



Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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April 2018

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Music Director: Martha Woodward

Adult RE coordinator: Tom Maloof

Children's RE coordinator: Susan Nellen

Unitarian Universalists affirm the worth and dignity of all human beings and advocate freedom of belief and an open search for truth.

*The Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
meets weekly on Sundays at 11:00 a.m.*

in the Stone Chapel of Proctor Academy in Andover.

President's Message

Kathryn Mordecai Vashro

Is your life too serious, do you need to put some laughter into your life, WELL THEN, take advantage of our silly holiday dating back to Europe 1392 (Wikipedia) APRIL FOOL'S DAY. Every year, I call my dad and say 'Dad, Dad, look outside the helicopters are landing'. He said this same comment to my siblings and me when we were children. Below are some UU jokes and church advertisements gone awry that may jump start your April Fools Day.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water. ' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

A traveler couldn't find the local Unitarian Universalist church. After looking in the center of town, in the suburbs, and out in the surrounding countryside. The traveler asked a farmer "Am I too far out for the UU church?" The farmer's reply: "Nobody is too far out for them."

Q: How does a UU walk on water?

A: She waits until winter.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

A UU family moves into a new neighborhood. Their little girl finds a new playmate, and they are happily getting to know each other. One day, the playmate says, "We're Episcopalians, what are you?"

The UU child thinks for a minute and says, "I'm not sure, but I think we're League of Women Voter

KUUF Calendar

April 1	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Adult RE series <i>Tom Maloof</i> <i>"The challenges and delights of getting older"</i>
April 3	3:30-5:30pm	Women's Meditation Fran Preston's home 603 526 9623
April 8	9:45 am 11 am	Adult RE series North Country Chordsmen"
April 9	7p Proctor Stone Chapel	Live portrayal of a free woman who escaped slavery to NH from George Washington's plantation (more with in newsletter)
April 15	9:30 am 11:00 am	Adult RE series REV. DAVID ROBINS <i>"Happiness - the Holy Grail"</i>
April 17	3:30- :30pm	Women's Meditation Fran Preston's home 603 526 9623
April 22	9:45 a.m. 11:00 am	Book Discussion DICK DUTTON
April 29	9:45 am 11 am	Adult RE series David Robbins and Don Bent "Our Humanist Heritage,"

April 8 -North Country Chordsmen

The North Country Chordsmen, are the Hanover, NH, Chapter of the Northeastern District of the international Barbershop Harmony Society.

This non-profit organization presently has over 50 men in the chorus, meeting each Tuesday evening from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm at the Church of Christ, 40 College Street, in Hanover, NH, to enjoy an evening of singing and good fellowship. Men who like to sing are always welcome to stop by and experience the joy of singing in the barbershop style. Singing Valentines are an example of the various community services provided by the chorus. For Information about joining the NCC or booking the chorus for an event, call toll free 1-888-293-9191

April 15...."Happiness: From Universalism to Humanism", Rev. David Robins. From Hosea Ballou's "Happifying God", to Humanism's theme of Happiness, we are a faith that believes in removing obstacles to being happy in body, mind and spirit.

April 29...."Our Humanist Heritage," Dr. Donald Bent and Rev. David Robins, co-leaders. Don will read his personal "This I Believe" statement, and David will preach the sermon. There are several kinds of Humanism, David will speak about his religious/mystical humanism.



Book Discussion April 22

America's First Black Celebrity, John A. Hodgson, 2018
Potter Place, an area of Andover, NH, was named for Richard Potter (1783 – 1835).

Two hundred years ago Richard Potter was the most popular entertainer in America – the first showman to win nationwide fame, working as a magician and ventriloquist. He personified for an entire generation what a popular performer was and made an invaluable contribution to establishing popular entertainment as a major part of American life.

This was an era when few African Americans became highly successful, much less famous. As the son of a slave, Potter was fortunate to have any opportunities at all. At home in Boston, he was widely recognized as black, but elsewhere American audiences entertained themselves with romantic speculations about his "Hindu" ancestry – a perception encouraged by his act and costumes.

His life offstage was always hidden and unknown. Hodgson tells the remarkable – and ultimately heart breaking – story of Potter's life. It is also a story of race relations in an increasingly hostile world comparing him to being an unsung precursor of Frederick Douglass.

A colorful and carefully researched history of a local Andover hero.

