



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.
(September through June)
in the Stone Chapel of Proctor Academy in Andover*

President's Message

September 2020

Welcome Back!

The 2020-2021 KUUF year is starting. I hope you all have had a wonderful summer and are safe. Dealing with Covid has affected all our lives and it appears we are going to be dealing with the effects for a good while. The Board of Trustees has met and decided that until things are safe for gatherings, KUUF will continue having services virtually via Zoom. You will all get invitations in your email with the connection information to attend the virtual Sunday services. One of the great advantages we have had with virtual services is that we have been joined by friends that are geographically separated from us. It has been great to stay connected!

While talking about being connected, one of the things that members of the congregation have done this summer is to use the Sunday service time for informal get-togethers allowing members to "see" each other without having to be there in person. This has been helpful especially now that getting out-and-about is limited.

As we move into this new church year, I wanted to take an opportunity to remind all of the upcoming National and Local elections. I recognize there is still risk in physically going to the polls and am glad that the voting districts have taken steps to make absentee voting more accessible. If you have not already done so, please take advantage of your town's voting processes.

The Sunday Service Committee, once again, has developed a schedule of wonderful and thought-provoking Sunday speakers. I am sure that the chosen speakers will deliver many great messages in the coming months, Thank You: Sunday Service Committee!

I plan on "Hosting" the Sunday services again and would be happy to train someone to also host so I can occasionally take a break and be a participant rather than a host, anyone interested?

Again, Welcome Back!

Jim Vashro

President, KUUF Board of Trustees

September KUUF Calendar

September 7		Labor Day
September 8		NH State Primary
September 13	11am	Tom Maloof
September 19		Rosh Hashanah
September 20	11am	Betsy Woodman
September 22		Fall Equinox
September 27	11am	Rev. Dick Dutton
September 28		Yom Kippur

September 13, 2020 Tom Maloof

Lessons from the Past

American Universalism experienced extraordinary growth in its first half century. Are there lessons there for modern UU's?

September 20, 2020 Betsy Woodman

They Stomped on Down to Washington

Women's Right to Vote was Won 100 Years Ago. What Lies Ahead?

September 27, 2020 Rev. Dick Dutton

Priest, Pastor, Prophet

Focus on diverse roles and responsibilities in a local church by the Congregation.



Membership

Do you want voting rights and help make decisions for KUUF's future? Or do you want to support and continue KUUF's wonderful services, projects, and ideals? Ask about MEMBERSHIP.

MEMBERSHIP CEREMONY

The congregation commits to supporting you with in the KUUF community and you commit to supporting the KUUF community .

(The commitment words are scripted)

If you are interested in becoming a member
Please contact Kathy Vashro 735-5642 or 208 440 1855

"The world hates change, yet it is the only thing that has brought progress." – Charles Kettering



ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

THE AMERICAN MIND:

The Intellectual Geography of America

A Great Courses Series exploring the history of American ideas—the thinking and institutions that have mattered most to Americans. This series is built around six basic themes in American thinking.

- The fundamental struggles... is it more important to Think or to Act?
 - The persistence of Religious Ideas and Control
 - The formation of two souls in our thinking ... Puritanism and Enlightenment
 - The struggle between Liberty and Power
 - The shift in the Post-Civil War decades toward Pragmatism and Secularism
 - Dilemmas posed by becoming a World Power
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This is a list of topics that will be presented once KUUF resumes our regular **in-person** Sunday Services.

- **Whigs and Democrats**
- **American Romanticism**
- **Faith and Reason at Princeton**
- **Romanticism in Mercersburg**
- **Slaveholders and Abolitionists**
- **Lincoln and Liberal Democracy**
- **The Failure of the Genteel Elite**
- **Darwin in America**

COORDINATORS: Susan Nellen and Marion Allen

QUESTIONS: 526-6776

Future Book Discussions

The Third Reconstruction: How a Moral Movement is Overcoming The Politics of Division and Fear, Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, 2016

Since the summer of 2013, Rev. Barber has led the protests against North Carolina's restrictions to voting access. The story of how ordinary people built the blueprint for movement building and call to action that unites black and white, rich and poor, gay and straight.

An Indigenous People's History of the United States, Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, 2014

Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz grew up in Oklahoma, the daughter of a tenant farmer and part-Native American mother. She has been active in the International Indigenous Movement for more than four decades, known for her lifelong commitment to social justice.

Please join us for discussion even if you have not read the book. Available at your Public Library or on InterLibrary Loan. Questions: Marion Allen 526-6776

Good Reads...

Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind, Yuval Noah Harari, 2018

Blueprint: The Evolutionary Origins of a Good Society, Nicholas A. Christakis, 2019

The exploration of the ancient roots of goodness in human civilization.

A Line Becomes a River: Dispatches from the Border, Francisco Cantu, 2018

A former US Border Patrol Agent in Texas, Arizona, & New Mexico.

