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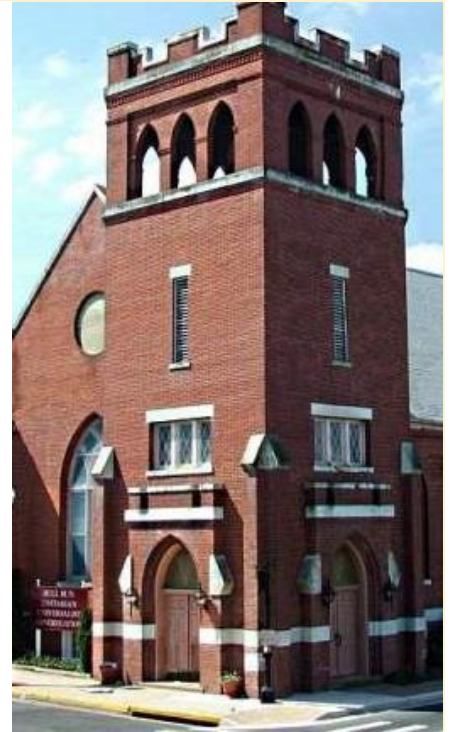


Tom Miller 2025

A BRUU Dinner Dance kept March bright and colorful

Courtesy of Tom Miller—more photos:

<https://www.flickr.com/gp/bullrunuu/631h05gZ86>



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April Services

April 5: Easter: An Unexpected Joy (Martin Crim)

The first Easter Sunday started with Jesus' disciples in hiding, full of grief and despair, shock and horror. By the end of that day, the disciples had had to rearrange their minds to make sense of what had just happened. Before there could be an explanation, there was astonishment; before the theology, there was confusion; before the Gospel stories, there was an experience of ... something. Come feel it.

April 12: The Power of Stories (Stephen Murray)

There are many ways that we can speak with one another and inform one another, but one of the most powerful is through telling stories. The use of narrative to inspire and empower, to familiarize and empathize, is one of the richest ways that humans communicate. Today, we will explore the phenomenon of storytelling and why we continue to love to discover new narratives and hold on to cherished familiar stories.

April 19: Love and Interdependence: Earth Day 2026 (Rev. Caitlin Cotter Coilberg)

What's love got to do with it? Join Rev. Caitlin Cotter Coillberg (Acting Minister of Religious Education for All Souls Church Unitarian) to explore how a theology centered in love can guide and support our work for climate justice and sustainability.

April 26: "Beeing" in the Community (Erik Brown)

Both honeybees and people take on many roles during their lives and in their communities. This service explores how honeybees work and interface in their colony and contrasts it with how we as people operate and communicate within our collective "hive." When we (and bees) have a deeper understanding of how we operate, we can meet each other on common ground and more effectively share and communicate our ideas with each other.

Green Up Prince William and Manassas

Charlie Grymes, BRUU Green Team

BRUU's Green Team continues to engage with local government officials on how to make our communities – well, greener. We also have suggestions and tools for each of us to "green up" at home.

For Prince William County, you can submit suggestions now for the new Sustainability and Resilience Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA). That CPA is intended to revise the long-range 2040 Comprehensive Plan and incorporate into county planning the policies/action strategies developed in the Community Energy and Sustainability Master Plan (CESMP) – <https://www.pwcva.gov/departmentsustainability/community-energy-and-sustainability-master-plan/> Send your recommendations via e-mail to srCPA@pwcgov.org

The county is also completing the FY27 budget. If you'd like to see more funding for parks and trails, then it's time to send a quick e-mail to bocs@pwcgov.org Help elected officials recognize there is grass roots support and parks/trails funding needs to be prioritized. Talk to Randy Freed or Charlie Grymes in particular if interested in greening up the county.

City of Manassas is developing a 10-Year Master Plan for Parks, Recreation, and Culture – https://manassasva.gov/parks_culture_and_recreation/parks_culture_and_recreation_master_plan/index.php Tell 'em what you think should be city's priorities. Share your ideas. Don't be shy.

The city has also promised to create a sustainability plan but action appears to be stalled. For more insight, contact Dianne Lane or Mike Freeland.

Green Team members have lots of suggestions on how to enhance habitat at your home and reduce energy use. Want to get involved? Contact us at greenteam@bruu.org

Chrysalis Concert Series: Music, Community, and Connection

Janette Muir

BRUU's Chrysalis Concert Series continues to grow as a vibrant way for us to gather, connect, and experience the power of live music together. At its heart, the series is about more than performances—it's about creating space for reflection, joy, and shared experience for both the BRUU community and the broader public. Music has a unique ability to bring people together, and Chrysalis offers that opportunity in a warm, welcoming setting.