Available in hardcover only at your Public Library or available on Interlibrary Loan. Questions: Marion Allen 526-6776

Other Good Reads ...

Black Boy: A Record of Childhood and Youth, Richard Wright, 2007
Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates, 2016



KUUF Children's Sunday School

Susan Nellen has set up meaningful children's curriculum using UUA resources. If you are interested in being part of this program supporting

Susan and/or taking charge of a Sunday, please seek her out for a conversation on any Sunday or give her a call **Telephone: 735-4242**

If you are a parent or grandparent wanting your child/grandchild to attend Sunday School, please call Susan, the Saturday before the Sunday you will be attending so she may prepare for your children

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Adult RE

9:45a

April 1, 3, 8, is book discussion)

Tom Maloof, our trusted Adult RE coordinator is hanging up his TV remote to relax and enjoy services with out coordinating the interesting, spell binding programs he has orchestrated for years. Are you interested in following Tom in his footsteps coordinating the Adult RE program for next year or even a half a year. An idea that is ruminating is

THE POWER OF MYTH – Joseph Campbell

Episode 1: The Hero's Adventure (About Campbell, [hero](#) types, hero deeds, [Jesus Christ](#), the [Buddha](#), [Krishna](#), movie heroes, [Star Wars](#) as a metaphor, an [Iroquois](#) story: the refusal of suitors, dragons, dreams and [Jungian psychology](#), "follow your bliss," consciousness in plants, Gaia, [Chartres cathedral](#), spirituality vs. economics, emerging myths, "Earthrise" as a symbol.

Episode 2: The Message of the Myth [Creation myths](#), transcending duality, pairs of opposites, God vs. Nature, sin, morality, participation in sorrow, the Gospel of Thomas, Old Time Religion, computers, religion as “software,” the story of [Indra](#): “What a great boy am I!,” participation in society.

Episode 3: The First Storytellers Animal memories, harmonization with body and life-cycle, consciousness vs. its vehicle, killing for food, story: “The Buffalo's Wife,” buffalo massacre, initiation ritual, rituals diminishing, crime increasing, artists, the Shaman, the center of the world.

Episode 4: Sacrifice and Bliss [Chief Seattle](#), the sacred Earth, agricultural renewal, human sacrifice, sacrifice of the Mass, transcendence of death, story: “The Green Knight,” societal dictates vs. following bliss, “hidden hands” guiding life's work.

Episode 5: Love and the Goddess The [Troubadours](#), [Eros](#), romantic love, [Tristan](#), libido vs. credo, separation from love, [Satan](#), loving your enemy, the [Crucifixion](#) as atonement, virgin birth, the story of [Isis](#), [Osiris](#) and [Horus](#), [the Madonna](#), the [Big Bang](#), the correlation between the earth or mother Goddess and images of fertility (the sacred feminine).

Episode 6: Masks of Eternity Identifying with the infinite, the [circle](#) as a symbol, [clowns](#) and [masks](#), epiphanies and [James Joyce](#), artistic arrest, the monstrous as sublime, the dance of [Shiva](#), that which is beyond words.

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**LOCAL EVENTS –
April 9, 7p Proctor Stone Chapel**

"If I am Not For Myself, Who Will Be for Me?" George Washington's Runaway Slave
Oney Judge Staines, according to the Constitution, was only three-fifths of a person. To her masters, George and Martha Washington, she was merely "the girl." All she wanted was the freedom to control her own actions, but her account of escaping the Executive Mansion in Philadelphia, fleeing north and establishing a life in New Hampshire is not a typical runaway story. Portrayed by Gwendolyn Quezaire-Presutti, Oney's tale provides an alternative perspective on the new nation's social, political, and economic development, from one whose personal experience so contradicted the promise of the principles embodied in the nation's founding documents.

When:

Monday, April 9, 2018 - 7:00pm

Hosted by:

Andover Public Library

Contact information:

Barbara Freeman

934-2442

Where:

Proctor Academy Stone Chapel

204 Main Street

Andover , NH 032



Social Committee



Sunday Coffee Time

We're happy to report that several people have stepped up to the Host and Hostess Plate for April, ensuring happy bellies for half of the month.

