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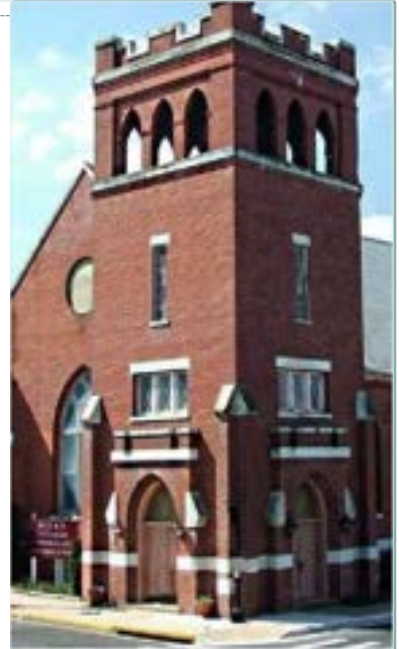
# Crossroads

## **This is a truncated version of the newsletter**

This version will only contain the second half of  
October and very few announcements

Please continue to read the BRUU Round-up for  
the most up to date information

Novembers Crossroads will return



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**OCTOBER SERMON DESCRIPTIONS**

**October 15: *Exposing Evil***

**(Rev. Charlotte Lehmann)**

It is important for us, no matter who we are and what our faith tradition, to acknowledge that we are at times not only exposed to evil in our midst, but sometimes we participate knowingly or unknowingly in the perpetration of – even the protection of – such evil within our communities. How can we do a better job of responding to evil in our midst? How can we prevent evil from happening within our community of sacred trust? (This is the 2022-23 BRUU Auction sermon.)

The **3rd Sunday Share the Plate** benefits the **BRUU Community Assistance Fund**

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**October 22: *A Fool's Journey***

**(Annaliess Trommatter & Michelle Luman)**

Join us on a journey through the Major Arcana of the Tarot. Starting with the Fool's first steps and coming full circle to end at the world. The Fool's quest for self-discovery mirrors the Hero's Journey as described by American writer and Comparative Mythology expert Joseph Campbell. No Tarot experience necessary for a mythic good time!

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**October 29: *5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Social Justice Project***

**(Rev. Charlotte Lehmann & Kristin Worthington)**

This is the second of our new **Service Sundays** being held on the **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month**.

After some opening rituals, we will engage in a project-based activity to benefit our larger community. Our project partners this month are Project Mend-A-House (<https://pmah.org/>). There will be options for people who are able to go to a Project Mend-A-House worksite and for those who prefer to stay at BRUU. The service will be followed by a “pitch-in” lunch for all.

The **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Special Collection** will benefit the **UUA/Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's Disaster Relief Fund** (see <https://www.uusc.org/disaster-response-faq/> or <https://www.uua.org/giving/areas-support/funds/disaster-response> for more information).

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear fellow-congregants,

It has been an exciting month and I certainly have been energized by the steps forward we have been taking as a board and as a congregation.

I love that our sermons get us talking about the things that matter most to us and they have helped me focus on BRUUs value in the wider world. I was impressed with the lay-led service of Forrest Lingenfelter and Chaplin Jenkins whose presentations taught me so much that I didn't already know. I am delighted that October's sermons which kick off with a service that brings back sweet memories of my Catholic childhood: The Blessing of the Animals. In a UU setting, in our beloved community, it is sweeter still.

The Sept. 17 Town Hall asked for input on BRUUs strategic plan and restructuring process and we were graced with great questions and responses from you, our amazing congregation. These initiatives will take us in the direction of our goals and aspirations. I am also especially pleased that the Board is moving forward with a feasibility study for a Capital Campaign which will help with infrastructure issues on our historic building. A special thanks to Art Muirhead, Dianne Lane, and Rita Romano for their diligence and dedication to moving these three important initiatives forward.

So, what else has the board been doing? Besides continuing steps to meet our goals, we continue to work toward improved communication and documentation, so the wheel doesn't have to be re-invented. We are asking you to share your good ideas so that processes can be effectively adopted with stakeholder input or feedback. I'm counting on you to let me know what gaps you see and any solutions you can offer for consideration. My email address is [President@BRUU.org](mailto:President@BRUU.org); if you write, I will respond!

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT cont'd

My only disappointment was the resignation of our new Office Administrator (Ashley) who was offered a full-time job elsewhere that she simply couldn't refuse. Yet, BRUU's hiring team has stepped up and begun the search process. In the meantime, the office will be covered as much as possible, but please do have patience as staff continues to forge ahead.

I send a special shout out to the many committees, individual members, and community volunteers who help us with all our programs and activities that extend our reach beyond our building.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention.

Angie Carrera-Earl

Board President

"Holding each other in care, power and love."



## Music Program Survey

The Settled Music Director Team (sMDT) has begun its work! Our first step is to discern the congregation's needs and desires regarding our music program. To make your voice heard, please complete this brief survey by scanning the QR code or clicking on the link. We'll also be set up downstairs during coffee hour through Sunday Nov 5, if you'd like to complete the survey then.

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BRUU\\_Music\\_Director](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BRUU_Music_Director)

## HELP NEEDED

In Search Of: Sunday Zoommeister

Join the AV Team in the booth on Sunday mornings, or even do most of this job from home. Training provided so you can manage the handful of postings in the Chat for our Sunday Zoom audience. Interested? Come watch one Sunday in the booth and check it out. For more details, contact the AV Team at [av@bruu.org](mailto:av@bruu.org)

Coffee, Tea, and Thee?

Our fellowship social time following the Sunday services is an important part of our congregational vitality. It is where we meet our first-time visitors holding the sacred “golden” mugs (yes, they are actually mustard yellow), chat it up with other BRUU folks, sign Caring cards (and eat those tasty cookies), purchase fair trade goodies (coffee, chocolate, and more), and find out what our different project teams are doing and promoting, all the while – sipping some coffee or tea.

What you need to know is that there is no miracle to making these fluids appear. It takes a team of dedicated acolytes (aka Kitchen Krewe members) to make this good stuff happen – and they need more help.

Please consider volunteering to help one Sunday a month. You could come in a little early and start the coffee makers and set out the mugs, cream & sweeteners. Or, you could stay a bit later to wash up the mugs and put them, and the other items, away. It’s a very simple system. Basically, more hands would make lighter work for our current team. Just ask any of them: Bert Miller, Gretchen Almstead, Eric Trumbull, Larry Underwood, Mark Tisler, Tony Main (bless his caffeine-craving heart) – and be sure to thank them for their dedication to providing coffee! To volunteer, contact me, the Kitchen Krewe Kaptainess, at [ring.cw@gmail.com](mailto:ring.cw@gmail.com) or call **703.754.8191**.

## 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](mailto: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

## **October Riddles**

1. Poor people have it. Rich people need it. If you eat it you die.  
What is it?
  
2. Who makes it, has no need for it. Whoever buys it won't use it.  
Who uses it, won't care. What am I?
  
3. I'm tall when I'm young, I'm short when I'm old, and once a  
year, I make heavy pumpkins light. What am I?