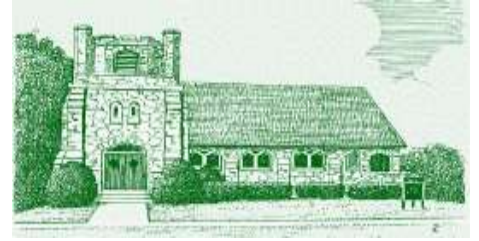


November 2023

The Happenings

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"The Little Stone Church That Rocks"

November Services*

Sunday morning services are held at 10:30 am.

November 5: "Gimme a Break"

Worship Leader: Alyssa Lee, minister

Music: BUUC Choir and the
"BUUC West Gallery Orchestra"

November 12: "Being in the Box"

Worship Leader: David Yutzler

Music: Linda Friedmann

November 19: Intergenerational Thanksgiving Service "Gratitude for Surprising Kindnesses"

Worship Leader: Alyssa Lee, minister
Music: BUUC Choir and Congregation

November 26: "Lessons for Future Ancestors"

Worship Leader: Matt Meyer
Music: Matt Meyer

*A Note About Worship

Currently we are holding hybrid services (in-person and streaming) as often as tech volunteers are available. For those who wish to stream the service (attend online) a link will be provided via email. If you'd like to volunteer to be one of our ZOOM Geeks, email Barb Hale at b.lambert.hale@gmail.com.

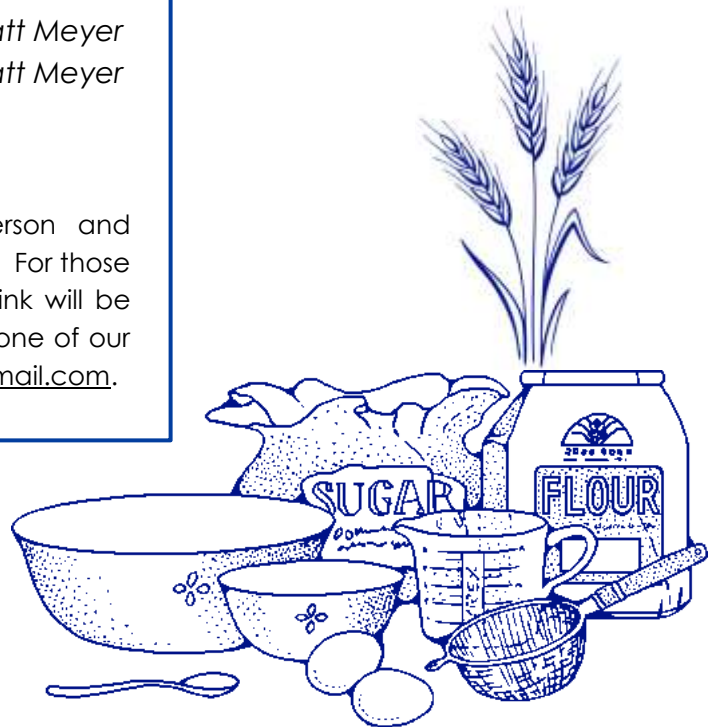
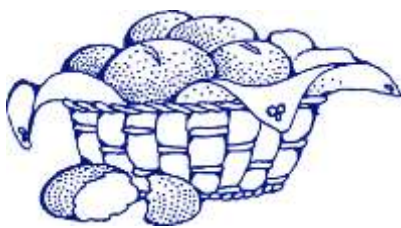
A Welcoming Congregation
and a Green Sanctuary
We are a fellowship of seekers
after truth, bound by no dogma,
restricted by no creed.

Our Affirmation

TOGETHER: We unite in an
atmosphere of care and support to
foster spiritual health and growth.

TOGETHER: We focus on sharing our
ideas and histories, with warmth,
hope, loving friendship and an
open mind.

TOGETHER: We nurture stability for
our daily lives and seek motivation
to reach out to the larger
community.