We're especially excited about this season's lineup—it's shaping up to be one of our best yet, featuring an inspiring mix of returning favorites and exciting new talent.

The season got off to a fantastic start, beginning with Nothin' Fancy in December and Amy Speace at the end of February. This month, we're delighted to welcome Joe Jencks back to the stage—our very first Chrysalis performer—followed in May by the amazing Billy Jonas, whose interactive shows invite audiences of all ages to join in the music. At the end of June, don't miss a special performance by Christie Lenée, an extraordinary guitarist and songwriter whose work blends technical brilliance with emotional depth. Later this summer, the beloved Circle of Toads returns, bringing their signature energy, creativity, and fun, and in September, we'll welcome Chris Haddox from West Virginia to close out the season on a high note.

And just when you think it couldn't get better—we'll be ready to share an exciting new lineup for the next season.

Each concert is an invitation: to slow down, listen deeply, and enjoy an evening of exceptional music and thoughtful songwriting. Whether you come on your own or with friends, you'll find not just a performance, but a sense of fellowship and connection.

We hope you'll plan to join us for one—or all—of the concerts this season. And if you're interested in helping support the series, we're always looking for volunteers. Don't let the cost of a ticket keep you away, Janette is always looking for volunteers. Please reach out to learn more about how to get involved (chrysalis@bruu.org).

Come be part of the experience—we'll see you at Chrysalis.

Janette Muir

Social Justice Plans & Activities

Cathy Ring

Are you interested in participating in our BRUU efforts in the many areas of social justice actions, current and future? Begin by attending the rejuvenation of the Social Justice committee by a Zoom gathering on Monday April 6th at 7:30pm. Please email SocialJustice@BRUU.org to get the link. Contact catherine ring (ring.cw@gmail.com) with questions, or just show up on Zoom for more info and opportunities.

Large Spring Work Day!

Christine Sunda



Our annual spring building and grounds cleanup, repair and painting work day is coming up on Saturday, April 11th from 9:30-3pm. In addition to our usual jobs, we have a lot of painting to do! So come prepared to fix, clean or paint and we'll feed you a pizza lunch. Children accompanied by an adult welcome. For more information contact Christine Sunda at workday@bruu.org.

Events At & Around BRUU

BRUU's Biblical Discussion Group

APRIL 12---SUNDAY---9:00 AM---Flamingo Lounge

What Now?!

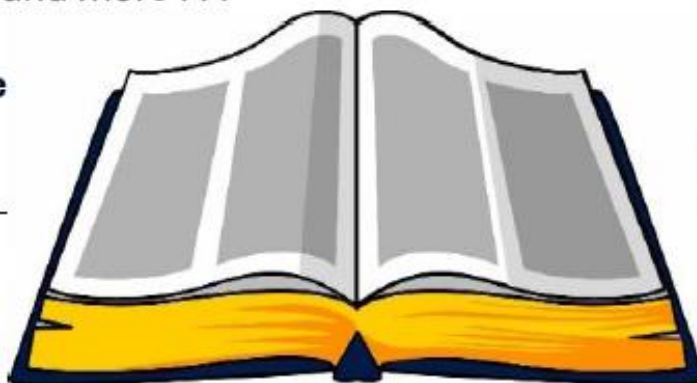
**What does the Bible say happened
after Jesus' resurrection?**



**How did Jesus' followers make sense of the
Easter experience in the decades after?**

Martin Crim will lead us on a tour of New Testament passages that answer these questions and more . . .

**Come join the
discussion!**



**And bring
your questions!**

Second Sunday Hike on April 12, 1:00-3:00pm

On April 12, 2026 we will explore Leopold's Preserve in Haymarket VA. The hike will be led by naturalist volunteers at the Preserve and include discussions of local ecology. Distance will be 2-3 miles, at an easy pace, on natural surface trails. Well-behaved dogs on leash are welcome.

Please register at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2xqIVXGb-E1UUouqGINOAnh3dtyOFJmN_FLYDkwLIwk3-tQ/viewform

BRUU Midweek Coffee Hour - 10am Wednesdays



- Visit with old friends and make new ones
- Share your joys, concerns and insights
- Discuss serious topics and not so serious ones.
- Start your day off with a smile and a laugh or two!

10am-11:30am every Wednesday on Zoom. Feel free to drop in at any time. Contact Gordon Ward for links at midweekcoffee@bruu.org.

Join the BRUU Book Group!

On Monday, April 20th at 3:30, we will be discussing "The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times" by Jane Goodall.

