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Support The BRUU Auction

The BRUU Auction is rapidly approaching. Auction items are starting to roll in via the Web Form.

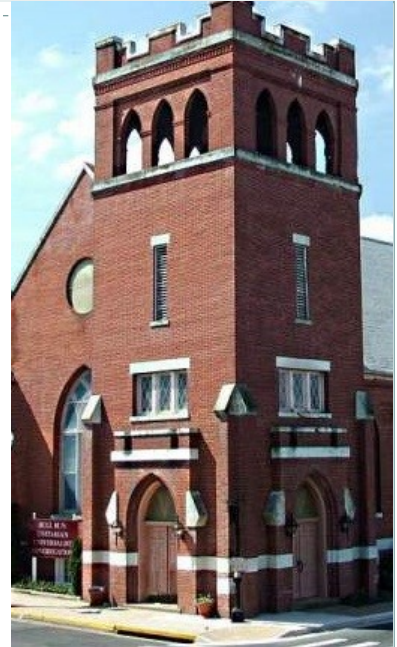
The Silent Auction: Opens for bidding on 15 Nov and closes on 10 Dec.

The Live Auction: Held at BRUU on 3 Dec. Door open at 4:45 PM.

Volunteers are needed!

Please email Scott Maile (scottamaile@gmail.com) or the BRUU Auction Team (auktion@bruu.org) to let us know how you would like to participate.

The monthly BRUU Newsletter



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NOVEMBER SERMON DESCRIPTIONS

November 6: *Separation of Church and State*

(Rev. Charlotte Lehmann) Worship Associate- Randy Earl

There often seems to be confusion about what the Founders of our nation intended by the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment, the so-called Establishment Clause. On this Sunday before Election Day, we will explore what it means and how it has been used and misused throughout our history.

November 13: *A Map of the Journey—Reflections on Sabbatical*

(Rev. Charlotte Lehmann) Worship Associate- Mike Cleary

During this worship service, we will share some initial reflections on how we spent the sabbatical period and what we learned during the experience.

The **2nd Sunday Split-the-Plate** recipient is **The Matthews Center**

November 20: *Harvest Communion: Lessons from “the First Thanksgiving”*

(Rev. Charlotte Lehmann) Worship Associate- Pat Malarkey

The mythology of “the First Thanksgiving” contains lessons on how to go through the hard times, how to get through the hard stuff.

The **3rd Sunday Split-the-Plate** benefits **BRUU’s Community Assistance Fund**.

November 27: *Empowering “Do’ers” at Every Age*

Presentations by Delenn Main, Sophie Kadlubowski, Michelle Fegeas, Freya Davies, Maia Malos, and Tyler Hruska

Worship Associate- Faye Sledge

Young people struggle to get their ideas accepted by older people, especially those in positions of power/responsibility. The level of "acceptable risk" in advocating for one's ideas varies by age and what you have to gain/lose.

One of our UU principles is to respect the inherent worth and dignity of every person. This Sunday Service explores how age gets in the way sometimes, and how youth and guile can overcome barriers established by old farts who think they always need to be in charge.

November Fellowship

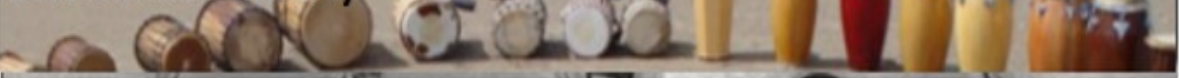
First Fridays Nov 4 Manassas opens up for walking the downtown and the Parade. Meet up at Bruu for popcorn and bubbles POC Cathy Ring ringcw@gmail.com

Second Sunday Nov 13

Young Adult Lunch 11:30 Fellowship Hall POC Michelle Fegeas 540.219.9058

Second Sunday Hike Meet up to hike in local areas POC Charlie Grymes cgrymes@gmail.com

DRUMMING Sunday



Drumming Third Sunday Nov 20

We are having a drumming circle every third Sunday at 11:30 in the Flamingo Lounge (room 107). If you don't have a drum, let me know in advance so I can bring one for you. POC Martin Crim martin.crim@gmail.com



Thanksgiving Potluck Nov 24 3-7:30 pm. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4daaaf28ab9-thanksgiving2>
POC Mary Kadlubowski Fellowship@bruu.org



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello Fellow Bruuers!

Well, we have survived Rev. Charlotte's sabbatical! But alas, it means we must bid Rev. Kimberley farewell.

It has been a pleasure to work with her during the past 4 months. Thank you, thank you to all the members who took a crack at the pulpit during this time. We had some dynamite presentations. And thanks to Charlie Grimes for organizing the lay-led services.

Here are some updates:

-We are having a Welcome Back party for Rev. Charlotte on November 13th, the Sunday she is doing her Sabbatical review. Please make sure you complete your scrap book pages for her!

We had some issues with the company we first contracted with to repair our broken stained-glass windows and we are in the process of getting a detailed assessment of what needs to be done for each window in the sanctuary. Quotes from 3 different companies are still being gathered.

David Lane did a very detailed security audit review of our networking and IT systems.

Our newly assembled IT Team will be work on the recommendations he has made to increase the security of our systems and data.

It was noted by staff that they are finding doors open or unlocked, especially on Tuesday mornings. If you are the last to leave on Sunday or Monday, please make sure that doors are closed and locked behind you. Signage has been ordered to place on doors.

The search for an Interim Music Director is in full swing. It appears we currently have 3 viable candidates.

The Board has come to realize that the way we are organized and therefore our Organizational Chart needs to be revised. Totally missing from this chart are the Stewardship Committee, the IT Committee, and the AV Team. We feel that this will require a group of people working together with a consultant. Representation from across our organization will need to be gathered for this work.