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness, Michelle Alexander, 2010, 2012.

GET OUT THE VOTE SOCIAL ACTION

During the summer the KUUF Board of Trustees voted to expand the role of the “Get Out the Vote” task force, rolling it into a revitalized “SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE”.

Nora O’Donnell (CBS Evening News) recently spoke these words to the League of Women Voters:

“When democracy is attacked we can’t stay neutral. We must stand in our positions and advocate for what is right and just...”

So far in this pre-election season some of us have marched with Black Lives Matter, attended a Black Lives Matter vigil, signed various petitions to federal and state officials and elected representatives, made ourselves knowledgeable about voting alternatives. We hope each action raises public awareness of issues now confronting the nation – and how important it is that we vote this year!

We believe this kind of activity is what makes UUism relevant, and we are excited to be a part of it.

If you would like to join us, just call any member!

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Kathryn Butler (Chair) (978) 939 3650

Tom Maloof 526 9889

Marion Allen 526 6776

Susan Nellen 735 5616

Thank You from Fiona

As many of you know, I had a bilateral mastectomy on 27 July; the surgery went well and I'm doing well. I will be starting a course of radiation treatments soon, but do not have to have chemo-yay! A sincere thank you to those who have contributed to my Go Fund Me, and to all for your caring and support. I am so grateful to be part of KUUF!

- Fiona Petersen



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARYS

September 3 Henry Howell

September 7 Lou Botta

September 13 Fran Preston



FOOD PANTRY

Due to COVID-19, the food pantry's preference is currently monetary donations via mail.

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

REMEMBER, FOOD IS NEEDED YEAR ROUND



Some Good News – LGBTQ+ Edition

Here are some good news headlines from the summer in the LGBTQ+ community:

- Judge blocks Trump’s attempt to let doctor’s discriminate against transgender people
- Potential HIV cure approved for human clinical trial
- State park in New York renamed to honor legendary trans activist Marsha P. Johnson
- Disney’s new animated series “The Owl House” stars an out bisexual girl
- Black lesbian Karine Jean-Pierre announced as Kamala Harris’ Chief of Staff
- Lifetime beats Hallmark in race to make a gay holiday romance movie
- Transgender man named Michigan Teacher of the Year
- Parents in Maine can declare their newborns as non-binary
- Netherlands plan to remove gender from ID cards
- Polyamorous relationships granted legal rights in Massachusetts
- Gabon’s legislature repeals ban on homosexuality
- Zillow listings will include LGBTQ protections from discrimination in listed city



**PASTORAL CARE TEAM
CONTACT US FOR YOURSELF OR SOMEONE YOU
KNOW WHO MAY ENJOY HEARING FROM ONE OF US**

**Thank you to those whom have kept us informed of people's
life changes, joys and concerns.**

**Please continue informing us, as you are our ears and eyes for
the congregation.**

Thank you

Rev. Lee Page 603-759-8064 Kathryn Vashro 208 440 1855

We are now a team of two and need more to be our eyes and ears and hands and feet. Please pass on information to us about those you know who are 'shut ins', in the hospital, sick at home or would enjoy some company. If you can spare time to help, please contact Lee Page or Kathy Vashro.

**KUUF Directory Updates – New Directory
Emailed Soon**

To keep the directory updated, please send the KUUF Administrator your current mailing/physical address, your email address and your phone numbers.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Email: admin@kuufnh.org



Several of the KUUF committees need help. It was thought that this is a good way to ask for help. Because we are a smaller congregation we have a limited number of people doing several jobs and some of the committees need more members. Here are the some that needs more members.

1. **The Caring Committee** (Parish Care Committee)
These members are contact points for our congregation members expressing needs. These members work with the Pastoral care team to help keep them informed of the needs of the congregation.
2. **Sunday Services Committee.** These members help plan the services through the year. Because of our "no permanent Minister" status, this role is especially needed
3. **Membership Committee.** Members work to welcome new and interested members to our congregation. They work to help our congregation grow
4. **Photo Committee.** Not a real committee but KUUF has a need for people that can capture those precious moments at services, outings and activities

There are other committees that do great work, these listed above are of particular need.



KUUF Endowment FUND

**Provides a lasting legacy for Unitarian Universalism
in our Kearsarge Sunapee region.**

Making a bequest to the KUUF Endowment Fund is a simple way to protect your values and help our congregation remain a voice for liberal faith throughout the Kearsarge Sunapee region.

You can name KUUF as a beneficiary in your will, trust, retirement plan, life insurance policy or financial accounts. Anyone can make a bequest and no amount is too small.



For further information, contact a member of our Finance Committee, currently serving 2019-2020 are Tom Maloof, Sandy Wells, Henry Howell, or Ken Preston.

What is a tree's least favorite month?

Sep-timber