



Rev. Mandy Beal
Senior Minister

This month finds our Beloved Community in uncharted waters. As we come to terms with the COVID-19/ Coronavirus pandemic, we're finding ourselves coping with a rapidly changing set of challenges. During the past two weeks, our BUC staff have worked hard to move all of our programs online. That includes worship, music, religious education, pastoral care, social and environmental justice... everything we do, which is a lot. We're a busy community with a lot of committees that do important work.

And, of course, there are the business aspects of running a church. We've had to create new ways of handling our accounts payable and receivable without being in the office. That means answering questions about how to track pledges, how to collect the offering, how to pay the bills, and so much more.

I am truly grateful for our staff and the lay leaders that have worked so hard to make all of this possible. We are being called upon to have more flexibility and adaptability than any of us ever expected. I am deeply impressed with the grit and compassion that our staff and congregation have demonstrated. I'm proud of us and I'm confident that we'll look back on this and know that we did our best.

Every hour of church programming that BUC provides takes a massive amount of preparation. Let's consider a typical worship service as an example. I spend about 8 hours per week researching and writing a sermon. This is after weeks (sometimes months) thinking about the subject, the life experience that I draw from, and the readings that support the sermon. Steven and Abha spend more time than that planning, arranging, and rehearsing music for each service (multiply the rehearsal time by the number of people in the choir plus Forrest's rehearsal or the rehearsal time of the guys in the band plus Roman, our sound guy). Each service has a religious education component that requires research and practice. A Worship Associate also spends hours planning their part, which is in addition to their hours of training (the hours I spent planning and facilitating those trainings adds to the hours I put toward the service). Plus, we have a weekly worship planning meeting and multiple follow-up discussions to make sure that we're all tightly focused on the worship topic. All of that is in addition to the collective years of education and training that serve as the foundation of our work. A similar level of care and professionalism goes into each program offered at BUC.

And now we're learning how to do all of this in a profoundly new way. We're still committed to the same level of cohesion and preparedness even if we can't work in the same ways that we're used to. I've joked that we should rent a house like a band making an album. OK, so I'm only half joking. Our jobs are impossible on a good day, and now we're having to relearn them entirely.

It's not just the planning that's totally different, but also the execution. Worship is meant to be a personal, intimate experience. There is nothing that compares to the feeling of being together, engaged in the same emotional/spiritual experience. When I'm preaching or leading another part of the service, I can feel the energy in the room. I can feel you. I can usually tell from your faces and body language how long the pauses should be or whether what I said made sense or came together the way I'd hoped. And now I'm having to imagine that connection. I miss you and what it feels like to be together.

Beloved, I think there's a very good chance that we are at the very beginning of this pandemic, and it will have a long-lasting impact on our society. We need to embrace the reality that we will probably be an online community for a long while. I hope that I am wrong. I hold that hope close to my heart.

As we're learning to be emotionally close in our time of physical separation, I invite us all to take on a set of spiritual practices:

1. Breathe - Breathe deeply and exhale slowly. Our breath is our most powerful reminder that everything is temporary. Just as a breath doesn't last forever, neither does any experience.
2. Seek - Call another BUCer, learn to use Zoom or FaceTime or Google Hangouts, send an old-fashioned letter, or all of the above. And do it as a spiritual practice. Seek each other the way you would seek air if you were underwater. Be each other's life preservers.
3. Pray - I know that word doesn't resonate with everyone, but the time has come to push past that. Call it setting an intention or meditation or a reflection if you must. But take a little time each day to say what's on your heart. Say what your heart desires for your friends, your family, yourself, our country, and our Beloved Community.
4. Give - BUC needs your help. Generosity is a spiritual practice and I ask you to consider how much BUC has meant to you over the past several weeks, and the value it will have in the weeks to come. Please turn in your pledge form. Please fulfill your pledges for this year. Please give by clicking the "Donate to BUC" button on the front page of our website.

I will be with you in these spiritual practices; I would never ask you to do something I am not willing to do. Keeping with these practices will bring us closer as a community, perhaps even closer than we were before. Our faith, and the way to practice our faith, is an anchor for us in times of trouble; times like these. Now is the time for us to become devout Unitarian Universalists. As UUA President Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray has said, "This is no time for casual faith." May it be so.



