



## **Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**

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### **December 2020**

Assisting Ministers: Rev. Dick Dutton & Guests

President: Jim Vashro

Music Director: Martha Woodward

Pastoral Care Team: Rev. Lee Page 603-759-8064

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Adult RE Coordinator: Marion Allen and Susan Nellen

Children's RE Coordinator: Susan Nellen

*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**

December 2020

As we head into the Holiday Season, I wanted to go over a few of the upcoming activities and opportunities through KUUF.

December is a month of traditions, and we have a few ourselves. On December 13<sup>th</sup>, Tom Graves, a previous member of our KUUF congregation, will orchestrate a "Traditional Christmas". Tom has done this service for many years and we are honored to have his guidance once again for this service. Usually done in person, members of the congregation read passages and light candles. Since we are running ZOOM services, things will be a bit different, however, congregational members will share in the celebration by reading the various passages.

On December 20<sup>th</sup>. Martha Woodward, our music director will once again expose us all to a selection of Christmas. Again, ZOOMing will make things a bit different and it should also make things special.

There are a few other opportunities for contributions, since we are all in a giving spirit, consider contributing to the Annual "Guest at your table". More information can be found about these charitable opportunities in this newsletter.

As a reminder, December is the end the 2020 tax year, and it is a good time to catch up your 2020 KUUF pledge. If done by the end of the year, you can use it as a 2020 tax deduction.

And finally, please consider the KUUF Endowment Fund. Contributions to this fund help ensure that the work done by KUUF continues.

All the best to you and your families for this special holiday season and please stay safe!

**Jim Vashro**

**President KUUF Board of Trustees**

## December KUUF Calendar

December 6	11am	<b>Roger Wells</b>
December 10		<b>Hanukkah Begins</b>
December 13	11am	<b>Tom Graves</b>
December 20	11am	<b>Martha Woodward</b>
December 25		<b>Christmas</b>
December 27	11am	<b>Rev. Dick Dutton</b>

### **December 6, 2020 Roger Wells**

#### **So Now What?**

Thoughts and what we each can do to help things get back on track.

### **December 13, 2020**

#### **Traditional Christmas**

We are going to do our Traditional Holiday Service of readings, songs, and candle lighting (virtually!) lead by Tom Graves.

### **December 20, 2020 Martha Woodward**

#### **Festivals of Light**

Christmas seen in perspective with other world holidays celebrating light.

### **December 27, 2020 Rev. Dick Dutton**

#### **Christmas Forever**

New spirit, new hope, new life!

## **Guests at Your Table**

I'm hoping that members of our fellowship will again consider giving to this Unitarian charity we've supported for many years.

### **Guest at Your Table**

"Is the UUSC's longest-established fundraising and educational program for congregations...the program to raise support for and awareness about key human rights issues. Since UUSC works in more than 20 countries, with over 60 grassroots partners, there are thousands of individuals involved in and who benefit from the work that our members make possible."

This year's programs focus on the Meaning of Home and aid Rohingya refugees, indigenous peoples in the US threatened by climate change, community response to flooding in the Marshall islands, and people deported from the US and Mexico to Guatemala.

You can read online about the wonderful people promoting UU principals in this program.

Stories of Hope <https://www.uusc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/GAYT-2020-21-Stories-of-Hope.pdf>

### **To Donate**

Usually we've had envelopes for donations by check or boxes for cash, but this year I think we have to go online:

<https://donate.uusc.org/give/75595/#!/donation/checkout>

Please be sure to include the name of our congregation

and

THANK YOU

Martha Woodward



## **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.

*Life is mostly froth and bubble,  
Two things stand like stone.  
Kindness in another's trouble,  
Courage in your own.*

Adam Lindsay Gordon

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**NOUN:** *A set of fundamental beliefs that guides one's actions:*

*An article of faith · one's essential convictions ·  
a code of conduct*

**ORIGIN:** Middle English: Latin, 'I believe.'

## Sunday January 3rd, 2021

If you would like to participate as a **CREDO speaker**, please see Henry Howell (in person or by phone: 938-5706, or via email: [exartik45@gmail.com](mailto:exartik45@gmail.com))

You will have approximately 10 minutes to speak during the sermon part of our Sunday service and will share this sermon time with one other CREDO speaker.

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This is an opportunity to describe what guides you in your personal conduct;

Your belief systems that help make the fundamental decisions of your daily life;

What in your soul helps you get up every morning;

And what in difficult, trying times gives you consolation.

## **Your Holiday Support To Others!**

To those who participated, in supporting KUUF's Local Holiday Giving to our community, THANK YOU!

By dropping off gift cards (or mailing checks) to the Lake Sunapee VNA in support of their 2020 Kids Christmas Project you made a difference in the lives of those children and families in need in New London and the surrounding communities.

When this holiday season ends the need is still great in this area. You can continue to make a difference by sending checks to either of the following organizations in our area:

**KREM (Kearsarge Regional Ecumenical Ministry)** which assists individuals or household who experience unexpected income loss, accidental injury or serious illness, major crises or other critical situations for which no other help is available.....

**KREM**  
**PO Box 1465**  
**New London, NH 03257**

**OR**

**Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry** which supports many communities in the New London area with their weekly food distributions.....

**KLSC Food Pantry**  
**PO Box 536**  
**New London, NH 03257**

Your continued generosity acknowledging those in need is a gift that is be very much appreciated.

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

## **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!**





## **LGBTQ Youth Homelessness**

True Colors United implements innovative solutions to youth homelessness that focus on the unique experiences of LGBTQ young people. They have put together an online course, “LGBTQ Youth Homelessness 101”. The course provides knowledge about LGBTQ youth experiencing homelessness and creating inclusive environments. The course is free and is broken into lessons, each with three topics.

The course is available at <https://learn.truecolorsunited.org/courses/lgbt-youth-homelessness-101/>



## **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARYS**

**December 7 Earl Abbe**  
**December 15 Lois Magenau**  
**December 24 Hal & Yvonne Shukovsky**



**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.

**What do you have in December that you can't have in any  
other month?**

**The letter D**