We need to begin to gather people to work on our Stewardship Team for this year's Stewardship Campaign. Dianne Lane will be putting out a call for interested people.

Warm Regards,

Rita Romano



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MINISTER'S REPORT

Welcome Back Reverend Charlotte

Editor

WELCOME BACK FROM SABBATICAL



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Repairs need Reporting!

See something that needs fixing at BRUU?

That door that keeps sticking, the light that doesn't turn on, the toilet that won't well..., flush?

Now there is a way you can report it – using BRUUNet.org

<https://www.bruu.org/www2/building-repair-request-form/>

The “Repair Request” you complete will go directly to our maintenance volunteer, as well as to Tina Cox, our Office Assistant, to keep the staff updated about building & grounds related issues.

DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT?

If you see something GREAT, say something Great

Make sure to send your BRUU KUUDOS to

newsletter@bruu.org & communications@bruu.org





The Green Team is organizing
monthly hikes on the
Second Sundays of each month in
2022

Come explore the back-of-beyond section of
Doves Landing Park from **1:00-3:00pm** on
Sunday afternoon, Nov. 13.

Doves Landing is now the largest PW County
park.

Recent approval of the Master Plan generated
some controversy – so come see the less-visited
section of the park that was being debated.
(Wear boots, there will be mud....)

Contact: Charlie Grymes, cgrymes@gmail.com



FIRST FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4

"Gallery Walk: New Beginnings" is November's theme for First Friday. It's a night of the arts throughout Historic Downtown with over 30 artists.



SASS Fieldtrip

November 14th

SASS Definition: Society of Audacious Silver-haired Sisters), the BRUU group of daytime gals who gather for general discussions on free-wheeling topics, lunches, outings, and social activities.

Usually we meet on the 2nd Monday of each month in the BRUU Flamingo Lounge, and occasionally at hosts' homes for socials (Morning Coffee, or Afternoons for (Hi or Lo)Tea & Cocktails.

Information or Questions: Contact Geny Kaimoti
[GenyLV@gmail.com]

This month, Nov 14th, SASS will NOT be lunching in Manassas, and/or meeting at BRUU.

This will be an edu-tainment event, a picnic and farm tour trip, beginning at 11:30am. SASS has an invitation to visit a local horse farm to learn about a nearly extinct breed of horse, the Tarpan. Bring your own bag lunch, and beverage, plus \$5 as a donation for the horse protection project.

If you would like to join the SASS group for this, please contact Geny [GenyLV@gmail.com] or

Susan Sinclair [SusanSinc@usa.net] with any questions, carpool ops, and get directions for the location of the farm.

Get Savvy About Affordable Housing

Sure, affordable housing is a complex issue. That is why BRUU has a study group – so we can get smart about the jargon, the issues, and the pros/cons of different choices.

We are actively working with VOICE to advocate for building more affordable housing in our area – even as we try to define what we mean by "affordable."

So join us on Zoom in November 21, 7:00-8:00pm

[CLICK HERE](#)

Questions? Contact us at housing@bruu.org



**Drumming
Circle**

We are having a fun
no-obligation drumming circle!

Every **third Sunday** at **11:30** in the **Flamingo Lounge (room 107)**.

If you want to participate but don't have a drum, let me know in advance so I can bring one for you.

CONTACT—Martin Crim



**BOOK
GROUP**

Open to all readers, that meets the **3rd Monday** of almost every month – by Zoom – at 3:30pm.

Book selections are eclectic and made by the democratic process, with consideration to availability at the public library, download, and/or local bookstores (particularly McKay's Used Books!). The group is not limited to BRUU members – one of our participants joins us from Portland, ME.

If you are interested in joining the discussions of an unconventional group of readers then contact Susan Gregorio
[SusanG100@comcast.net]

PLEASE PASS THE BASKET!

...as it is an act of BRUU support each Sunday that can be demonstrated by everyone - whether you contribute treasure, or not, but you will be giving time & talent!

As we progress to full Sunday services and programming in our Sanctuary, the plan is to again pass the Collection Plate during our worship time together.

This will require some assistance from both our volunteer Ushers and the congregants in the pews. We could use another one or two folks as Ushers to arrive a bit early to assist with welcoming new and returning attendees, passing the Collection baskets during the service, and ensuring the contributions are directed to the correct, responsible financial folks following the service.

If you would be willing to help one Sunday a month with this effort, please contact Worship@BRUU.org or stop and speak with one of the Ushers at the main doors to the Sanctuary.

PASTORAL CARE

One of our strengths as a congregation is
how we care for one another.

Please reach out to us at pastoralcare@bruu.org and let us know if there is a need within our community, so that we may coordinate with caring volunteers within BRUU

THE PUZZLER

October's puzzler

Here's a list of some car models from the past and present

AMC Eagle
Ford Falcon
Dodge Charger
Ford Bronco
Plymouth Colt

What is it that's unique to the names of these cars?

HINT

It's getting colder outside, it must be this season.

The Answer

All the vehicle names are also Professional Football team names!

Congrats to....

Janette Muir Amy Hamilton Mary Kadlubowski

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THE PUZZLER

November's puzzler

Back when I was doing my radio show, listeners would sometimes ask how much preparation we did in advance of every show.



As a joke, I would reply “**we are wingin’ it!**”

This trip down memory lane prompted a pretty puzzlin’ puzzler question:

Where does the term "**wingin’ it**" come from and what does it mean?

GOOD LUCK!

Please email your answer to -

newsletter@bruu.org

Use the *Subject Line* - **BRUU PUZZLER**

From the correct answers, one random winner may be chosen to be featured in the newsletter and awarded bragging rights of course. Good Luck!