



Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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April 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

April 2021

Spring is upon us and it is wonderful that Mother Nature is renewing all its life. We are still waiting for the trees to start budding; however, we know this soon will be.

As of the service on March 28th, we have been using the technology of ZOOM for a year (minus the summer hiatus). Thank you all for hanging in there and attending the services, although not in person. There are several aspects of the in-person services that I know you all miss; the wonderful sounds of the choir, the personal handshakes and hugs, the great treats at coffee time, and of course the smiles of friends and acquaintances. We are all hoping that when the fall arrives, we will once again be able to congregate at the "Stone Chapel".

ZOOM services have had a few advantages. Among the advantages are being able to see our dear distant friends, Snowbirds being able to attend services, a larger variety of "visiting" ministers, and a truly short travel time. Your Board of Trustees are giving thought to being able to provide ZOOM services as well as meeting in person. Stay tuned.

April is the Annual Pledge time, keep an eye open for this year's pledge letter and please consider your 2021-2022 gift.

Stay well and lets all celebrate the fact that we are getting vaccinated, and Spring has sprung!

Jim Vashro, KUUF Board President

April KUUF Calendar

April 1	12:45pm	Social Justice Discussion Group
April 4		Easter Sunday Last Day of Passover
April 4	11am	Rev. Beverly Boke
April 8	12:45pm	Social Justice Discussion Group
April 11	11am	Rev. Mellen Kennedy
April 12		First Day of Ramadan
April 15	12:45pm	Social Justice Discussion Group
April 18	11am	Diane Root
April 22		Earth Day
April 22	12:45pm	Social Justice Discussion Group
April 25	11am	Rev. Dick Dutton
April 29	12:45pm	Social Justice Discussion Group

April 4, 2021 Rev. Beverly Boke

The Rebel Alliance v. the Empire

April 4 is Easter Sunday in the Western Christian calendar. What better time to invoke the Empire and the Rebel Alliance?

April 11, 2021 Rev. Mellen Kennedy

Women and Islam: The Veil and Other Costumes and Customs

Much controversy is stirring about the Muslim tradition of women's wearing of a head scarf or veil. What is this about? How do we balance religious tolerance and women's rights? What do we make of this as westerners and/or as liberals? How does this connect with other traditions and habits of dress? Let's explore this charged topic together. You're invited to bring a scarf, hoodies, or hat to the service if you choose.

April 18, 2021 Diane Root

Prophet Motive

Reflections on what we do with the prophets in our midst, living and dead, and what they make of us. Maybe.

April 25, 2021 Rev. Dick Dutton

Hope

Based on facts and relationships.



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

KUUF Directory & Email List Update

To keep the KUUF directory and E-mail list updated and current, please send the KUUF Administrator any additions, or changes to your current mailing/physical address, your email address, or your phone numbers.

Also, if you are getting this Newsletter and would like to be put in the KUUF Directory please send the above listed information to Rose, our Administrator, at the below email address.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Email: admin@kuufnh.org

*April, April, laugh thy girlish laughter, and the moment after,
Weep thy girlish tears, April.*

Angus Wilson

AmeriCorps Vista Worker Opportunity at Franklin Twin Rivers Interfaith Food Pantry

Through a project set up by the New Hampshire Food Bank, the Pantry has the opportunity to host an AmeriCorps VISTA worker for a year to help us grow our outreach and to help gather data to identify needs for new and/or expanded programs to impact food insecurity in our area. We are very excited to welcome the right person to this position!

We are asking our volunteers, friends, and supporters to help us spread the word about this awesome opportunity. Do you know someone who might be interested? The link for full information about the program is provided below.

<https://www.compactnh.org/nh-food-insecurity-amicorps-program-service-positions/>

Interested people should contact Terri Henning at Compact NH. Her email is henning@compactnh.org. We will be involved in interviewing prospective candidates but the initial contact should be made to her.

You can go to <http://americorps.gov> to find out who is eligible to be an AmeriCorps Vista worker.

Happy Passover

The last week of March, I hope, brought you memories of our past two Passover Seders. I look forward to inviting you all, and people of our larger community, to our Seder next year. YUM!

The Seder is a ritual performed by a community, or by multiple generations of a family, involving a retelling of the story of the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. This story is in the Book of Exodus (Shemot) in the Hebrew Bible. It is conducted throughout the world on the eve of the 15th day of Nisan in the Hebrew calendar.

-Kathy Vashro and the Social Committee



May the circle of friendship and family
Surround you at Passover
Chag Sameach!



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!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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



Day of Silence – April 23rd, 2021

The GLSEN Day of Silence is a national student-led demonstration where LGBTQ students and allies all around the world take a vow of silence to protest the harmful effects of harassment and discrimination of LGBTQ people in schools.

Started in the mid 90's by two college students, the Day of Silence has expanded to reach hundreds of thousands of students each year. Every April, students go through the school day without speaking, ending the day with Breaking the Silence rallies and events to share their experiences during the protest and bring attention to ways their schools and communities can become more inclusive.

Day of Silence Educator Guide can be found [here](#).

Even if you are not an educator, you can **Pause** for the community silence and solidarity for 3 minutes at 3 pm ET.

What is the school climate for LGBTQ students? Access GLSEN's New Hampshire 2019 State Snapshot [here](#).



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.

Pledge Reminder

We are fast approaching the end of KUUF's 2020-2021 Church Year. Is your Pledge up to date? If you are unsure please contact Ken Preston, Treasurer, for any information you may need. (tele #526-9823)

We may not be meeting in person yet, however, the financial health of KUUF depends on you!

Thank you to all for your financial support.



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.

What did the dirt say to the rain?

If this keeps up my name will be mud.