Abha Dearing
Co-Director
Music Ministry

On our home calendar, today (Thursday as I write) marks day 14 since church/schools were canceled and we decided to make social distancing our new modus operandi. Without the travel distractions of life, we Dearing's have spent some instructive time together. Some discoveries: 14-year-old Rahk is desperate to separate from our pod, but when watching home movies, he sees the love and warmth at our foundation. 12-year-old Raina is motoring around with her broken ankle, up and down stairs on crutches, wheeling around to play driveway basketball and realizing we three do lots extra for her now, but she will be able to pay it forward soon. Steve and I have been spending so much time homebound and it is a comfort to connect with each other right away. It is also a challenge to be in close quarters, working and scheduling all our disparate church and teaching stuff on various technologies. Tyson (5-year-old boxer/shepherd) is thrilled that we are hosting a daily party for him!

All of this to say that even when we try to see some silver linings, it is hard. It is NOT what we planned. It is scary. Disappointing. Irritating. Worrisome. I hope we all stay healthy and follow the guidelines to stay safe so we all come out of this with renewed appreciation for each other when we can finally gather. I can just feel those hugs now.

It is so odd knowing how much has changed since we've been together last in our scenic, acoustically sound sanctuary.

Since BUC's Sunday services moved to the online Zoom broadcast, Abha and I have attempted to continue bringing you the best of us. We are now armed with more tech, including a digital mixer, with hopes to improve upon the sonic quality of our online services.

But deep down we know that nothing we do from our living room through the internet will ever be close to what we feel while playing with all of you in the sanctuary. We feed off your presence, and that energy can never be replaced by remote playing in the digital realm, even with all the best tech in the world.

We hope that whatever comes out through your speakers over the next several weeks helps you along in some way spiritually. Please know that you are missed, and that all of us instrumentalists (Forrest, Dave, Brian, and Mark) miss playing for you.



Steven Dearing
Co-Director
Music Ministry



Joanne Copeland
Bookkeeper

Hey ho, all. During this unusual time in our lives, I've been trying to go about my daily routines as normal as possible, getting up at the same time and doing everything I would normally do every morning. Of course, I have some prodding from my dear cat, Leonard, who seems to have an inner alarm clock when I should be getting up to feed him and scoop. He just gets me going so he might go sleep on my bed the rest of the day!

I go for a walk every day. I sit on my balcony when the sun is out and do crossword puzzles or read. I take 15-20 mins. on my rowing machine, maybe work on some of the crafts I've wanted to do. I minimize my time on the TV, news, and social media.

I work at home on anything Rev. Mandy requests. We have a Zoom staff meeting every Tuesday at our normal time and check in with everyone. I'm scheduled to go into BUC every Wednesday, but we'll as time goes on. I am in awe of how Rev. Mandy has handled all of this while trying to keep the staff, congregation, and herself sane. Thank you, thank you!

What I'm having trouble with is the not-knowing part. Too many unanswered questions and the supposed leader of our country is incapable of doing his job.



Eva Sagolileh
Religious Education

The last couple weeks were really rough. In fact, I'm pretty sure I did the bulk of my processing and grieving during these last weeks' rollercoaster. After a few spots of heavy crying, I decided to spend one Saturday unplugged. I turned off my phone, I turned off my computer, and I spent the day listening to music, meditating, gardening, and reading.

That evening, I spoke to a friend who told me that every morning he wakes up, takes a huge inhale, does a body check-in, checks in on his father, and when he checks in healthy, and his dad checks in healthy, he feels that his day can't be any better. Knowing my friend as I do, I strongly suspect he is exaggerating how good his days are, but his point was made: I had been focusing on the wrong things. I had been focusing on the things I have zero control over and it wasn't helping my mood. In fact, it was making things significantly worse. I did a check-in on my self-care practices.

I realized my daily meditation and yoga practices dwindled. I had stopped when I slipped a disc in my back, and my back is getting better. I have been making it a point to get myself back into my meditation practice and to slowly and gently re-integrate yoga into my daily life.

I keep my focus on things in my direct orbit: work, friends and family, my garden, my cats. Not necessarily in that order. I've been signing up for free classes and events online that aren't normally on offer. I learned how to watch movies on Netflix with my aunt in California.

