



Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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*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

April 13 and 14 the Northern NE UU district met in Nashua and KUUF was represented by two delegates – Kathy and Jim Vashro. Your delegates listened to talks concerning White Supremacy and Building Liberation as UU's, of black women in white society, of white boys growing up in the south changing their Southern attitude views of their fathers and stories from black women and men who grew up during the 1960's civil rights marches. We also heard about concerns of our current times of young black men being shot for while holding a phone or running away in fear or disproportionately being imprisoned.

UUA is asking our participation in PROMISE AND PRACTICE OF OUR FAITH and pledge of \$10 to support BLACK LIVES OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM(BLUU)

This campaign is aligning our financial resources with our theological values of justice and equality by honoring out UUA Board of Trustees' commitment of 5.3 million to Black Lives of UU.

The BLUU organization wants to provide funds to

- Expanding the power & capacity of Black UUs within our faith
- Providing support, information & resources for Black Unitarian Universalists.
- Justice-making and liberation through our faith

<http://www.blacklivesuu.com/>

A mailing will be sent for you to pledge to PROMISE AND PRACTICE OF OUR FAITH to support and expand our values of justice and equality for all.

Do send in your KUUF annual pledges.
YOU NEED YOUR SUPPORT

to help carry out the UU values and principles that will spread to all people.
See within this newsletter, information on your KUUF pledges

KUUF Calendar

May 6	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Adult RE series BETSY WOODMAN “LYTENUP and HUGACAT”
May 8	3:30-5:30pm	Women’s Meditation Fran Preston’s home 603 526 9623
May 13	9:45 am 11:00am	Adult RE series ROGER WELLS <i>WHY ARE WE?</i>
May 20	9:30 am 11:00 am	Book Discussion JOANNA HENDERSON <i>“Letting Bygones be Bygones”</i>
May 22	3:30 5:30pm	Women’s Meditation Fran Preston’s home 603 526 9623
May 22	anytime	Newsletter deadline Please send to Kathy Vashro items you want in the newsletter jvashro@gmail.com
May 27	9:45 a.m. 11:00 am	Book Discussion DICK DUTTON <i>All the ships at sea</i>

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May 6 - Betsy Woodman **“LYTENUPandHUGACAT”**

Is the New Yorker cartoon caption contest a spiritual discipline? What are the messages of vanity license plates? Can nonsense verse by Edward Lear teach us about love and friendship and encourage us to start out on adventures in spite of our frailties? I'll be looking for meaning in silliness—the little things that help us keep on truckin’.

Readings by a popular novelist and beloved poet to celebrate the coming of spring and end with the wit and wisdom of Benjamin Franklin.

May 13 - Roger Wells
WHY ARE WE?

We look back and ask: “**why am I here?**” We look forward and ask the same question. As we get older it dawns on us that our time is limited. It would be comforting to have some resolution to these seemingly unanswerable questions.

I have a few thoughts to share on where I am in the pursuit of this hidden presence. For me the pursuit involves both science and art. The painting I have brought to share, tries to express these thoughts.

May 20 - Joanna Henderson
Letting Bygones Be Bygones

History and Memory are both a selection of fact we choose to remember. But whose history and whose memory? And where does naming enter in? Are we sometimes pressured to trim our identities to describe ourselves so briefly and simply that others only hear one thing about us? In the end perhaps the essential question is, how do we let go of the past?

May 27 - Dick Dutton
All the Ships at Sea

: “The Basic Ingredient of Life”....talking about LOVE, pure toward brothers and strangers and enemies and unknown...elixir of life, our new center and purpose and fall back. Going for the big, big tostado!



Book Discussion

May 20

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

Adult RE

9:45a

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

Other ideas are welcome.

Contact Kathy Vashro 938 5476



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
Eddi Mordecai Fund will be used to support this children's program

KUUF Annual Meeting June 10, 2018

This year's annual meeting will be held on Sunday, June 10nd, after a coffee hour that will also include a light lunch.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this very important gathering to do "the business" of KUUF.

Save the date for the annual CONCERT... Saturday, June 30 7:30 PM

At the Stone chapel, Proctor Academy, Andover
Martha Woodward, Donna Denniston and Rob St. Cyr
play flute, cello, piano and harpsichord in a program
which will again be varied and fun.

Tickets at \$15 for adults and \$5 for youth will be
available at the Morgan Hill Bookstore in New London
or at the door. Yummy refreshments too!

