

## Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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## **June 2021**

Assisting Ministers: Rev. Dick Dutton & Guests

President: Jim Vashro

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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 June 2021

Does it feel like things are getting back to normal? With the new COVID-19 guidance from the CDC, those that are fully vaccinated are getting back to a more normal life. The KUUF Board of Trustees met on the 13th. of May and decided, barring further COVID complications, KUUF would reestablish in-person Sunday Services after our Summer break. The current plan is to hold the September 12, 2021 Service and those following at the Proctor Stone Chapel. It will be good to get back together in person!

Getting back to meeting in person presents us with a few challenges. First, we need to have several things coordinated that have been dormant for over a year. I would like to form a short term "Service Preparation" committee to manage the in-person service planning and issues; e.g. chairs prep, coordination with Proctor, checking on supplies, Chapel organization, parking, choir planning, coffee schedule, etc. Please let me know if you can help with this and I am looking for someone to take the lead.

One of the other challenges is that ZOOM has offered us is how to keep connected with all those geographically separate friends and members that have been joining us on Sundays. UUA has provided us with some thoughts about starting up "hybrid" services, services that have both inperson meetings and also "virtual" ZOOM type meetings. The board is wanting KUUF to be able to offer a type of hybrid service, more to come on this.

June is the month to wrap up the church's fiscal year and we have scheduled the Annual Meeting for June 13, at about noon, following our Sunday Service. This year's Annual Meeting will be a ZOOM meeting like last year. Annual reports will be emailed out at prior to the June 13th. annual meeting (some will be mailed for those that don't do email).

Have a great and safe Summer!

Jim Vashro President – KUUF Board of Trustees

#### **June KUUF Calendar**

June 6	11am	Rev. Elaine Bomford
June 13	11am	Cindy Johnson
TWO EVENTS	12pm	Annual Meeting
June 19		Juneteenth
June 20		Father's Day
June 20		Summer Solstice
June 20	11am	Rev. Dick Dutton
June 27	11am	Nancy Stone

## June 6, 2021 Rev. Elaine Bomford Humor is a Saving Grace

A morning dedicated to the humanizing, uplifting, and healing benefits of humor. Rev. Elaine shares humorous poems and anecdotes, along with observations about humor, as together we appreciate its redeeming power in our lives.

June 13, 2021 Cindy Johnson

To Be Determined

June 20, 2021 Rev. Dick Dutton

My Testimony

My spiritual faith journey and basic beliefs.

## June 27, 2021 Nancy Stone

## The Flower Ceremony – A Plain and Simple Beauty

The comforting role of symbols and rituals in our faith is easy to overlook in these times. The Flower Ceremony is a ritual filled with symbols that we are adapting to bring comfort in the COVID era.

## **Share your Spring flowers.**

If you have pictures of your flowers or of your favorite flower that you would like to share on our June 27th Flower Ceremony Sunday, please email them to admin@kuufnh.org by **June 19th**. Thank you.

Nancy R Stone



Summer is a promissory note signed in June, its long days spent and gone before you know it, and due to be repaid next January.

Hal Borland



### 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

The UUA General Assembly (GA) will be streamed on <u>uua.org</u> and on the UUA's <u>YouTube channel</u> on June 27<sup>th</sup> at noon Fastern!

## Pledge Reminder - Year Ends June 30th

<u>Is your Pledge up to date?</u> The 2019-2020 pledge year ends **June 30**<sup>th</sup>. If you are unsure please contact Ken Preston, Treasurer, at kepreston1931@gmail.com for assistance.

Thank you to all who have completed this commitment! The board uses the pledges to determine the proposed budget for next year.

## 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.

### <u>KREM</u>

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!!!

## Help - Truck or Van Needed

We are picking up congregate members Connie and Ralph Ressler from Manchester Airport on June 16th. They have been in Alabama since COVID began and are happy to welcome them back to New Hampshire.

Jim and Kathy Vashro will be picking them up, but we are in need of a van or larger car to transport them, another individual, their luggage, and a wheelchair. If you have a van or large SUV we can borrow, please contact Kathy Vashro - jvashro@gmail.com.

## **Annual Meeting**

We will be holding our annual meeting on June 13th after our Sunday Service (about 12pm). The meeting will be conducted over Zoom. Keep an eye out for an email with our annual reports.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

June 1 Abbe's Anniversary
June 6 Roger Wells



## **Pride 2021**

Many communities around the US are planning virtual Pride events throughout June in lieu of large parades.

Boston Pride's Calendar of Events includes some inperson events like Fenway Park's Pride Night and 2021 Quincy Pride Festival mixed with virtual events like a Flag Ceremony and Boston Pride Lights.

<u>Visit</u> their website for full the full (and up-to-date) list of events!

You can also search online for other virtual events being held around the country!



# 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.

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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.

Where do sharks go on vacation?

Finland!.