Just prior to having to go on full isolation, a friend stopped by. I was in the garden where we would be able to maintain a 6-ft. distance, and he told me that I looked like a kid in a sandbox, digging in the dirt. I grinned at him and told him that I feel like a kid in the sandbox when I'm digging and that this is the thing that is making me most happy right now. And it's true. When I am digging in the dirt—often with Hitch, my tuxedo kitty, “helping” as he “digs” alongside me—I feel my most authentic, peaceful self. And so I have been trying to spend some time in the dirt everyday, even when it's chilly enough that I start off in my winter coat.

I have had moments of fear this week. Every headache I get, I take my temperature and every time I cough, I do a quick “lung check” where I take a deep breath while “feeling” my lungs. I won't let my neighbors get within 6 feet of me when they engage me in conversation over the fence. I try to balance my fear with logic and have been getting a strong lesson in why it is so important to keep up with my meditative practices. As in meditation, when my mind wanders to fear, I have to acknowledge that my mind is wandering into fear and that, while understandable, it is not where we are going to dwell today, and I pull my focus back to my breath and then to whatever I was doing.

I am going to end this the same way I end my journal entries: with three things I am grateful for.

1. I am grateful for my home with a backyard and three sweet cats who love to snuggle.
2. I am grateful to have a job I enjoy and find fulfilling, in which I also feel my contributions are appreciated.
3. I am weirdly grateful that I threw my back out when I did because it kept me home at a time this virus was silently circulating.



Marcia Mahood
Rental Coordinator

When my boys Alex and Michael were young, we used to go for daily walks with our dog in our Albuquerque neighborhood. On days when I needed a little quiet, I would tell them that we were going to go on a special kind of walk: a listening walk. We had to be quiet and listen for the sounds around us. They took great interest in listening and identifying all the sounds of nature and the city, and it was a joy to watch their exploration of the world around them.

I've been thinking about those walks with my young sons, as each day I go for a long walk in my neighborhood. Now I am the one who is listening, looking, and paying attention. I especially notice the birds: the cry of the blue jay, the trill of redwing blackbirds, and the chirps of the swallows in a thicket I pass each day. If I am lucky, I've heard the occasional shrill cry of a hawk.

But it's more than the sounds around me I am noticing. The snowdrops are in bloom deep in the woods. The daffodils are coming up in my garden. The stalks are getting taller, the buds are starting to swell and open, and I can see in just a few days, the blossoms will emerge.

As so much in our lives and routines has changed, I get comfort in knowing that the daffodils don't know about the new virus that has upended our lives. The daffodils are still going to bloom right on schedule. I think we will remember spring 2020 as being especially glorious.

My hope is that I keep this habit of listening to the birds, the breeze in the trees, of admiring the bright yellow of a daffodil. And I think this will expand to more than just my daily walks. Spring will come and I'm going to be listening.



Valerie Phillips
Administrator

I love information. Even with the abundance of information that we have on current events, I still have more questions and want to know more. However, it can be so easy to become overwhelmed by such a fast-changing environment that is affecting the entire world. It is essential to keep a balance of remaining informed and taking time for ourselves. Sometimes, I forget that I'm an important part of the equation to those around me, and I need to practice self-care. Some of the ways that I cope with what's going on in our world today are to maintain routine and to listen to music.

Maintaining routine in my household is important for myself and my children. Get up. Wash up. Get dressed (yes, with pants, just like you were going to leave the house). Grab breakfast. Get to work. Keep your mind and your hands busy.

Music allows me to feel and process what is going on in my life. One of my favorite musical artists recently released two albums online for free. I had them playing on our TV as I worked from home last week. My 13-year-old asked what it was, and I told her. She was about to suggest something else for me to play, but I quickly explained that I was listening to it because it was new and it wouldn't distract me from getting my work done. She listened for a second and said, "You don't find this distracting?!" Honestly, the albums on their own are pretty awful. They basically sound like instrumental soundtrack pieces to a haunting, suspenseful movie. For me though, the noise in my space was familiar and comforting to me.

I am thankful for the technology that allows us to stay in touch with teachers, family, and friends, both from school and from church. I am thankful for the artists that create and share their talents and speak their truths. Mostly, I am thankful for the hard work of the church to provide a Sunday service that follows a format that we are familiar with, and provides the reminder that even with distance, we are still together.



Sara Constantakis
*Communications
Coordinator*

My job requires a lot of writing. I like writing. You're all familiar with my writing from our weekly emails and other church publicity. But in this new world, with the anxiety, uncertainty, and sadness of the COVID-19 pandemic surrounding us, writing from the heart feels hard. When Rev. Mandy asked the BUC staff to compose personal reflections for this month's newsletter, I put it off until the day of the deadline. And I'm the one who set the deadline!

