 BBUUC members would head downtown about once a month. What was their purpose?

**BONUS QUESTION #2:** What is the landmark lawsuit being brought by kids (including UU kids) to hold the federal government liable for denying their constitutional right to a livable environment?

(See page 12 for answers to these questions.)

## ICARE Report

October 2018

by Ken Christiansen



The purpose of ICARE House Meetings is to build relationships and help everyone in our congregation become aware of BBUUC’s Justice Ministry. Each meeting is experiential. We listen to each other’s thoughts about justice. A Team Leader will present the work we are doing with the 37 partner congregations in the ICARE organization and explain opportunities available to work for greater justice in Jacksonville. So far 43 BBUUC members have signed up for a House Meeting this fall and one has already happened.

Remaining House Meeting times and places are as follows:

1. Friday, Sept. 28, 7-9 PM, at John Wrightington’s home. Includes dinner. Led by Molly Brady. (2 spaces left)
2. Saturday, Oct. 6, 10 AM-Noon, at BBUUC, led by Karen and Ken Christiansen.
3. Friday, Oct. 12, 7-9 PM, at the home of David and Suzanna Siebert. Includes chili and lentil soup served from 6:45 PM. Led by Karen and Ken Christiansen. **CHILDREN WELCOME AT THIS HOUSE MEETING.**
4. Monday, Oct. 15, 7-9 PM, at John Wrightington’s home. Includes dinner. Led by Molly Brady.  
***Mature teens are encouraged to sign up for a House Meeting!***

**SIGN UP** by sending the information below to ICARE@bbuuc.org. Indicate your name and the names of any other family members or guests coming along and your first and second choices for time and place.

**Name(s):**

**First Choice:** House Meeting Number

**Second Choice:** House Meeting Number

**Comments or questions:**

— Your BBUUC Justice Ministry Team Leaders

\* **ICARE** is Jacksonville’s **Interfaith Coalition for Action, Reconciliation and Empowerment**, a coalition of 38 justice-minded religious congregations.

## *In Memoriam*

### **Christine Louise Nomura**

**September 11, 1955 – September 12, 2018**



Tina Nomura was a long time non-church-goer who found herself looking for community after retirement. She found BBUUC after encouragement from her mother, a UU in North Carolina, and quickly appreciated the welcoming people here and the free exchange of interesting ideas. Tina became a Member of BBUUC in February 2014 and was a valued contributor revising our Bylaws, supporting Facilities, coordinating volunteers, and helping with fundraising events. In December 2016 Tina was diagnosed with brain cancer. Throughout her illness she continued to attend Sunday worship services, Lunch Bunch, Afternoon Teas and other church activities as much as possible.

Tina graduated from Penn State and had a long career as an industrial hygienist with the Department of Defense. Prior to retiring in Jacksonville, she lived in Hawaii, Japan, and Okinawa.

A service celebrating Tina's life was held at BBUUC on September 15. She is survived by her sons Matthew and Jason Nomura, her mother Lee Robinson, brothers Mark and Keith Robinson, sister Lisa Magalio, former husband Alton Nomura, and their families.

Her family thanks the many people from our church who supported her throughout her illness. Contributions in her memory may be made to the BBUUC Emergency Caring Fund or Memorial Garden Fund.

A plaque and plantings will be installed in our Memorial Garden in honor of Tina's life with us.

### **ANSWERS TO SOCIAL ACTION TRIVIAL PURSUIT**

1. SAC's structure and purpose shifted from operating as one single committee acting in concert on a limited number of projects to serving as an umbrella group welcoming and assisting all church members, committees and ministries to initiate and lead social action projects. Congregants are encouraged to develop their ideas and present them to the SAC.
2. Each social action project must be shown to affirm and promote one or more of our seven basic principles.
3. The "Green Team" was recently established as a subcommittee of the SAC to promote environmental issues and to work toward achieving Green Sanctuary status for BBUUC.
4. ICARE is the largest and most active social justice project at BBUUC. It was established as a ministry at the August Board meeting.
5. One could argue all 7 UU principles are "affirmed and promoted" by ICARE, but probably #1, 2, 5 and 6 are the front runners.
6. The National Popular Vote (NPV) initiative seeks to ensure that the presidential candidate with the most votes will be the one sworn into office.
7. As many as 12 Florida Constitutional Amendments will be on the ballot this Fall. The SAC will be providing congregants with information on all proposed Constitutional Amendments because we believe that the democratic process works best when you have an informed electorate.
8. ICARE: Sign up for and attend an ICARE "House Meeting" continuing through Monday, October 15.
9. Attend the NPV presentation on Monday, November 12 at 7 pm in the BBUUC Sanctuary. (Note: the NPV presentation is open to the public, so feel free to invite friends, coworkers and neighbors.)
10. Florida Constitutional Amendments: Plan on coming to a briefing on Sunday, November 4th to learn about the twelve Constitutional Amendments that will be on the ballot.

