



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

November 2020

Welcome to November! Where has the year gone? Big events this month are the election and the start of the Holiday season. I will not say much about the election other than if you haven't already, get out and Vote!

The holiday season this year is going to be different than all the holiday seasons I have seen. Covid 19 has impacted us all and is a change agent, however undesired the change may be. For the last several years Kathy and I have traveled down to Portsmouth, NH to attend Thanksgiving dinner at Kathy's sister's and her sister's Husbands family. A nice event with wonderful food and a chance to renew friendships. This year, it isn't going to happen! While we kicked around the idea of using some of our "open spaces" here in Andover to host the event, the general conclusion is that there is just too much risk and we will have to make other plans. I suspect this will lead to a smaller event, consisting of those few members of our "pod". It still will be a great opportunity to reflect on all those things we have to give thanks about.

A tradition that we have done in the past is to support others that are in need and I am not sure what form that will take this year... this is an opportunity for creative thinking. Ideas?

One constant that the Holiday season brings is that of Homecomings. While these may be impacted this year, I know that there is still that drive in us all, to connect with family and friends. The challenge we have is to do so wisely and in a safe way. With the advent of technology, we can "quarantine" our required time while remaining somewhat connected. (I know, phone/ZOOM/Facetime calls can only do so much...) Hopefully this drive for homecoming will help us all take an extra moment and reach out and

contact/connect with that friend, family member, that unknown person with whom our paths have not recently crossed. Making that extra little effort to connect this season seems even more important.

If you have not joined us on Sunday for our online service, please do so. If you are not on our Sunday Service email list send an email to our admin Rose at admin@kuufnh.org and Rose will add you to the list. KUUF's Sunday Service committee has done a wonderful job of filling our Sunday Service time slots with great speakers. An interesting impact the virus has had is that our guest speakers don't have to travel and this has led to being able to have speakers that we may not have had in past because of travel. Also, as we move into the "snowbird" season, please keep KUUF's Sunday services in mind.

Be safe,

Jim Vashro

President – KUUF Board of Trustees

November KUUF Calendar

November 1	2am	Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour
November 1	11am	Betsy Woodman
November 3		VOTE
November 8	11am	Barbara Meyers
November 15	11am	Diane Root
November 22	11am	Rev. Dick Dutton
November 26		Thanksgiving
November 29	11am	Joanna Henderson

November 1, 2020 Betsy Woodman

The Weirdness of It All

Happy Halloween? Or are we in the middle of a zombie apocalypse?

November 8, 2020 Barbara Meyers

Healing the Wounds of War

In preparation for Veterans Day, the service explores Moral Injury – its impact on our service men and women, as well as our nation, and the ways communities might help to bring our veterans back into community so that, as the wise warriors, they may teach us about the horrors of war and the ways to peaceful existence.

November 15, 2020 Diane Root

This Old House

Reflections on living in an inherited house with cracks in foundations, rust on the handrails, and damp spots on the ceiling. How might we create a livable space even as we start the repairs we will not live to see completed?

November 22, 2020 Rev. Dick Dutton

Our Common Ground

November 29, 2020 Joanna Henderson

No Regrets

Living a life with no regrets means living very carefully. When our elders told us to lead that life, they were really saying, "Take no chances," which is hardly living at all.

Social Action Committee On The Move!

Members of KUUF's Social Action Committee are available to drive people to the voting polls On November 3rd, or for absentee voting before Nov 3. Just call any member if help is needed!

Meanwhile, members of this committee have been active in October. They have called people in Manchester and Nashua to encourage voting in this year's election, and leaving information on answering machines regarding how to register to vote, apply for and use an absentee ballot and vote in person at their local polling site. Also, writing post cards in an effort to "Get Out the Vote" in other states.

Call: Katheryn Butler: 1-978-939-3650

Tom Maloof: 526-9889

Marion Allen: 526-6776

Susan Nellen: 735-5616







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.

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

Directory Update

If you have any changes to your information please let Liz Maloof or Rose Jansen, Administrator for KUUF, know and they will make sure these changes are made to the Directory.

"The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who had too little." – FDR

KUUF's LOCAL HOLIDAY OFFERING TO FAMILIES IN NEED

As all know the pandemic has disrupted all the norms for the past ten months and this disruption will continue for the foreseeable future. Keeping families in need in the forefront of our minds is so important especially around the holidays.

This year KUUF's Holiday Giving program will be **staying local**. We are asking you to send your support directly to: **Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice.****

2020 KEARSARGE KIDS CHRISTMAS PROJECT



For more than 15 years this program has helped local families in need have a joyous holiday season, especially the children. This year, out of an abundance of caution for everyone's safety, we will be providing **gift cards only to families rather than having sponsors adopt families and shop for specific "wish list" items. Parents can either give their children the gift cards OR use the gift cards to purchase other items.**

2 ways to help bring joy in a very challenging year:

1. **Purchase gift cards** (*Hubert's, Target or Walmart only*) in amounts of either \$25 or \$50. Drop them off (with your name indicated) at the reception desk of Lake Sunapee VNA at 107 Newport Road in New London: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. **no later than Friday, November 20th**. (Please wear your masks)
2. **Make a cash donation** to help us purchase the needed gift cards. **Send to: **The Elf Fund, c/o LSRVNA, PO Box 2209, New London NH 03257**(Checks payable to: *LSRVNA Elf Fund*)

Thank you in advance for supporting KUUF's Local Holiday Giving to our community!

KUUF Social Concerns Committee, Lou Botta, Donna Peirce & Liz Maloof



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARYS

November 9 **Liz Maloof**
November 16 **Don Bent**
November 24 **Nancy Stone**

Tax Year End Reminder

As we come to the end of 2020 we are 6 months into KUUF's current fiscal year July 2020 – June 2021.

In order to take a 2020 tax deduction for a Charitable Contribution on this year's taxes you may want to consider making a payment toward your 2020-2021 pledge before the end of the year.

Please call Ken Preston (526-9823) if you are unsure of your pledge amount or balance still open.



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!



How to Be an LGBTQA+ Ally

Ally: A straight ally or heterosexual ally is a heterosexual and cis-gender person who supports equal civil rights, gender equality, LGBTQA+ social movements, and challenges homophobia, biphobia, and transphobia.

Listen

Listen to their stories, experiences, and how they're feeling right now. Listen and believe. Your experience will likely be very different to someone else.

Learn

Hatred comes from fear, and fear stems from ignorance. The more people that learn about the LGBTQA+ community, the less ignorance the community will face. Follow LGBTQA+ accounts on social media, learn about LGBTQA+ history, read LGBTQA+ books, and listen to LGBTQA+ music, and listen to LGBTQA+ podcasts.

Act

Challenge outdated language online or in the community/workplace, sign petitions, donate to causes, or simply follow and interact positively with the LGBTQA+ community. For you to earn the title you need to do more than say you are an ally – you need to **prove it.**



**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.



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.

**Why did the art thief's van run out of gas as he drove away
from the museum?**

**Because he had no Monet to buy Degas to make the Van
Gogh.**