Music Notes



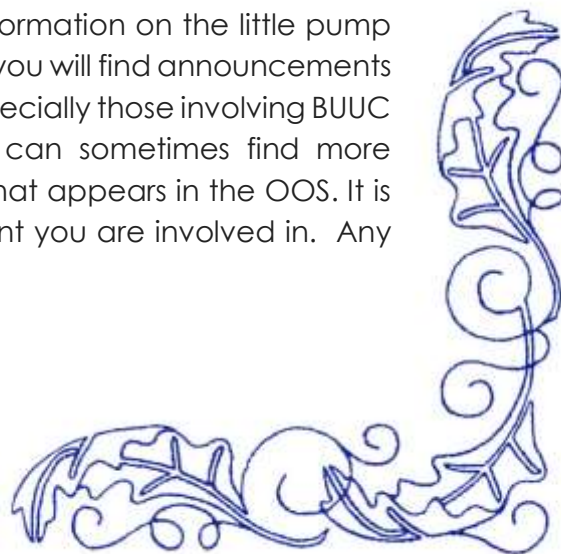
As has become our tradition (begun over 25 years ago) on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, we will be singing "Plenitude" by Supply Belcher with additional verses by Jay Adams, former supervisor of the farm at Old Sturbridge Village. A few years ago we began inviting former choir members to sing with the present choir, then expanded to members of the "Intergenerational Choir" or anyone who wanted to learn the music. Now we would like to include everyone. The music will be available on the back table with the OOS. If you want to rehearse with the choir, show up at 9:30 Sunday morning (Nov 19) or attend any choir practice in Nov. Or just join in on what you can that morning. If you want the music ahead of time, or have any questions, just see me.

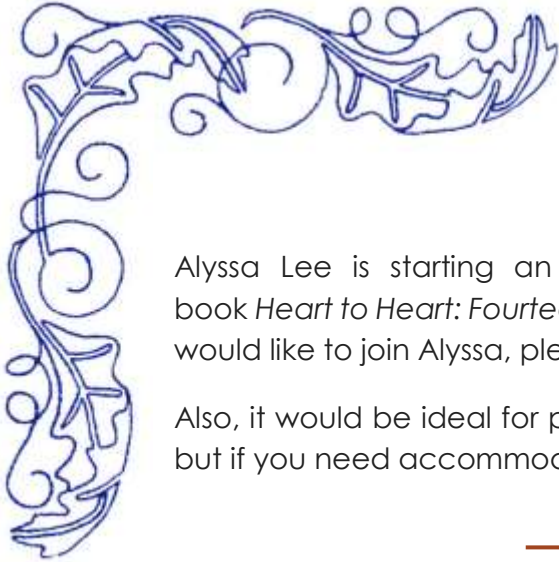
Supply Belcher (born in Stoughton, MA) was one of several mostly self-taught "Yankee Tunersmiths" who wrote in a style that came from England (see "West Gallery Music" such as the choir is singing on Nov 5), but they were really the first Northern American born composers of choir music. These so-called fuguing tunes were just a little more complex than hymn tunes and most have place names for titles so that, like hymns, the tunes could be used interchangeably with hymn texts of the appropriate meter. Plenitude is one of the few tunes whose title relates to the text and which, to my knowledge, isn't ever sung with a different text.

In spite of the mostly religious texts, this was music intended for singing for fun. It *is* fun. Please join in!

Reminder: Do remember to check out the information on the little pump organ in the corner of the parlor. That is where you will find announcements about concerts and arts events in our area, especially those involving BUUC members and friends. It is also where you can sometimes find more details about the music in our services than what appears in the OOS. It is where you can post a flyer about an arts event you are involved in. Any questions see Lila.

Lila M Farrar,
Music Director





Book Discussion

Alyssa Lee is starting an online small group in January around the book *Heart to Heart: Fourteen Gatherings for Reflection and Sharing*. If you would like to join Alyssa, please let her know at buuc.alyssa@gmail.com.

