



## **Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**

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### **March 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

March 2021

I hope you are all well. I know that several of you are in the process of getting your COVID vaccinations or have already gotten yours. The shots are a step toward getting this virus under control. It seems, on a country level, that the incidence of virus and death are declining. That is good news! (can you believe it has been a year already?)

I want to again encourage you all to attend the Sunday ZOOM services and particularly stay around a bit for "Coffee Time" (after service discussion). The last several weeks have given us wonderful and thought provoking after service discussions. We even seem to have a celebrity presenter. Betsy Woodman, with her Feb. 14th. talk "Love Your Enemies. How? A Modest Proposal" has gotten much acclaim and had her article published in the Feb. 21, 2021 edition of the Concord Monitor. A recording of the service can be found at: <http://www.kuufnh.org/services/service-11/> . If you don't have time to watch the entire service here is a link to Betsy's Talk: <https://youtu.be/uwpWc-IY44I> .

You all should have received, or shall receive shortly, a small survey to give us, the board, some feedback on how things are going for you with what KUUF has been able to do with the current COVID limitations. Please consider answering the few questions. If you have not gotten the survey please email Rose, our Admin at: [admin@kuufnh.edu](mailto:admin@kuufnh.edu).

We have 4 more months left in this Church fiscal year and we are entering into the pledge season, and preparations for the Annual meeting in June. More information to follow.

Stay safe and remember to call one another and just say "Hi".

Jim Vashro

President, KUUF Board of Trustees

## March KUUF Calendar

<b>March 7</b>	11am	<b>Liz Maloof</b>
<b>March 8</b>		<b>International Women's Day</b>
<b>March 11</b>	1pm	<b>Social Justice Discussion Group</b>
<b>March 13</b> <b>Saturday Night</b>	Before Bed	<b>SET CLOCKS AHEAD</b>
<b>March 14</b>	11am	<b>Rev. Bruce Taylor</b>
<b>March 18</b>	1pm	<b>Social Justice Discussion Group</b>
<b>March 20</b>		<b>Vernal Equinox</b>
<b>March 21</b>	11am	<b>Rev. Telos Whitfield</b>
<b>March 25</b>	1pm	<b>Social Justice Discussion Group</b>
<b>March 28</b>	11am	<b>Rev. Dick Dutton</b>

**March 7, 2021 Liz Maloof**

### **Moment of Truth**

Words written and delivered by Rev. Sara Campbell in 2015 that still resonate today.

## **March 14, 2021 Rev. Bruce Taylor**

### **And There Was Light**

Born in Paris and blinded in an accident at the age of seven, Jacques Lusseyran never lost his sense of vision. Guided by the vivid, ongoing experience of an inner light, he drew upon prodigious gifts of stillness, empathy and emotional intelligence to make his way in the world. In the face of Nazi occupation, he played a central role in creating and leading a youth resistance movement. Today's sermon traces the path and significance of an exemplary life. Rev. Bruce Taylor attended Andover Newton Theological School and was ordained to ministry in 2009. He has served several small congregations in Massachusetts and is currently the minister at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford. He lives in Nashua, NH with his beloved wife, Loretta Hubley, an artist. In his free time, he likes to play the flute, do creative photography, and walk in the woods.

## **March 21, 2021 Rev. Telos Whitfield**

### **Peace Is Every Breath**

Rev. Telos has received the 14 Mindfulness Trainings from Buddhist Monk and peace leader Thich Nhat Hanh. She will offer her experiences, teachings, and the practices she has learned that ground her faith and guide her life. We need peace in our every breath...!

Rev. Telos Whitfield serves All Souls U.U. Church in Brattleboro and works as a store manager for Southeastern Vt Community Action thrift stores - her ministry of belongings! She has been in ministry since 2006, serving congregations in Chester and Strafford, VT, and Walpole, NH.

## **March 28, 2021 Rev. Dick Dutton**

### **The Truth Will Set You Free**

Agree on facts. We may disagree on interpretation, but common truth is essential.