These past couple of weeks have been hard. Setting up our church community to function completely online has been a lot of work and has felt, at times, like a heavy responsibility. What keeps me going is knowing that all of this is for you, for us, this beloved community. To keep us connected and sustained during this time when we can't be physically together. To provide information, support, care, and hopefully even entertainment and distraction as we navigate a world that is changing before our eyes, every day, sometimes every hour. I saw a quote recently that encapsulates part of my experience as your communications coordinator during this unprecedented time: "With church doors shutting across America, it is time for us to show that church has never been about the building." I've been returning to this quote as a source of motivation and strength to do my best work for this beloved community during this time, even in the moments when I don't feel strong myself. So many of you have sent me such kind expressions of support and gratitude during the past couple of weeks, and they truly lift me. Thank you. It is a pleasure, a privilege, and a gift to serve this congregation. This was true for me before the pandemic, it is true now, and it will continue to be true after we emerge from this experience. And we will. We will be changed, but if I have anything to do with it, we will be together. I plan to play my part to help that happen.

As for my personal coping strategies during this time, they center around exercise, personal connection, and squirrels. Exercise is a major source of stress relief for me, and I've been able to keep up my exercise program of choice (Jazzercise!) with video workouts online. I have a twice-weekly video chat with my parents, sister, and 7-year-old niece, and other regular video chats with friends. And... I am a lover of squirrels. I get so much joy from watching them gather food, build nests, play, and go about their little lives in and around our suburban yards. They will sometimes come up onto the steps or railing to the back door wall of our house and peer in at us, hoping for nuts, I'm sure. It's a thrill to watch them and a comfort to know that they're there, co-existing with us, reminding us that life goes on and we will be okay. May it be so.

Online Events

Most church events and meetings are now taking place on Zoom. For resources on downloading and using Zoom, click [here](#). If you're part of a committee or group that is meeting on Zoom, your organizer will send you the Zoom link for your meeting.

To join any of the events below, simply click on the meeting's Zoom link. If you're not using a computer to access Zoom, you can dial into Zoom meetings with your phone by calling 253-215-8782. When you dial in by phone, you'll be prompted to enter the meeting ID, which consists of the number string in the Zoom link.

Weekly Events

Sunday Worship

Sundays | 10:30 a.m.

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/196899450>

Sunday Morning Discussion Group

Sundays | 3:00–4:30 p.m.

These early birds now meet online on Sunday afternoons. Get acquainted with fellow UUs as they share their ideas and experiences in a group setting. Newcomers are always welcome.

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/328155806>

Coffee with the Minister

Mondays | 10:00–11:00 a.m.

This is an open drop-in time to talk with Rev. Mandy about how things are going in Coronavirus Land. Grab your morning beverage of choice and stop by to check in.

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/445635030>

Living by Heart

Mondays | 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Use simple art techniques and writing techniques to explore what matters most in our lives. Open to all genders, and no experience is necessary. You'll need a journal, pen, and art supplies.

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/332255974>

Fireside Chats with Rev. Mandy

Wednesdays | 7:00 p.m.

This event takes place on Facebook Live, not Zoom. To access the live broadcast, [visit Birmingham Unitarian Church on Facebook](#) at 7:00 p.m. every Wednesday, or watch the video on Facebook anytime afterward.

April Events

Community Conversation: COVID-19 and the Economy

Thursday, April 2 | 7:00–8:00 p.m.

BUC member Matt Choje, Certified Financial Planner, will discuss the state of the economy and financial efforts underway, and what that may mean to you.

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/332284282>

Issues and Ale

Friday, April 3 | 6:00–7:00 p.m.

The monthly Issues and Ale discussion group is now online! Join them for conversation on important social justice topics in an informal atmosphere. Ale not required.

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/816419536>

Social and Environmental Justice Team monthly meeting

Wednesday, April 15 | 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/205212974>

New events are being added all the time, so watch the weekly email and Facebook page!

Rummage

Well, we have sad news: BUC's Spring Rummage sale is cancelled.

Rummage is a favorite activity for many of us, as well as an important community builder and source of revenue for the church. However, the health of our community and church is even more important. This was not an easy decision to make, but we believe it is the right one.

