



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

April 2020

It's that time again! Time for the KUUF annual Pledge drive. In this time of uncertainty this request may not seem very important, however, support of our congregation is one of the things that we can do that has a positive effect.

Everyone has their own reasons for being part of our congregation and mine is: Fellowship. No matter what UU church I have attended, I have always felt welcomed, and more than that: friendship. I have found UU'ers care about people and want to connect. Our services are structured so that we connect with one another and reinforce the fact that we are all part of the larger community of mankind.

Our fellowship is active and does many things. A list of a few: takes responsibility by taking action in our communities and politics, concern over local and global issues, and continuing to keep abreast of happenings outside our church walls and homes. The commitment to being aware and active is a true gift to us all.

Your pledges and contributions allow these beliefs and commitments to continue. We are deeply grateful for your past support and welcome your renewed commitment to KUUF. If you are new to our community, welcome and join us by supporting ourselves, each other, our community, and our world. You should all soon be receiving a pledge package and your fast response is appreciated.

We have suspended Sunday services until further notice as well as all social gatherings. The Sunday service committee is actively looking at ways for KUUF to continue meeting only virtually. More information will be forwarded as soon as it becomes available.

So, for the near future, stay home, stay safe, and don't forget to reach out and call someone.

Jim Vashro

President, Board of Trustees

Email: jim@kuufnh.org

April KUUF Calendar

April 5	11am	Kathleen Rusnack
April 12	11am	Betsy Woodman
April 19	11am	Diane Root
April 26	11am	Rev. Dick Dutton

April 5, 2020 Kathleen Rusnack

Jesus: Jewish Carpenter and Fence Builder?

As a Jew, deeply steeped in the Judaism of his time (called Second Temple Judaism), Jesus did what *some* other rabbi's did then—although he often criticized how they did it—**he built fences around the commandments**. Why and how did he do this? Learn new and novel insights, that will deepen and enrich your understanding of Jesus' Jewish message.

April 12, 2020 Betsy Woodman

Searching for Renewal

Approaching Easter with different beliefs, we deal with grief and long for hope. History and science offer curiosities to ponder, while the rhubarb pushes up through the earth.

April 19, 2020 Diane Root

What's Written in the Flesh

There is something about relationship between thought and flesh, dream and body, that is deep, hopeful, scary and thrilling. What shall we make of these possibilities? What disasters might we avoid? And what discoveries will emerge as we explore?

April 26, 2020 Rev. Dick Dutton

We're Going Digital!

Even though we cannot gather in person, we believe it is important for our community to still hold space together. We will be hosting our weekly service online, via Zoom, for the time being. Below please find the information you will need for accessing the service each Sunday.

<https://zoom.us/j/6883661936>

Meeting ID: 688 366 1936

You can also call in to hear the service:

One tap mobile

+16465588656,,6883661936# US (East Coast)

Dial in with your landline (audio only)

+1 646 558 8656 US (East coast)

Meeting ID: 688 366 1936

We look forward to you joining us again on Sundays at 11am!



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 – DURING ANNUAL MEETING IN JUNE

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

If a seagull flies over the sea, what flies over a bay?.

A bagel!



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 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 – Spring 2020

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.

KUUF Children's Sunday School

Sunday School activities will be based on children's skill level and seasonal appropriateness.

I will draw from a diverse array of UU readings, games and art projects, as well as my own 40 years of teaching to make the children's experience at Sunday school worthwhile and fun.

Possible topics:

-Comic characters and pagan Gods and Goddesses

Possible and confirmed Famous UU's

Beatrice Potter - author

Maria Mitchell – astronomer

Louisa May Alcott - author

Helen Keller – author, speaker, motivator

Contact Susan Nellen 735-4242



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

Pledge Reminder

We are fast approaching the end of KUUF's 2019-2020 Church Year. **Is your Pledge up to date?** If you are unsure please contact Ken Preston, Treasurer, for any information you may need.

Thank you to all who have completed this commitment, as well as all who generously contribute to open offering on Sundays!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARYS

April 4	Betsy Abbe
April 4	Tom Graves
April 11	Bill Hickey
April 26	Sally Bergquist
April 26	Martha Woodward



LGBTQ+ People and COVID-19

LGBTQ+ communities may be particularly vulnerable. LGBTQ+ people experience health disparities and barriers to care cause those in the community to be less likely to get medical care. Some factors that increase the risk are:

- COVID-19 is a respiratory illness and LGBTQ+ people have a higher rate of smoking
- Higher rate of HIV and cancer, which means LGBTQ+ people may have a more weakened immune system
- LGBTQ+ people regularly experience discrimination and lack of cultural competence when seeking health care. This may result in avoidance or delay of seeking medical attention.
- LGBTQ+ community has over 3 million elders in the US alone. They are less likely to use health and wellness services like meal programs and senior centers due to anti-LGBTQ+ discrimination and harassment.

For more information visit [Ithaca College's Center for LGBT Education, Outreach and Services' page](#)



**PASTORAL CARE TEAM
CONTACT US FOR YOURSELF OR SOMEONE YOU
KNOW WHOM 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 Update

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.

**“When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news,
my mother would say to me ‘Look for the helpers. You will
always find people who are helping.’”**

Mister Rogers