



## **Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**

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### **February 2021**

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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)  
Currently meeting via Zoom*

## **President's Message**

February 2021

Welcome to February 2021! Did you ever imagine that you would be looking at the calendar year 2021? I truly hope you are all healthy and staying safe. The Covid 19 vaccine administration is becoming accessible in New Hampshire and I hope we all are taking advantage of it. It is disheartening to hear about friends and family that have succumbed to the virus. Hopefully with the population being vaccinated we can stop the spread of this deadly virus.

The inauguration is over, and we have new leadership for our government. My hopes and prayers go out to all our leaders in support of them doing their important work.

If you haven't already attended any of our Sunday Services via ZOOM, please consider doing so! The Sunday Services committee has worked hard to make sure that we have a great list of presenters. We have heard some great talks/sermons in the past several months and February is no exception. Take a look at the list following this message for the schedule of who and when.

As our moderately cold winter progresses, be assured things will warm up shortly. I suspect the maple sap will start flowing early this year. This is also a good time to bring your KUUF pledges current, if you haven't already done so. And thanks to many of you who have generously donated.

As things start to settle down and we establish a "new normal" let's remember that our friends and neighbors need contact. I don't believe we will be back to meeting in person at the Stone Chapel until the fall, so instead of bemoaning the loss of those great coffee hours (opportunity for personal interaction), let's all reach out and call someone.

Enjoy the beauty that February has to offer,

**Jim Vashro**

**President KUUF Board of Trustees**

## February KUUF Calendar

<b>February 7</b>	11am	<b>Rev. Nick Boke</b>
<b>February 12</b>		<b>Chinese New Year</b>
<b>February 14</b>	11am	<b>Betsy Woodman</b>
<b>February 15</b>		<b>Presidents' Day</b>
<b>February 17</b>		<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
<b>February 21</b>	11am	<b>Rev. Tony Johnson</b>
<b>February 27</b>		<b>Purim</b>
<b>February 28</b>	11am	<b>Rev. Dick Dutton</b>

**February 7, 2021 Rev. Nick Boke**

### **Me and White Supremacy**

The title of Nicholas Boke's sermon is taken from Layla Saad's 2020 book of the same name. The sermon, like the book, is premised on the idea that everyone of Euro-American ancestry (as well as many fellow-travelers) remains, as hard as we try to avoid it, a white supremacist at heart. Using the last 500 years of human history as our evidence, we assume that it is white (what a silly designation) genes and culture that have benefited the entire world, ignoring the vast achievements of other genetic make-ups and cultures whose dominance preceded the post-Renaissance period.

**February 14, 2021 Betsy Woodman**

### **Love Your Enemies. Really? How?**

A Modest Proposal on New Rules and Routines for the US Congress  
(and Other Unruly Groups of People)

**February 21, 2021 Rev. Tony Johnson**

**The Arc of the Moral Universe: Who Bends It? We Bend It!**

In this sermon and service, I will reflect on the idea of the arc of the moral universe bending toward justice. Many people know the idea from Martin Luther King, Jr.'s speeches and writing. The idea was not original with King, but he gave it life.

**February 28, 2021 Rev. Dick Dutton**

**Amazing Grace**

Unmerited favor, love is free, lost but now found, God-given, man too.



## **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 -855

## **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.

*If you are honest, people may deceive you. Be honest anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfishness. Be kind anyway. All the good you do today will be forgotten by others tomorrow. Be good anyway.*

Fredrik Backman

## ***Need in the Area***

The holiday season has ended but 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 very much appreciated.

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

## **Discussion Group hosted by The Social Justice Committee of KUUF**

Beginning Soon

The Social Justice committee of KUUF is offering an opportunity to explore race issues in America through reading, watching documentaries, and respectful conversation via Zoom. We hope the participants will be eager for exploration, support, disagreement, and sharing honest responses to the material.

This committee is committed to learning and to offering opportunities to explore current issues. The Civil Rights Movement, galvanized by Black Lives Matter, is a force to understand, one that has put forth basic tenets for the white community to grapple with. The act of pondering and discussing these issues can be profound in clarifying where we are individually within this system.

I've been meeting weekly with another small group on this topic because last spring I realized that I don't know much more than the attitudes and stereotypes that I grew up with. The discussions are fascinating and we've created a safe environment to explore our reactions and assessments.

There are many comprehensive resources online now for further exploration of this topic and I would hope that participants will share articles and books for the group to read. I don't want to lead as much as facilitate the group's engagement.

To begin, I've created an outline for the first few weeks as an example (below). This is an extremely flexible plan and will change and adapt to the pace the group is comfortable with. And if you haven't done the reading, your input will still be welcomed.

Once enough people have expressed interest, we can decide on the weekly day and hour. Meeting a short time each week seems to increase the commitment and interest as the conversation continues.

To sign up or to ask questions, please contact Kathryn Butler at [kb.19@icloud.com](mailto:kb.19@icloud.com) or 978-939-3650. I hope you'll consider joining.

Stay warm!

Kathryn Butler and the Social Justice committee of KUUF

**First book:** So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo (Seal Press)

**First Documentary:** The Thirteenth, available on Netflix

Week 1: So You Want to Talk About Race

Introduction      So you want to talk about race

Chapter 1              Is it really about race?

Chapter 2              What is racism?

Week 2: So You Want to Talk About Race

Chapter 3              What if I talk about race wrong?

Chapter 4              Why am I always being told to “check my privilege”?

Week 3: Watch the documentary, The Thirteenth





## **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!**



## **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**February 12 Kathy Vashro**

**February 13 Donna Peirce**



## **LGBTQ+ News**

On June 15, 2020, in a landmark ruling in the consolidated cases of *Bostock v. Clayton County*, *Altitude Express v. Zarda* and *R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Homes v. EEOC*, the Supreme Court affirmed that discrimination on the bases of sexual orientation and gender identity is a form of prohibited sex discrimination. The Trump Justice Department failed to adequately instruct the federal government to implement the ruling, however.

In President Biden's Executive Order, the President fully implemented the Supreme Court's historic ruling in *Bostock*. This will result in the federal government enforcing federal law to protect LGBTQ people from discrimination in employment, health care, housing, and education, as well as in other key areas of life.

Detailed implementation of *Bostock* across the federal government will take time but will change lives of LGBTQ people seeking equal treatment under the law.



**PASTORAL CARE TEAM**  
**CONTACT US IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WOULD  
ENJOY HEARING FROM US.**

**Thank you to those who have kept us informed of people's  
life changes, joys, and concerns.  
Please continue informing us - 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 but need more people 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.** 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.**

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**For further information, contact a member of our Finance Committee. Currently serving 2020-2021 are Tom Maloof, Sandy Wells, Henry Howell, and Ken Preston.**

Why do skunks love Valentine's Day?

They are very sent-imental creatures.