The Rummage Committee is brainstorming ways to make up some of the lost income from the sale. One idea is to sell high-value items online. If you have anything you were planning to donate to the sale, or would like to donate now, you can contact Mary Dunn at mjd70bc@msn.com.

Also, there's always a silver lining—and here it is:

Fall Rummage is gonna be HUUUGE!

So save that stuff, stay safe, and we'll see you in September.

—The Rummage Committee

Welcoming Congregation

As our BUC congregation, our individual towns and cities, our state, our country, and our world go through the scary and difficult reality of the COVID-19 outbreak, we wanted to note another scary and difficult reality—that the LGBTQ+ population specifically has an increased vulnerability to this disease. There are several reasons for this:

- The LGBTQ+ population's tobacco use is 50% higher than the general population, and since COVID-19 is a respiratory illness, it is particularly harmful to smokers.
- The LGBTQ+ population's HIV and cancer rates are higher than the general population as well. A compromised immune system leaves one more vulnerable to infection.
- Because LGBTQ+ people continue to experience discrimination and ignorance from health care providers, many do not seek medical attention when they need it.

We want all of our LGBTQ+ congregants to be aware of these factors in terms of infection risk so you can keep yourselves safe and get back to our beloved community when we all meet again. Please see our newsletter or website for all the resources we have available right now for our congregants.

You are strong. You are resilient. You are loved. See you soon.

Sharing Dinners Suspended

There will be no more Sharing Dinners this church year. We had two dinners left and normally suspend for the summer, so this was the logical decision. Depending on future conditions, we could resume the dinners one month early in September. Sharing dinner participants can expect an email from Dave Sabbagh in July to get a feeling for everyone's desire to begin the schedule early.

Alliance

The Alliance had a very interesting and informative meeting in February with Dr. Michael Yocum from the Oakland Intermediate School District. Dr. Yocum talked about the state of Michigan schools and generated a lot of discussion.

We hope to have a rescheduled date in the fall for our discussion with Kevin Piecuch, attorney and Executive Director of the Southwest Detroit Immigrant and Refugee Center.

Our annual meeting and catered luncheon is on the calendar for June 3. We don't yet know if we will be able to hold this event, but we will keep you advised. Meanwhile, do what is necessary and stay well!

Humanists of BUC

The Humanists of BUC group will resume meetings when the church resumes normal activities.

Membership

Hi, folks. As the Membership committee, we spend most of our time thinking about how to get people connected. We know that human connection, as much and maybe even more than connection to something divine, is what people seek when they come to through our doors for the first or five-hundredth time.

And then COVID-19 happened.

But guess what? Now, everyone spends most of their time thinking about how to get people connected! Staff members, worship associates, lay leaders, congregants, youth...

So keep checking your emails and Facebook page to get the news on how we're keeping our community together. The solutions will feel weird, and different, and challenging for those of us who are less familiar with computers and all this virtual tech. But also there will be silver linings. (Drinking coffee DURING the sermon!) Look for those! Silver linings and one gold flame. Look for that, too—it's always shining.

—Brianna Zamborsky, Chair, Membership Committee

New Member Corner

Doug, Jill, and Jacob Boddy

You probably know these folks—the Boddys have been coming for years—but in March we officially welcomed them as members!



Social and Environmental Justice

In normal times, the Social and Environmental Justice team meets on the third Wednesday of each month at BUC. This month, we are planning to meet via Zoom on Wednesday, April 15 from 6:30–8:30 p.m. (Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/205212974>). All are welcome to attend meetings and join us in our work. To be added to our email list, please contact us at janeaoneil@gmail.com.

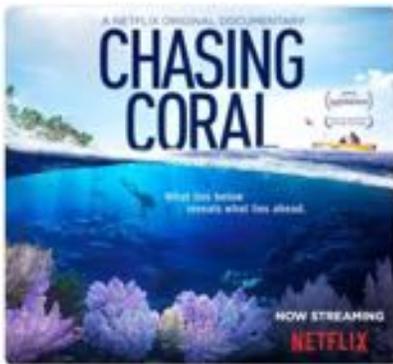
So much has been cancelled this month, and it is equal parts frustrating and liberating. All this extra free time provides an opportunity to reset and think about where we want to put our efforts once things begin to hum again, as they surely will. There are definitely things we can keep doing online, as we learn to use the tools we are so fortunate to have available to us during this time of physical distancing. (We've even shifted our terminology from "social distancing" to "physical distancing" since so many of us are enjoying a new way of interacting socially.)