Would **you** like to contribute to the perpetuation of the KUUF HBS (Happy Belly Syndrome)? Don't worry about finding a partner; you will be paired with another, if you sign up as a single Host or Hostess. And if you've never done it before, just say so – and the keeper of the list will clue you in to all the (very few) secrets and tricks of KUUF Coffee Time. Thank you!

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Passover Seder was a SUCCESS

At almost sundown, March 30, a glorious, relaxing, fun filled Passover Seder was held with 18 people in attendance with Kathy and Jim Vashro as leader and all as readers. Menu was salmon croquettes, gefilte fish, matzo ball chicken soup, pot roast, chicken, green beans, asparagus, sponge cake, macaroons and prescribed by Seder celebration the 4 cups/sips of wine. One of the attendees mentioned, 'I wondered how UU's celebrate Passover, and I am pleasantly surprised, it was as authentic a Passover I have ever attended'.

Thank you to all and from all who attended making it a glorious first night of Passover.

MOVIE NIGHT

Date to be determined

PATCH OF BLUE

A blind, uneducated white girl is befriended by a black man, who becomes determined to help her escape her impoverished and abusive home life by introducing her to the outside world.

In 1965, A kissing scene was removed from the film when it was shown in the South.

STARS: Sidney Poitier, Shelley Winters, Elizabeth Hartman



Welcoming Church



March 7, 2018 LGBTQ Nation

The [New Hampshire](#) House of Representatives passed HB 1319, a bill that would protect [transgender](#) people from [discrimination](#). The bill adds, “[gender identity](#)” to the state’s nondiscrimination laws. “No person should be fired, evicted, or denied service just because of who they are, and it is far beyond time that the Granite State’s non-discrimination protections include transgender people. We call on the New Hampshire Senate to swiftly pass this bill and send it to Governor Sununu’s desk for his signature.”

New Hampshire is the only state in New England that does not have gender identity protections as part of their nondiscrimination laws.

[Amended Membership Statement \(2016\)](#)

[Membership in the Fellowship is open to all people in sympathy with its purpose and program, regardless of race, color, sex and affectional or sexual orientation.](#)

PLEDGE DRIVE BEGINS SOON!

PLEDGE DRIVE TIME!

KUUF's Pledge Drive begins with a mailing in early April. We are not poor; we are not destitute. We are just small! And small means every one of us is a significant part of the whole. Your pledge is important!

Please read your pledge packet when it arrives, complete your pledge card with the full measure of your support for the next church year, and return it to KUUF in the enclosed envelope.

We have exciting plans for the year to come. With your help it will be a great year!

PLEDGE DRIVE GAME

THE ANSWERS TO THE BELOW QUESTION ARE HIDDEN WITHIN THE NEWSLETTER AND ARE YELLOW, BLUE, GREEN, OR ORANGE.

- 1) What might Betsy Abbe, Tom Graves and the Pledge drive have in common? (hint: starting date of the 2018-19 Pledge drive)
- 2) How many KUUF members do we have to support our fellowship?
- 3) What new position might the board create this year?
- 4) What do we pay pertaining to the support of the Stone Chapel?
- 5) What miscellaneous items might our budget funds support?

YOU'LL FIND MORE OUT ABOUT THE BUDGET AT THE ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON, WHEN?

Social Concerns

Thoughts on Violence

By Elizabeth Guise (Jane Guise's daughter)

Today, I've been thinking a lot about a personal experience in light of our national experience.

Our oldest sister, Susan was killed at the age of 17. She too was in high school. She was the oldest, our vanguard and she had a very special kind, peaceful way about her. She was killed in a car accident. Not with another car, but by black ice and an embankment. It was truly an ACCIDENT. That cruel twist of fate immediately turned our family upside down and the grief eventually shattered us individually and as a family. (At the time, there wasn't a lot of grief counseling available.) The repercussions radiated out from us like ripples in water. It hit her schoolmates, our extended family, church friends, every single person who met her or heard of her beautiful personality.

The trauma and grief becomes part of one's being, one's very soul. It dives deep where, no matter how hard you try, you can't reach it, grab it and throw it far away outside of your being. That's simply not how this aspect of being human works. With help, one can learn to live with it or along side of it for the rest of their days. I'm accustomed to it now. And I've also learned over the 47 years since it happened to us, that most folks who haven't abruptly lost an immediate family member don't quite understand how that pain manifests and changes those who experience it. I know some extremely empathic people and even they can't quite touch that core of intimate grief. That's ok. That's how it goes.

