



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

June 2020

I hope everyone is taking care of themselves in this time of uncertainty and isolation. Social distancing is the norm and Sunday Zoom services have become standard. This time is uncertain because we just don't know where things are headed for our own health and those of others. We all, in this congregation, are part of the endangered population, so caution is the rule of the day. Since this condition has been going on for quite some time now, many are tired of the safety rules and restrictions and we all want to get back to "normal". But what is normal now? I suspect that face masks are going to be a part of our lives for a good bit longer. Even though we want things to be different, things are what they are and no amount of wishing it to be something else will make it any different. Please stay safe.

Sunday Zoom Services have been well received and have come off without too much trouble. Thanks goes out to Martha, our guest ministers, guests, and our admin Rose. The services are well planned and seem to work. A couple of the hidden benefits that we have experienced are we have dear friends joining us from all over the United States, our commute time is just about zero, many have learned that a zoom meeting (as well as other forms of virtual meetings) are pretty basic and they have been applied to all sorts of family get togethers. KUUF has a paid Zoom account and this can be used for church purposes. Contact me if you have a need for use of the account.

This is the last newsletter of the 2019-2020 church year. During June we will be holding our annual meeting (June 14, 2020 about noon – zoom meeting) and you will all get more details about this last year and our plans for the coming year. An Annual Report will be emailed, as well as some printed for those who do not use computers.

Thanks for all the support for this interesting year and, again, please stay safe,

Jim Vashro, KUUF board of Trustees President

June KUUF Calendar

June 7	11am	Betsy Woodman
June 14	11am	Joanna Henderson
June 21		Father's Day
June 21	11am	Rev. Dick Dutton
June 28	11am	Rev. Dick Dutton

June 7, 2020 Betsy Woodman

Come Back, Pollyanna

The name "Pollyanna" often suggests someone mindlessly optimistic and ignorant of facts. However, the 1913 children's classic portrayed not a saccharine fairy tale but a struggle between darkness and light. Pollyanna has lots of sly, funny, and wise things to say to us even now. Especially now.

June 14, 2020 Joanna Henderson

Failure is Impossible

On the 100th Anniversary of Women in American being able to vote, let's honor the leader of that movement - Susan B. Anthony. Having been arrested, tried and ultimately found guilty of the crime of voting, she now deserves our utmost praise!

June 21, 2020 Rev. Dick Dutton

Bridges Not Walls

Learn to trust, risk connecting, and work on something together.

June 28, 2020 Rev. Dick Dutton

Come Out of the Closet

Find your true self, your God calling, your place in the world.



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 Membership Ceremony has been postponed until we can all gather.

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

A Warm Welcome

Welcome to Fiona Peterson, who is our latest member! Fiona is happy and grateful to have found a spiritual home at KUUF.



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

KUUFer's Can Make a Difference

Every year at this time KUUF collects money from members and friends to contribute to the Andover Elementary and Middle School. For many years KUUF has donated backpacks for students; supplies for the school nurse; or money for the school's Healthy Snack Program for needy children.

This year the world is in a very different and difficult situation. Needs have changed. We do not even know what school attendance will look like in September.

This year the Social Concerns Committee recommends a different approach to help our local community. We have identified two local organizations that clearly and desperately need our help during this pandemic: The Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry and KREM. KUUF has previously supported both of these organizations.

The Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry

This organization, operates out of the Baptist Church in New London. It serves multiple communities in the New London area and will be open and available to accept food on Wednesday evenings 5:30 - 7pm or Saturday mornings 9-11AM.

(Call Liz Maloof (603-526-9889) for further details).

Monetary donations are also welcome. Checks can be made payable to:

*KLS Community Food Pantry
PO Box 536
New London, NH 03257*

How much can YOU do to help feed the hungry? Food will be especially needed this summer, the struggles of many area families to survive deepens.

KREM

KREM (Kearsarge Regional Ecumenical Ministry) is a non-profit association established by churches, schools, social and private agencies and local or state governments. KREM was created to provide help when individuals or households experience:

- Unexpected Loss of income
- Accidental injury or serious illness
- Major crises which threaten children or families
- Other critical situations for which no other help can be found.

KREM helps meet emergency needs when other state or local resources are unavailable. Their service area includes the towns of Andover, Bradford, Danbury, New London, Newbury, Salisbury, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner and Wilmot.

Monetary donations can be made payable to:

KREM
PO Box 1465
New London, NH 03257

Think of the difference KUUF can make for our hurting neighbors if every member and friend wrote a check to one or both of these great causes! WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!

Social Concerns Committee

Donna Peirce, Lou Botta, & Liz Maloof

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 Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win World War II, Sonia Purnell, 2019

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

Pledge Reminder – Year Ends June 30th

Is your Pledge up to date? The 2019-2020 pledge year ends **June 30th**. If you are unsure please contact Ken Preston, Treasurer, at kepreston1931@gmail.com for assistance.