Here are a few ideas, and we look forward to seeing everyone in cyberspace soon and at BUC in a little while.

—Jane O'Neil and Julia Pulver, Co-Chairs

Chasing Coral

Our March screening of *Chasing Coral* with the Film Buffs was cancelled, but you can watch the film on [Netflix](https://www.netflix.com/title/80114648) anytime.



Chasing Coral follows a team of divers, photographers, and scientists out to photograph the elusive process of coral bleaching, a phenomenon happening at an unprecedented rate around the world due to warming ocean temperatures. Learn what's happening below the waves, how coral health impacts our seafood stocks, and solutions to prevent further warming of our oceans. The film took 3.5 years to make and features 500 hours of underwater footage and submissions from over 30 countries. For more information and to view the trailer, visit chasingcoral.com.

Green Screen

The Congregational Church of Birmingham will be providing a weekly email with recommendations for eco-films. To be added to their list, send an email to Steve Olson at solson4899@aol.com.

sacred earth

Many, many thanks to all the wonderful BUC artists who submitted works for Sacred Earth, our congregational art exhibit! The exhibit was to display in our Gallery in April, and while we can't see it in person, we can enjoy it virtually! You can [view the exhibit on our website](#) in two forms. The PowerPoint version will allow you to take in the art at your own pace, looking at each piece and reading the artists' statements for the length of time that suits you. The video is another way to view it; you could put it on a continuous loop and enjoy for the duration!

Climate Change Resolution Task Force

We will get a chance to vote on this resolution at some point. Meanwhile, we hope you'll check out all the information about it available on our website: www.bucmi.org/service-justice (click on the blue-green earth).

Endorsements: We are excited to tell you that several BUC members and friends have endorsed the Climate Change Resolution—the three individuals quoted below, as well as Annis Pratt, Tom Raffel, and Julia Pulver:

Keith Ensroth: “While there are some obvious compromises that a strict environmentalist would probably want to ‘fix,’ I strongly suspect that it is precisely those compromises that give the bill some hope of passage.”

Abha Dearing: “The BUC Climate Change Resolution is a critical way we as individuals at BUC can band together to make an impact on the policies of our church and eventually our political leaders, and be proactive regarding actions in which we choose to participate. Climate change is real and scary, so any small thing we each do will contribute to the greater good.”

Dan Kosuth, Chair, Green Sanctuary Ministry: “The BUC community is being asked to adopt the Climate Change Resolution, and I hereby endorse this action. Planet Earth, and the biological communities that form the web of life that sustains us, face a number of challenges today. Foremost among these is the existential threat of climate disruption. While the threat of the planet becoming uninhabitable exists in the future, there are real effects already taking place today: crop failures, mass migrations, super storms, year-round wildfires, disease epidemics—these are all directly or indirectly cause by climate change, and we are all both victims and perpetrators in varying degrees. Drastic action must be taken immediately. The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act promises to be an effective tool for reducing greenhouse emissions, as well as providing a pathway to economic and ecological sustainability. We at BUC must renew our commitment to our work as a Green Sanctuary, providing education on the causes and effects of climate disruption, and continuing to work toward our goal of social, economic, and ecological justice for all of Earth’s communities. I recommend that our beloved community adopt this resolution, and work to promote the swift passage and implementation of the EIA and the restoration of earth, our only home.

—Climate Change Resolution Task Force:

Anne Calomeni, Mary Dunn, Mary Jo Ebert, Izzy Khapoya, Jane O’Neil, Karen Stankye, Kurtis Zetouna

Climate Change Resolution

Be it resolved that the congregation of the Birmingham Unitarian Church (BUC) favors:

1. Public policy actions to lower greenhouse gasses quickly
2. Recognition that fossil fuel pollution causes far-reaching negative health consequences
3. Speedy transition from use of fossil fuels to renewable energy by individuals, corporations, state and local governments
4. Participation in the fast-evolving non-carbon economy

To bring our actions into alignment with our position, BUC will:

- Endorse the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act as introduced in the 116th Congress of the United States
- Provide educational programs on
 - use of fossil fuels, their impacts, and alternative energy sources
 - environmental justice and collaboration with frontline communities
- Renew commitment to BUC’s Green Sanctuary ministry.