



## **Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**

**P.O. Box 1578**

**New London, NH 03257**

**(603) 526-8213**

**[www.kuufnh.org](http://www.kuufnh.org)**

### **May 2021**

Assisting Ministers: Rev. Dick Dutton & Guests

President: Jim Vashro

Music Director: Martha Woodward

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

Kathryn Vashro 208 440 1855

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)  
Currently meeting via Zoom*

## **President's Message**

May 2021

As I look out the window it is snowing! The weather here in New Hampshire is anything but boring!

Well, I am certain that we are not going to have an "in person" Sunday Service this year (2020-2021). It has been difficult not greeting you all in person, and I hear that sentiment expressed frequently. Please reach out to one another and just say "Hi". One of our core values is community and, in these isolating times, community has a huge role to play.

This fiscal year will soon be over, and we are coming up on our Annual Meeting (via ZOOM). It is hard to believe that we have been ZOOMING for over a year! The Annual Meeting has been set for Jun. 13th. immediately following the Sunday Service – all via ZOOM.

This year's General Assembly (GA) will be a virtual one and is scheduled for June 23 – 27. Being virtual make is easy to attend. KUUF is looking for a delegate to attend and represent us. If you are interested, let me know and we will get you registered.

Please remember to return your pledge packets soon, it is necessary to get a count so we, the Board of Trustees, can get to work on our next year's budget.

I, again, want to put a special note of appreciation out to all of you that keep this community together. Of special note is Martha and her expert music delivery, Rose Jansen, our efficient admin, working behind the scenes, the members of the various committees, and all of you that stick around after the services and offer you wonderful thoughts about the day's topic.

Please stay safe and, again, reach out and say "hi" to your fellow community members.

Jim Vashro  
President – KUUF Board of Trustees

## May KUUF Calendar

<b>May 2</b>	11am	<b>Lou Botta</b>
<b>May 9</b>		<b>Mother's Day</b>
<b>May 9</b>	11am	<b>Yvonne Howard</b>
<b>May 13</b>		<b>Eid al-Fitr</b>
<b>May 16</b>	11am	<b>Barbara Meyers</b>
<b>May 23</b>	11am	<b>Rev. Dick Dutton</b>
<b>May 30</b>	11am	<b>Betsy Woodman</b>
<b>May 31</b>		<b>Memorial Day</b>

May 2, 2021 Lou Botta

### **Anxiety and Spiritual Resilience**

May 9, 2021 Yvonne Howard

### **Mothers...**

May 16, 2021 Barbara Meyers

### **Embracing the New Normal**

What have we learned about our nation and ourselves in the last year and how do we prepare for the New Normal?

May 23, 2021 Rev. Dick Dutton

### **A Bizarre and Dangerous Christianity**

Biblical misunderstandings, crazy for that believer and for our society.

May 30, 2021 Betsy Woodman

### **Memorial Day Paradoxes**

Truth and Lies, Remembering and Forgetting

May had now set in, but up here among the hills, she was May by courtesy (sic) only; or if she was May, she would never be might. She was, indeed, only April with her showers and sunshine, her tearful, childish laughter, and again the frown, and the despair irremediable. Nay, as if she still kept up a secret correspondence with her cousin March, banished for his rudeness, she would not very seldom shake from her skirts a snow storm, and oftener the dancing hail. Then out would come the sun behind her, and laugh, and say – “I could not help THAT; but here I am all the same, coming to you as fast as I can!”

George MacDonald *Sir Gibbie*



## **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](mailto:admin@kuufnh.org)

### **Pledge Reminder**

We are fast approaching the end of KUUF's 2020-20201 Church Year. Is your Pledge up to date? If you are unsure please contact Ken Preston, Treasurer, for any information you may need. Thank you to all who have completed this commitment, as well as all who generously contribute to open offering on Sundays!

### **The Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry**

This organization, operates out of the Baptist Church in New London. It serves multiple communities in the New London area and will be open and available to accept food on Wednesday evenings 5:30 - 7pm or Saturday mornings 9-11AM.

Monetary donations are also welcome. Checks can be can be made payable to:

*KLS Community Food Pantry  
PO Box 536  
New London, NH 03257*

How much can YOU do to help feed he the hungry? Food will be especially needed this summer, the struggles of many area families to survive deepens.

## KREM

KREM (Kearsarge Regional Ecumenical Ministry) is a non-profit association established by churches, schools, social and private agencies and local or state governments. KREM was created to provide help when individuals or households experience:

- Unexpected Loss of income
- Accidental injury or serious illness
- Major crises which threaten children or families
- Other critical situations for which no other help can be found.

KREM helps meet emergency needs when other state or local resources are unavailable. Their service area includes the towns of Andover, Bradford, Danbury, New London, Newbury, Salisbury, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner and Wilmot.

Monetary donations can be made payable to:

KREM  
PO Box 1465  
New London, NH 03257

Think of the difference KUUF can make for our hurting neighbors if every member and friend wrote a check to one or both of these great causes! WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!



## **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!**



### **MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**May 2    Barbara Heggie**

**May 24    Donn Klingler**





## Anti-Transgender Bills in the United States

- **33:** Number of states voting on anti-transgender (trans) legislation in 2021.
- **117:** The number of bills introduced in the current legislative session that target the transgender community, according to the Human Rights Campaign.
  - The highest number the organization has records since beginning tracking anti-LGBTQ legislation more than 15 years ago.
- **Children:** The main focus of many bills. Bills look to ban trans children from playing sports or using the restroom of the gender they identify as.
- **Felony:** Some bills could make it a felony for doctors to provide life-saving care to trans youth.
  - Despite medical best practice guidelines from the Endocrine Society, Child Mind Institute, and American Psychological Association recommending that states provide gender-affirming care for trans children.
    - Studies show children unable to access gender-affirming care experience higher rates of depression, anxiety, and suicide than trans youth with supportive doctors and family.
  - The most common gender-affirming treatment option for trans youth under 16 is **puberty blockers**. These pause puberty with little to no permanent side effects while teens decide what course of gender-affirming care they want to take.

- **In New Hampshire**

- **HB86:** Medical ban that would criminalize and define gender-affirming care for trans minors as child abuse.
  - **Current Status:** Removed from Consent.
- **HB198:** Would stop trans athletes from playing school sports on the bases of preventing gender discrimination for cis women.
  - **Current status:** Retained in Committee.

### Some Good News

On March 31, 2021, President Joe Biden issued the first-ever federal proclamation of its kind for this year's International Transgender Day of Visibility.

On March 31, 2021, the Pentagon issues new policies to allow transgender Americans to service openly in the military. This reversed the Trump administration's ban.





**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.

Thank you to those who are connecting with our congregation by driving, cooking, and making phone calls.



## 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 2020-2021 are Tom Maloof, Sandy Wells, Henry Howell, and Ken Preston.**

How do you know flowers are friendly?

They always have new buds!.