



## **Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**

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### **October 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)  
via Zoom*

## **President's Message October 2021**

We attempted to get back together in person for our first 2021-2022 Sunday service on Sept. 12, 2021, however, with the recent uptick in active COVID cases and its variants, the Board of Trustees decided to suspend in-person services until further notice. As an alternative to in-person services, KUUF will be using Zoom services as we did last year. If you are not receiving the Sunday Service email with the ZOOM meeting link, send an email to: [admin@kuufnh.org](mailto:admin@kuufnh.org) and ask to be added to the email list. Once the board feels it is safe to get together in-person we will use a "Hybrid" service model, holding an in-person service as well as having a Zoom service. Thanks for hanging in there.

Thanks goes out to the Sunday Service committee for arranging for another church year of speakers. There were some great ones last year and this year looks to be as engaging.

Please be safe and, if possible, visit someone - just to check in.

Jim Vashro

President – KUUF Board of Trustees

## October KUUF Calendar

<b>October 3</b>	11am	<b>Joanna Henderson</b>
<b>October 10</b>	11am	<b>Roger Wells</b>
<b>October 17</b>	11am	<b>Rev. Mellen Kennedy</b>
<b>October 24</b>	11am	<b>Rev. Dick Dutton</b>
<b>October 31</b>	11am	<b>Barbara Meyers</b>

### **October 3, 2021 Joanna Henderson**

#### **Atoning For the Past**

Responses to the myths that have been used to defend public displays of confederate symbols.

### **October 10, 2021 Roger Wells**

#### **Trust & Truth**

Without truth there can be no trust. Without trust there is no community.

### **October 17, 2021 Rev. Mellen Kennedy**

#### **Living the Legacy of Howard Thurman**

Howard Thurman's life and teachings are the perfect medicine for our times. Thurman was called, "the saint of the Civil Rights Movement," by Rep. John Lewis. Thurman was a mystic, an outstanding preacher, a scholar, and a professor at Boston University and Howard University. He had a profound impact on Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. You're invited to take a journey of transformation as we learn from and let Thurman's insights, challenges, paradoxes, and hope wash over us.

### **October 24, 2021 Rev. Dick Dutton**

#### **The Whole Armor of God**

Loins Girt With Truth

### **October 31, 2021 Barbara Meyers**

#### **Remembering Those Who Have Gone Before**

How often are we invited to celebrate those who have led the way for us? What better time to reflect and remember than on All Hallows' Eve?



## **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 -1855

## **ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** **THE AMERICAN MIND: The Intellectual Geography of** **America**

This Great Courses Series exploring the history of American ideas which Susan Nellen and Marion Allen started in September 2019 will not be given again until we are sure it is safe to have discussions in the small downstairs room at the Proctor Stone Chapel. Perhaps we can consider starting it again in 2022.

Thank you to all who participated until Covid-19 forced us to suspend our discussions.

COORDINATORS: Susan Nellen and Marion Allen  
QUESTIONS: 526-6776

## **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.



## **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**October 15 Preston's Anniversary**

*I remember it as October days are always remembered, cloudless, maple-flavored, the air gold and so clean it quivers. – Leif Enger*

***This year KUUF is once again putting our Holiday support behind the Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice organization and become one of their community partners. We will be participating in the***

## **KEARSARGE KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**



For 15+ years this program has helped local families in need have a joyous holiday season, especially the children! As we did last year, and with an abundance of ongoing caution for everyone's wellness, the program will again provide gift cards only to families (instead of asking sponsors to shop for "wish list" items). Parents can give their children the gift cards OR use them to buy gifts. ***How you can help?***

1. **Purchase gift cards (Target or Walmart only)** in amounts of either \$25 or \$50. Then drop them off (with your name indicated if you wish) at the reception desk of Lake Sunapee VNA at 107 Newport Road in New London: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. no later than **Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**. Please wear your mask! **OR**
2. **Make a cash donation** to help us purchase needed gift cards; mail to Lake Sunapee VNA in the envelope provided; check payable to **LSRVNA Elf Fund**. **OR**
3. **Make a check payable to KUUF** indicating “Kearsarge Kids Christmas” in the memo area of your check and put mail it to KUUF, PO Box 1578, New London, NJ 03257 by **October 31, 2021**. KUUF will then forward a total amount collected to **LSRVNA Elf Fund** by November 4, 2021.

Join your fellow KUUF congregants to help make the children in the Kearsarge area have a wonderful Holiday by giving generously.

***Your kindness makes all the difference. Thank you!***





## **LGBTQ+ News**

On October 11, 2021, National Coming Out Day will continue to raise awareness for individuals within the LGBTQ+ community, and champion the idea that homophobia thrives in silence. On this day, many people who identify as LGBTQ+ will “come out” (a term stemming from the phrase “come out of the closet”) to friends or family about their sexuality, which is a very big moment! Beyond this, the history of the LGBTQ+ movement is a beacon of light – its champions are honored, and it underlines the personal being political. It’s also a chance to celebrate the liberation spirit – many do this by waving flags associated with LGBTQ+ groups or donning pins.

National Coming Out Day (NCOD) was inspired by a single march. 500,000 people participated in the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights on October 11, 1987, generating momentum to last for 4 months after the march had ended. During this period, over a hundred LGBTQ+ identifying individuals gathered outside Washington, DC, and decided on creating a national day to celebrate coming out – this began on the 1st anniversary of their historic march.

National Coming Out Day is also recognized in Ireland, Switzerland, the Netherlands, and the UK.

Keep yourself aware by looking up articles on National Coming Out Day or other LGBTQ+ topics. Here is a link for your growing awareness – [Lgbtqnation.com](http://Lgbtqnation.com)





**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.**

Why did Humpty Dumpty have a great fall?

To make up for his miserable summer.