**BONUS QUESTION #1:** Look for a founding member at church this Sunday and ask for the answer to this bonus question.

**BONUS QUESTION #2:** Find the answer on the Social Action Bulletin Board in the hall across from the drinking fountain.



## MEMBER NEWS



### We welcome new Member, Kathleen Vought!

I moved to Jacksonville about 4 years ago from California, where I lived most of my life. Home now is with my husband, Earl, his daughter and her boyfriend. They are a construction team and are constantly improving our home, making it more functional and beautiful. I get the fun part of choosing paint colors and decorating.

My two wonderful sons live in the Bay Area of California. Quinn, 27, is an apprentice Electrician. Cole, 24, is an accomplished “Rap” artist and performer (and waiter to support his creative endeavors). We keep in close touch by phone weekly.

My professional background is as a School Teacher. I taught for over 25 years in California. Now I teach a Homeschool Art program for children at the Murray Hill Art Center and I’m watching the program grow ... like my kids.

My parents told me we were Unitarians when I was around 8 years old. From then on, I was able to pursue easily everything Spiritual and Transformational from Unity Church, The Course in Miracles, est training, courses with Byron Katie and Eckhart Tolle and other incredibly impactful teachings. All the work I’ve done, in California and after, has led

me to my biggest commitment - to be Present, to discover whatever may be in the way of that in the moment and return back to being Here.

BBUUC made me feel welcome immediately. I took the new member class, became a member and shared my work in the Artist’s Corner for August. It says a lot about this community that it provides a wonderful environment for people to feel free to express what they have to offer.

I also have an extensive background in dance. In California, I participated in a form of “Moving Meditation” where dance and movement is combined as an expression of healing, joy and transformation. I was engaged in this for almost 20 years both as a practitioner and facilitator. Now I plan to bring this wonderful form of Movement to BBUUC and I want to start it up in the Fall. (No dance experience necessary.) To be continued ... with gratitude.

*We’re so glad to have you with us, Kathleen!*

### 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.*

IN THIS CONGREGATION, WE BELIEVE:

LOVE IS LOVE

BLACK LIVES MATTER

CLIMATE CHANGE IS REAL

NO HUMAN BEING IS ILLEGAL

ALL GENDERS ARE WHOLE, HOLY, & GOOD

WOMEN HAVE AGENCY OVER THEIR BODIES

 [UUUA.ORG/IMAGES](http://UUUA.ORG/IMAGES)

## Happy Birthday!

10/02 .....John Giordano  
 10/04 .....Ev Corum  
 10/07 .....Barry Mowers  
 10/08 .....Betty Forbes  
 10/09 .....Adam Danisovszky  
 10/12 .....Robin Regan  
 10/14 .....Xena Bunce  
 10/14 .....Jennifer Glassman  
 10/15 .....Kaia Goodrich  
 10/16 .....Molly Brady  
 10/19 .....Kent Halsey  
 10/20 .....Joani Maskell  
 10/22 .....Steve McCullar  
 10/24 .....Jillian Christiansen  
 10/28 .....Sharon Antunes  
 10/31 .....Michelle Danisovszky



## Wedding Anniversaries

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



## Membership Anniversaries

Molly Brady ..... 10/29/2017  
 Joann Carollo ..... 10/16/2006  
 Ev Corum ..... 10/11/2015  
 Michelle Corum ..... 10/11/2015  
 Michael Crisp ..... 10/16/2005  
 Tara Crisp ..... 10/16/2005  
 David Dean ..... 10/19/2003  
 Patty DeStephano ..... 10/11/2015  
 Annabelle Gallois-Bernos .... 10/06/2002  
 Elizabeth Garcia ..... 10/29/2017  
 Mary Hamilton ..... 10/29/2017  
 Sev Johansson ..... 10/29/2017  
 Ellen Miceli ..... 10/10/1993  
 Karen Nolan ..... 10/16/2011  
 Jackie Ogi ..... 10/29/2017  
 Erin Rogers ..... 10/18/2015  
 Amanda Seng ..... 10/29/2017  
 Henry Seng ..... 10/29/2017



Help us keep our records up-to-date! If you see birth-day, anniversary, or membership anniversary that needs to be corrected or added to our list, please send it to [membership@bbuuc.org](mailto:membership@bbuuc.org).

