

BUF E-Bulletin for 3 July 2019

Remember MWU publishing dates July 10th, July 24th, Aug 7th and Aug 21st (weekly after then.)

Upcoming Sunday Services:

July 7 - The Power of We: Inspiration from UUA General Assembly Unitarian Universalism is in a time of transformation: as our nation struggles with the changing structures and demographics of power, so must we. We do so not only to remain relevant, but because as of today our ways of being do not correspond to our stated principles around justice and inclusion. In fact our outward identity does not even correspond to the actual diversity within our movement. In age, race, gender, class, gender expression, sexual orientation, theology, ability, and national origin... there is among us a great deal of diversity without representation in leadership, in our priorities, or in the ways in which we join in worship.



We've talked about transformation of our UU culture for a long time. At the UUA General Assembly last month we saw significant progress -- the real presence of underrepresented UUs in leadership and agenda setting, in music and in forms of spiritual expression. Moreover, the expectations were raised and assumptions were confronted in regard to how we have long operated to maintain status quo power dynamics, a.k.a. white supremacy culture.

In our service today, several BUFsters who shared in the learning and the enthusiasm for bringing forward the best of Unitarian Universalism into our changing world will share of their experience from this gathering of thousands of UUs for mutual support, accountability, and inspiration.

July 14 - Tribute to Mary Oliver: The Power of Words “Our beloved American lesbian poet, Mary Oliver, died from lymphoma on January 17, 2019, and for many in the LGBTQI community--indeed for people all over the world--it is a time of deep loss yet also a time to stop and honor her life, who she was to us, the ways she taught us to pay attention, and to pay tribute to the power of words to shape, heal, and save our lives.

Please join us for our annual PRIDE service at BUF at 10:30 am on July 14, 2019, where we will also celebrate the 50th anniversary of Stonewall and the start of the modern-day LGBTQI movement.”

July 21 - Reflections on the Bhagavad Gita

July 28 - Everyday Heroes

COLLECTING FOOD DONATIONS at BUF FOR JULY 24-28 ARRIVING TRIBAL CANOE FAMILIES –BUF is one of only 3 collection sites in the county!

Over **111 Tribal Canoe Families** are arriving on Lummi Shores on July 24. Many of them have been traveling in open canoes for week in all weather and sea conditions. They have stopped at towns and tribal nations along the way but the journey is tough and expensive. Each canoe family might contain from 50-100 people or more who accompany the canoe on

land. They arrive ahead, set up camp, prepare food, replenish gear. In the evenings there is cultural sharing of the canoe family's personally owned songs and dances.

When they arrive at Lummi for the five days they will have depleted their stores of food. Lummi will take whatever food we donate and make up gift box for each canoe family to help them through some camp meals. Lummi is serving breakfast and dinner but lunch is on their own.

Consider your donations going to help support one of the 111 tribal canoes Suggested food items (should be non-perishable): dry cereals; peanut butter/jam; canned soups and stews, beans, vegies, fruit; dried packaged meals for meat added meals, noodles/pasta; pasta sauce in jars; canned tuna and salmons; snacks and energy foods like meat jerky, energy bars, dried fruit/roll-ups, nuts, crackers; cases of bottled water, cases of juices, sealed packets or bottles of juice or rehydrating drinks.

These stores tend to have lower prices & larger sized packages: Grocery Outlets, Costco, Winco. See the food collection box in the hallway for specific food items and costs from various stores with size and quantity information.

**COLLECTION BOX IS in Foyer as you enter the Building
July 1-July 19 (SHORT TIME/BIG NEED)
Questions: bethbrownf@aol.com**

SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR FRIENDS



**Pride Parade Umbrella Drill Team Practice
Wednesday July 10, 5:30 BUF Parking lot**

Bring a solid rainbow color or rainbow umbrella. BUF has some to loan or buy \$20

You do not have to attend practice to march with us, but it is helpful.

Could use someone to help with rhythm and choreography.

More info: Cathy Campbell, cathyc1808@gmail.com