Thank you to all who have completed this commitment! The board uses the pledges to determine the proposed budget for next year.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARYS

June 4

Yvonne Shukovsky

June 6

Roger Wells



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

KUUF ESTABLISHES GET OUT THE VOTE TASK FORCE

Most, if not all, KUUFer's know that our country and our world is at a critical juncture. Many of us realize that the world we hand over to our children, and their children, hangs in the balance, in this year 2020. Many of us also feel powerless to do anything about it, other than to vote in the upcoming elections.

Collectively, however, "we the people" have great power. Getting that power to the voting booth is the primary mission at this time for the task force. Never before in our lifetimes, and possibly never again, will the collective vote of the people be more momentous.

The Get Out The Vote Task Force has come together with three initial members: Kathryn Butler, Yvonne Howard, and Tom Maloof. We are looking for one or two more members who might like to be a part of this exciting challenge! Call any one of us if you are interested!

Summer Gathering?

Of course we want to have our summer gathering in August. We will be looking into ways we can and still respect social distancing (and bringing our own food). Information will be sent out in July or early August.



PRIDE

HISTORY OF PRIDE:

The majority of Pride events are held in June to commemorate the anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion in New York City on June 28, 1969, which most historians consider to be the birth of the modern LGBT movement. At the time, police raids on bars catering to LGBT patrons were common, but that night, the patrons of the Stonewall Inn fought back. While historical accounts of the night vary, the violent response ignited a national firestorm of activism that brought new visibility to the struggle for LGBT equality.

June is unofficially recognized as Pride Month by the LGBT community, and many Pride events still occur on the last Sunday in June to commemorate the anniversary of Stonewall. In some places Pride events stretch out over a weekend or an entire week, while in other areas, Pride events occur at different times of the year altogether.

PRIDE TODAY:

Over time, the smaller marches and gatherings organized by community members evolved into a highly organized slate of events attracting a broad range of LGBT community members and straight allies. The increasing popularity and visibility of Pride events can partially be attributed to greater levels of acceptance towards the community. While Pride events play a key role in raising the profile of the community and commemorating the history of the LGBT social movement, Pride also marks an opportunity for the community to come together, take stock and recognize the advances and setbacks made in the past year. It is also a chance for the community to come together and celebrate in a festive, affirming atmosphere.

GLAAD (formerly the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) is an American non-governmental media monitoring organization founded by LGBT people in the media



Each of us has worth and dignity, and that worth includes our gender and our sexuality. As Unitarian Universalists (UUs), we not only open our doors to people of all sexual orientations and gender identities, we value diversity of sexuality and gender and see it as a spiritual gift. We create inclusive religious communities and work for LGBTQ justice and equity as a core part of who we are. All of who you are is sacred. All of who you are is welcome.

[Melissa Gibson](#)

LIVING WITH PRIDE

Chalice Lighting

By Lori Gorgas Hlaban

We light our chalice flame

For those who lived their lives in closets of shame;
For those who furtively visited the bars, where nobody knew your name;
For the Stonewall riot—and the fierce transwomen who fought;
For the plague, which still takes far too many, too young, too soon.

So many gone. So many never lived to see
Out gay kids singing on TV
Out gay people serving in the military

Marriage equality
Families formed by intention

We light our chalice flame for all these,
and for all our siblings of the rainbow,
surviving,
living life out,
in the open,
with Pride.

MAY WE LIVE THE SPIRIT OF PRIDE

Litany

By Elizabeth Ketcham

With gratitude for the freedom to be our true authentic selves,
may we live the Spirit of Pride

With the courage that comes from challenging fear,
may we live the Spirit of Pride

With sorrow for those who could not be here with us today, and in
honor of those who died of AIDS or who lost their lives,
may we live the Spirit of Pride

With grief for those whose pain was unbearable and who left us
too soon,
may we live the Spirit of Pride

Looking ahead to the justice still withheld,
may we live the Spirit of Pride

With the confidence that a sense of community banishes isolation
and loneliness,
may we live the Spirit of Pride

With the rainbow flag flying high, a sense of beloved community
among us, and the joy that comes from making new connections,
may we live the Spirit of Pride



**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.

An Announcement of Helen Kennedy's Death – May 25

She was coherent and discussing with her daughter, Margaret, about important papers and events that need to happen so she can be allowed to 'go,' even 'returning something that was burrowed'.

Helen has planned a service in Connecticut, where she worked for many years in a UU church. Margaret wants to have something small at KUUF in the future.



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 do you go at red and stop at green?

When you're eating a watermelon.