## BBUUC NEWS

### We Want You!



#### BBUUC BOARD

**is looking for a member to serve on the  
 Leadership Development Team  
 until the next election in May 2019!**

A Leadership Development Committee of three (3) Members shall be elected by the Members of the congregation at the Annual Meeting. ***We currently have one vacancy on this committee.*** No person may be elected to serve for more than two consecutive terms, but a person who is appointed as a mid-year replacement may thereafter be elected for two full consecutive terms.

The Leadership Development Committee shall facilitate the development of leaders at the Church, encourage members to take responsibility for nominating themselves or other members to various open positions on the Board and Leadership Development Committee, and manage the election process prior to and during the Annual Meeting each year.

If you are interested in this position, please notify Grace Repass, President at [president@bbuuc.org](mailto:president@bbuuc.org).





## WAKE NOW OUR VISION

COLLABORATIVE CAMPAIGN  
Legacy Challenge

**We are Unitarian Universalists.  
Together, we can change the world.**

Exciting news on the Wake Now Our Vision Legacy Challenge! We now have a matching gift challenge from an anonymous donor - essentially matching the funds generated from the Legacy Challenger from our members and friends. This BBUUC challenge will match up to a collective \$10,000 in funds that are a result of your Legacy Challenge participation through the WNOV Challenge.

In order to inspire new legacy gift commitments, a cash match is made possible by a grant from the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock that will be made for 10% of the legacy gift's estimated value (up to \$10,000 per donor.) If no approximate amount is supplied, or if the gift cannot be accurately valued at this time, a flat match of \$1,000 will be given.

So, what is a legacy gift? It is a gift or cash, securities or other property that is realized after you die, through a beneficiary designation in your will.

Here are two examples of how your legacy gift can apply at BBUUC:

1. You designate a % of your retirement account or a whole life insurance policy and the Challenge will give BBUUC (if you assign as the beneficiary) a flat \$1,000 that will be disbursed in 2019 or 2020. Because of our generous donor matching up to \$10,000 in collective disbursements, your gift could equate to \$2,000 to BBUUC. The UUA recognizes that retirement accounts, etc. vary in value at any one time, so you do not need to assign a value. You would need to submit the beneficiary document from the retirement account or beneficiary.
2. You designate a specific dollar amount in your will and the Challenge will match 10% of that amount. Again, our generous donor would match up to that \$10,000 collective disbursement. This would also be disbursed in 2019 or 2020. The BBUUC donor match is capped at \$10,000 for the grand total of all disbursements from UUA.

There's one hitch here: \$5,000,000 was donated by the Shelter Rock congregation in New York. Those

funds will be exhausted as early as late October, so your prompt action will allow this amazing challenge and subsequent BBUUC challenge to have a significant impact.

For more information, check out their website and download all documentations: [wakenowourvision.org](http://wakenowourvision.org).

For more information from UUA, contact Laura Randall at [lrandall@uua.org](mailto:lrandall@uua.org). Within BBUUC, contact John Wrightington at [secretary@bbuuc.org](mailto:secretary@bbuuc.org).

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



At BBUUC our Caring Committee has an Emergency Caring Fund which gives our members anonymous financial help if assistance is needed related to illness, disability, 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 only through your generous donations and not from pledge money.

We will collect a special separate offering from the congregation on Sunday, October 21. 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 at anytime by making out a check to BBUUC with "ECF" written on the memo line or with a cash offering in a donation envelope (found in our hymnals) with "ECF" specified on the front. For questions please contact Tara Crisp, Caring Committee chair at [caring@BBUUC.org](mailto:caring@BBUUC.org).

## Pastoral Care Associates

The following individuals will be the Pastoral Care Associate for each Sunday's service. The team will be available for individual consultation and group activities. They will be wearing a pink name tag.

**Oct 7 Kirsten Williams**

**Oct 14 Diane Freeman**

**Oct 21 Jim Wood**

**Oct 28 Lee Plumb**





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

**EVERY SUNDAY @ 9:30am**

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PAGANS



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**OCTOBER 17th @ 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**



<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

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/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.**

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You Shop. Amazon Gives.

## Are You Shopping on Amazon?

*This a great way to support BBUUC with no cost or effort!*

Revenue we have received from Amazon purchases made through our BBUUC link:

- \$131 for purchases made in November, received in January, 2018
- \$300 for purchases made in December, received in February
- \$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, to be received in July
- \$179 from purchases made in June, to be received in August
- \$113 from purchases made in July, to be received in September
- \$244 from purchases made in August, to be received in October

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://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](mailto: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](mailto: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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