New members are welcome. Discussion can still be stimulating even if life got in the way and someone has not read much of the book. To get the Zoom link, contact us at bookgroup@bruu.org

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.

CHRYSLIS CONCERT SERIES

JOE JENCKS

FRIDAY APRIL 10, 2026

7:30 PM



ADVANCE TICKETS: \$22; \$25 AT THE DOOR. KIDS UNDER 16 ATTEND FOR FREE. CHILDCARE COVERED FOR THE LITTLEST ONES, PLEASE LET THE CONCERT PLANNERS KNOW IF YOU ARE BRINGING CHILDREN.

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Chrysalis Concert Series at BRUU

October 2025-September 2026 season



Sam Robbins - 10/17/2025

Transport yourself back to the golden era of singer-songwriters with the soulful tunes of Sam Robbins. Hailing from Boston, Sam's music draws inspiration from legends like James Taylor and Neil Young, blending timeless melodies with a contemporary twist that will captivate your heart.



<https://samrobbinsmusic.com/>

Nothin' Fancy - 12/6/2025

Experience the magic of a live performance by Nothin' Fancy in the heart of Manassas! Join us for an unforgettable evening filled with soul-warming Bluegrass music that will leave you feeling uplifted and inspired. This is an opportunity to witness the phenomenal talent of a beloved band that has captured the hearts of audiences everywhere. Don't miss your chance to be swept away by the incredible sounds of Nothin' Fancy - it's an experience you'll remember long after the final note fades away.



<https://www.nothinfancybluegrass.com/>



Greg Greenway - 1/10/2026

Greg is a cherished performer in many UU communities, and especially at BRUU. His talents defy categorization as he seamlessly blends musical genres and shares poignant insights on global events. Greg's performances serve as a reminder that we are all interconnected as citizens of the world. Come be inspired to embrace our ability to effect change. Don't miss this extraordinary opportunity to experience his artistry once again.

<https://www.greggreenway.com/>

Amy Space - 2/27/2026

Get ready for an enchanting musical experience with the talented Amy Space. Known for her soul-stirring lyrics and captivating performances, Amy's music has the power to take you on a transformative journey. With heartfelt songs that resonate deeply, Amy Space's live performance promises an unforgettable evening filled with beauty and emotion.



<https://www.amyspace.com/>

Joe Jencks - 4/10/2026

Spend an evening with award-winning musician Joe Jencks, a favorite performer in many UU communities. Joe was the opening performer for the Chrysalis Concert Series back in April 2023 and we're delighted he's coming back to see us again. Joe's profound music is sure to leave a lasting impact offering a night filled with beautiful melodies, social consciousness, and spiritual exploration.



<https://joejencks.com/>

Billy Jonas - 5/23/2026

Join Billy Jonas on a musical journey that began around a campfire in 1972 and has since blossomed into a profound experience of connectedness and musical camaraderie. Through his soul-stirring vocals, mesmerizing guitar skills, and innovative use of industrial re-percussion, he creates an unforgettable performance that resonates with audiences of all ages. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of the Bucket Brigade and immerse yourself in the beauty of live music that touches the soul and brings people together in harmony.



<https://www.billyjonas.com/>



Circle of Toads - 8/15/2026

Embark on a fun musical ride with Circle of Toads - a favorite BRUU band that brings together a unique and diverse mix of talents. Dave, Bill, Kel, and Mike have been playing together since 2023, combining their individual musical backgrounds to create a one-of-a-kind sound that resonates with audiences all around Manassas. Experience an eclectic blend of folk, rock, and original pieces that are sure to captivate your senses. A great way to wrap up the summer.

<https://www.facebook.com/p/Circle-of-Toads-61565700088114/>



Chris Haddox - 9/15/2026

Help us welcome this talented artist from West Virginia. With heartfelt lyrics and soulful melodies, his performances are a blend of tradition and contemporary flair that captivate audiences of all ages. Prepare to be taken on a rollercoaster of emotions as each song is a testament to Haddox's ability to weave intricate yet relatable stories that resonate deep within the soul. Join in on the experience and let the music speak to you in ways you never imagined.

<https://www.chrishaddoxmusic.com/>

Get your tickets here:



**From the
Treasurer's Office**

Links for donating to BRUU



BRUU can receive online charitable donations via Zelle, Stripe or Paypal. You can use these services for your pledge payment (supporting our operational expenses), food pantry or community assistance donations, capital fund contributions, Sunday and split-the-plate, or any of our special collections and fundraisers. When donating online, you may use the comments section to specify your designation.

If you have questions or concerns just send us a note. Thanks!

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