Also, it would be ideal for participants to purchase the book beforehand, but if you need accommodation, please let Alyssa know.

Welcome Blanket Project

Calling all crafters!

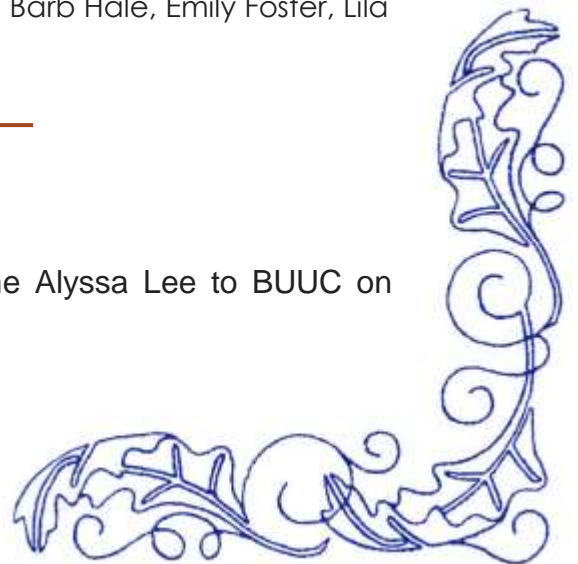
The Committee for Ecology and Social Action (CESA) has begun a Welcome Blanket project to create homemade blankets, shawls, hats, scarves and other "welcoming" items to be given to migrants who have recently entered this country. We will be looking for ways to have each item be given directly to an individual person. Each handmade creation will have a handwritten letter of welcome attached. The hope is that each recipient will know that they are warmly welcomed to their new home.

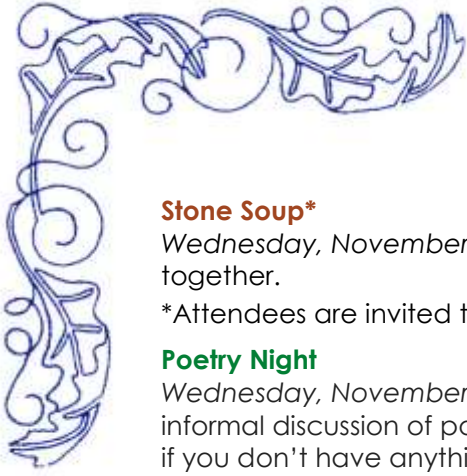
Our first communal event will be *Sunday, November 12th following the service*. This is an informal gathering to discuss and work on our projects together at the church. No RSVP necessary, just bring your project and have fun!

We also welcome any donations of yarn, fabric, other supplies, or monetary donations for us to buy them. See Penny Blum, Barb Hale, Emily Foster, Lila Farrar or Alyssa Lee.

Potluck Lunch

Please join us for a potluck lunch to welcome Alyssa Lee to BUUC on *Sunday, November 19th*. Details to follow!





Announcements

Stone Soup*

Wednesday, November 1st at 12pm. Come catch up with friends and have lunch together.

*Attendees are invited to bring their lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Poetry Night

Wednesday, November 8th at 7:00pm on ZOOM. Please join Alyssa Lee for an informal discussion of poetry we both love to read or have written ourselves. Even if you don't have anything to share, your presence is welcome!

Book Club

The BUUC Book Discussion Group will be meeting via ZOOM on Tuesday, November 14th at 7:00pm to discuss *Leaving the Witness* by Amber Scoriah. Please feel free to attend. A complete list of this year's books can be found on our website at www.buuc.org/events. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Hale at b.lambert.hale@gmail.com.

CESA

The next meeting of the Committee for Ecology and Social Action will be Wednesday, November 15th, at 7:00pm on ZOOM. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Penny Blum at quabbinquilter@gmail.com

Potluck Lunch

Following the service on Sunday, November 19th.