Soooo....these days...this time in our collective national life...

I think of the loss of loved ones who are killed not by a nebulous, natural accident, but by a SENSELESS ACT OF VIOLENCE committed by another human being. I think of how that would have changed my grief experience, how it could have severely changed my outlook on the entire human race. How my trust in others would be affected. How, if it happened at school, or church, or a movie theater, or concert, or marathon, or the office where I work, -how the PTSD would arise & feel just moving about my life day to day. And how the tragedy ripples through the entire family and community. These are horrifying thoughts. I know it would be far far worse than what my family and I experienced with Susan's death. Those incidences are not some accident of nature like black ice that we humans have no control over. They are preventable. Absolutely. Other countries with strict gun laws demonstrate it's possible and it works. It's not complicated. But I can personally assure you of this universal fact...it will be unfathomably, heartbreakingly, complicated if the murder hits your family. Don't let that happen by not making your voice heard.

Vote. March. Don't accept this with shrugged shoulders. Embody the change you want to see and experience. We CAN do this. This is one of many reasons our Democracy is precious and why many patriots died for our right to shape

it.  PEACE-Susan advocated for it when she was alive 

CONNECTIONS

Do you have services or items you want 'advertised' in this section.

Contact Kathy Vashro 9385476 for questions

DRIVERS WANTED

There are members and friends at KUUF that are searching for rides to social and medical appointments. Drivers are needed at night, weekdays and weekends.

MOVING AND CLEARING OUT

Items(plants and paintings) for sale and free

MOVERS AND TRUCKS NEEDED to help those that are moving.

5 COLLEGE BOOK SALE

35000 volumes Everything except text books

Mount Holyoke Smith Vassar Wellesley and Friends

April 21 9-5

April 22 9-3 (half price day)

LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL

MAYBE APRIL 4, 2018

Also available to you from our congregation is a baker, a chef, artists, a handyman, caregiver, organizer, reader, cleaner



April

Birthday

4 Betsy Abbe

4 Tom Graves

11 Bill Hickey

26 Sally Bergquist

26 Martha Woodward

The Women's Meditation
and third Tuesday of each
Fran Preston's house. If you have any questions, please contact Fran at
(603) 526-9623 or Lizzie Klingler at (603) 526-6871



Group will meet on the first
month, from 3:00 to 5:00 at

INSURANCE



MEMBERSHIP

June 17 Membership Ceremony

If you are newly attending or have attended KUUF for many years you will be happy to know there will be announcements made for those that are interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism, Proctor Stone Chapel, and the history of UU's in Andover. If you are interested in presenting information or obtaining information, contact Kathy or Henry at church or call – (603) 938-5476 (Kathy) or (603) 938-5706 (Henry). Information will be given at the front of the church during coffee time. So, grab some food and a drink and meet Kathy and Henry up front.

See you there.



Transition Committee

~ Transition Committee Report Available ~

The Transition Committee Report, which is based on the Congregational Survey KUUFers completed last fall, provides a wealth of information about the Survey results and a blueprint for moving forward. It's essential reading!

Transition Committee Reports are available on the Welcome Table. If you have not picked one up you are encouraged to do so.

If you need one mailed to you please contact Liz Maloof at
Tele # [603-526-9889](tel:603-526-9889) or Email: lizzijo48@gmail.com.
Just let her know and Liz will be glad to mail one to you.

Thank you to all that brought this information together.



FOOD PANTRY

Coffee, printer ink, stamps, UU conferences, travel for guest ministers, website software, tablecloths, RE tape series, advertising

When you go to the grocery store, pick up something for the food pantry. There are always food needs in this area.

The Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry has requested **JUICES (preferably 100% juice)**. Coffee (regular, decaf, & instant), paper towels, toilet paper, peanut butter & jelly, cake and brownie mixes, and monetary donations are always welcome.

Monetary donations can be made to: KLS Community Food Pantry, P.O. Box 536, New London, NH 03257

SPRING INTO SPRING
Even with the snow



**DON'T MISS THE BOAT AND GET ALL WET!
GET ON BOARD
Next KUUF Newsletter Deadline**



The submission deadline for the April KUUF newsletter will be **Friday, April 22, 2018**. Please email your news, views, and photos to Kathryn Vashro (jvashro@gmail.com). **JUNE**