More about this concert in the next newsletter.

KUUF
Fund Drive Reminder

Thank you to all who have responded by returning a pledge card for the next fiscal church year 7-1-2018 – 6-30-2019.

However, more than half of members and friends have not yet responded. **WE NEED YOU!!** Pledges from each of us are necessary to help keep KUUF moving forward and meeting our congregation's needs.

With our annual meeting scheduled for June 10, our budget must soon be completed.

Ken Preston, our Treasurer, looks forward to your response

PEACE4KIDS CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Please give money toward camp scholarship that will sponsor children to attend Peace4Kids camp, summer 2018. Your money will allow kids from different religions, cultures and countries to learn peace, connection, the 'inherent worth of all people' and grow into compassionate, responsible, and peaceful adults.

An envelope is on the desk by the front door and/or
Contact Amy Dressler 727 4143

Don Gould Annual School Supply Drive

The education of all children was important Don Gould and he acted as our liaison with the Andover Middle School, guiding us through the process of supplying children in need with the tools to access their education.

Each year in the months of May/June, the Social Concerns Committee has collected donations to provide backpacks loaded with essential school supplies to Andover children in need. However, last summer the Parents Organization at Andover School also supplied backpacks, leaving more than enough unused for the next 2018-19 school year.

This coming school year the needs are travel size hygiene items and cash for Healthy Snacks that the school nurse will distribute, as needed. Some children come to school unprepared. The needed items are listed below:

- ✓ Combs
- ✓ Travel size Bars of Soap
- ✓ Tooth Brushes
- ✓ Travel size Boxes of Tooth Paste
- ✓ Travel size Shampoo
- ✓ Pocket size Tissues
- ✓ Small bags or pouches (i.e. makeup bags) that will hold these items.

There will be a colorful basket on the KUUF Welcome Table beginning the middle of May and all of June for your donated items. These items can be found most affordably in Job Lots, The Family Dollar Store and Walmarts.

There will also be an envelope if anyone would like to donate cash or a check. Checks should be made out to KUUF with "Andover School" in the memo area.

Any contribution you can make will be greatly appreciated!

For more information please contact Liz Maloof.
(lizzijo48@gmail.com or call 526-9889)



Social Committee



Sunday Coffee Time

We're happy to report that several people have stepped up to the Host and Hostess Plate for May, 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!

CIRCLE DINNER MAY 18 - FRIDAY

Are you interested in gathering as a small group and sharing a meal? Do you want to host or be a guest for a dinner?

Please sign up for our May Circle Dinner. Sign up sheets will be available on the table by the door.

Contact Yvonne Howard 927-4735

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



genderdysphoria

'The condition of feeling one's emotional and psychological identity as male or female to be opposite to one's biological sex'.(dictionary)

Children as young as 2-4 yrs old and of pre-puberty age can show several signs of feeling emotionally and psychologically opposite from their biological sex. This is different than gender non-conformity or being Gay or Lesbian. This word was officially presented in 1980. Parents comment that they 'abused' their children by forcing them to dress or act the way the child is biologically not psychologically and emotionally. Google **genderdysphoria** and find more information on this topic.

[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.

CONNECTIONS

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

Contact Kathy Vashro 208 440 1855 for questions

DRIVERS WANTED

There are members and friends of KUUF that are searching for rides to KUUF, social events and medical appointments. Drivers are needed during the day, 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.

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



FOOD PANTRY

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

No Plastics Please

The Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry will always accept. coffee (regular, decaf, & instant), paper towels, toilet paper, peanut butter & jelly, cake and brownie mixes, and monetary donations are welcome.

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



May Birthday and Anniversary

Check the birthday clipboard on the table by the door to find names of people who are having birthdays this month. Then wish them a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY.**

The Women's
on the first and third
3:00 to 5:00 at Fran Preston's house. If you have any questions, please contact Fran at (603) 526-9623 or Lizzie Klingler at (603) 526-6871



Meditation Group will meet
Tuesday of each month, from



MEMBERSHIP

June 17 **Membership Ceremony**

If you are newly attending or have attended KUUF for many years you may be 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.

The proposals in this report will be discussed at the annual meeting June 17.

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.



WHAT WILL YOU DO TO SAVE THE NEXT WHALE???

Contact Yvonne Howard for ideas to save our world!!!

Trevor Nace Forbes

A depiction of a whale found washed up on our ocean shores.