Bottle and Can Drive

CESA will collect bottles and cans to benefit the Kids in the Congo organization the third Sunday of each month. The next collection will be Sunday, November 19th. Any containers redeemable in MA or CT will be accepted. Leave them inside the front entryway at church. Thank you!

Journaling Group

The BUUC Journaling group is open to anyone interested in keeping a journal. We gather monthly on Zoom to journal quietly with some suggested prompts. While we usually chat a little, we do not discuss our writings. Please feel free to join us! Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 29th at 7:00pm. If you have any questions, email Cara Wales at c.l.c.wales@gmail.com.

Choir Practice

7:00-8:30pm each Thursday.

Contact Music Director Lila M. Farrar at lilamfarrar@gmail.com or 508-864-5978.

Executive Committee

First Monday of the month at 6:30pm.

We Rise: Social Justice Resources Page

For those who feel called by our faith to take the side of human worth and dignity through social action, go to www.buuc.org and click the tab "We Rise: Social Justice Resources" on the menu at the left side of the page.



Interested in Membership at BUUC?

Unitarian Universalism is a covenantal faith making membership in our community both simple and challenging. It is simple in that to become a member all that is generally required is signing the membership book. It is challenging because that is not all that is asked of our members. In addition to honoring our congregational covenant, as a member you would be asked to:

- Worship in community regularly
- Work faithfully on your own spiritual development
- Be involved in a ministry of service to others
- Share your financial resources as stewards of the present and future of this religious community
- Continue to learn and connect to the wider movement of Unitarian Universalism
- Assume responsibility for offering the genuine hospitality of this community to all who come here.

Visitors and friends curious to know more or who are considering becoming a member of BUUC are invited to contact our minister Alyssa Lee at buuc.alyssa@gmail.com.

Our Covenant

As we share our lives in this place of blessed community, we promise to unite in an atmosphere of care and support, provide a spiritual home for ourselves and our children, and work together in our search for truth and caring ways to be in community with each other, both within and beyond these walls.

We seek to embody a welcoming community of

CARING, SUPPORT, AND SERVICE

We therefore promise to:

- Treat each other with respect, trust, and compassion
- Actively listen to all points of view on important issues
- Create an open environment for nonjudgmental participation
- Honor dissenting views, agreeing to disagree
- Make decisions with as much participation as possible
- Accept that we will make mistakes, forgive each other, and move on
- Express gratitude for the efforts of others
- Work together to live by our Covenant; and
- Try to the best of our ability to live by our Unitarian Universalist Principles and Purposes, affirming our tradition of service and justice for all.

**Adopted by the members of
BUUC May 20, 2012**

Who's Who at BUUC

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Alyssa Lee

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Cara Wales

Music Director

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Emily Foster

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Mary Frisella, Roxann Smith,

Donna Sullivan

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Barb Hale (chair), Roxann Smith,

John Kennison, David Yutzler

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Lila Farrar (chair), Judy Trifone,

Donna Sullivan

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Penny Blum, Alix McNitt,

Robyn Vincent

Nominating Committee

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Karen Keough-Huff

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Donna Boyea, Barb Hale,

Joanne Hamerly, Laurel Hemmer,

Laurie Magnuson, Sharon Smith,

Donna Sullivan, Judy Trifone.

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Donna Boyea, Laurel Hemmer,

Sarah Swift, Barb Hale, Lila Farrar,

Emily Foster, Elizabeth Lang-Holmes

Trustees

Doug Smith, Roxann Smith,

Kirk Upton

Community Resources

At the heart of Unitarian Universalism is a deep recognition and respect for the interconnectedness of life. As a faith community, Brookfield Unitarian Universalist Church seeks to foster spiritual health and growth, but we also recognize that it is equally important to encourage and empower one another to lives of physical, mental, and emotional health and well-being. To that end, we have launched our Community Resources page. To access the page visit <http://www.buuc.org/community-resources.html>.

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