## **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

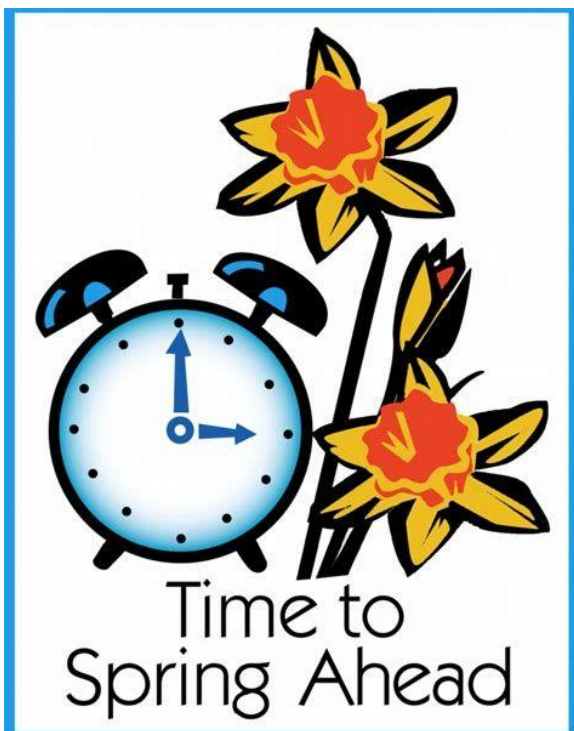
## **Directory Update**

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.

*It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.*

Charles Dickens

March 14<sup>th</sup> 2:00 AM



Time to  
Spring Ahead

## Book Group Suggestions: March 2021

**CASTE: THE ORIGINS OF OUR DISCONTENTS, Isabel Wilkerson, 2020.**

“As we go about our daily lives, caste is the wordless usher in a darkened theatre, flashlight cast down in the aisles, guiding us to our assigned seats for a performance. The hierarchy of caste is not about feelings or morality. It is about Power—which groups have it and which do not”

The Pulitzer Prize –winning, bestselling author of **THE WARMTH OF OTHER SUNS** examines the unspoken caste system that has shaped America and shows how our lives today are still defined by a hierarchy of human divisions. Isabel Wilkerson gives us a masterful portrait of an unseen phenomenon in America as she explores, through an immersive, deeply researched narrative and stories about real people, how America today and throughout its history has been shaped by a hidden caste system, a rigid hierarchy of human rankings.

Available at your Public Library or on InterLibrary Loan.

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### **Good Reads...**

**NATURE'S BEST HOPE: A NEW APPROACH TO CONSERVATION THAT STARTS IN YOUR BACKYARD, Douglas W. Tallamy, 2019.**

If you are concerned about doing something good for the environment, **Nature's Best Hope** is the blueprint you need.

**HORIZON, Barry Lopez, 2020.** Another great adventure with Lopez.

**A SAND COUNTY ALMANAC: AND SKETCHES HERE AND THERE, Aldo Leopold, 1949.** Leopold combines some of the finest nature writing since Thoreau with an outspoken and highly ethical regard for America's relationship to the land.

Marion Allen 526-6776

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

Beginning Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 1pm

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.



Meetings will take place on Thursdays from 1:00-1:55 pm, beginning March 11. It's not too late to sign up. 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!**



### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**March 1 Loren Howard**  
**March 22 Donna & Mark Peirce**



## **LGBTQ+ News**

Biden overturns Trump ban on transgender people serving in the U.S. military.

Pete Buttigieg makes history as 1<sup>st</sup> openly gay Cabinet member confirmed by Senate.

State Department's 1<sup>st</sup> openly gay spokesperson, Ned Price, held his first press briefing.

Nonwhite LGBTQ people test positive for COVID-19 at double the rate of white straight people, study finds.

Ban on LGBTQ 'panic' defense passes in Virginia. A person's perceived or actual sexual orientation or gender identity cannot be used as defense in court for the assault or murder of an LGBTQ person.



**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.**

When is it impossible to plant flowers?

When you haven't botany.