



Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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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)
in the Stone Chapel of Proctor Academy in Andover and via Zoom*

President's Message September 2021

Welcome to KUUF's 2021-2022 Service year! I hope you are all doing well and have "weathered" this last incredible year. In addition to being generally restricted to our homes and little social interactions, we have been challenged with wearing masks and the need to get vaccinations. Wouldn't it be nice if that was all behind us, and we could turn our attentions to be more active in supporting the core UU values?

Recently we have all had the need to make choices; decisions that are not simple: wear a mask or not, get immunized or not, travel or not, etc.. To some these decisions seem simple, however, at their core, they have been the source of great differences of beliefs and disagreements about basic rights, making them difficult. Also, while attending to the need to protect ourselves and others, we have not had time to do work that calls us; volunteerism, social actions, search for truth and meaning,....

As a guide to help us make decisions and to direct our personal energy, I am listing the well know 7 UU Principles:

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
2. Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;

5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part

Let these be our guide.

It was with concern and regret that we canceled the 2021 Summer Gathering, it was a difficult decision. Thanks to those that put time and effort into making all the arrangements!

Our first of the season in-person Sunday Service is planned for Sept. 12, 2021, 11AM at Proctor's Stone Chapel. (just off the town green in the middle of Andover, NH) Please join us as we meet for the first time in over a year and a half. Masks are required indoors, and we ask that those that are not vaccinated attend via ZOOM. We are planning to make this a "Hybrid" service by using ZOOM technologies to include our many physically distant friends and those that are more comfortable attending from their homes.

Jim Vashro

President – KUUF Board of Trustees

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September KUUF Calendar

September 6		Labor Day
September 6		Rosh Hashanah
September 11		Patriot Day
September 12	11am	Rev. Emily Burr
September 15		Yom Kippur
September 19	11am	Art Rosen
September 22		Autumnal Equinox
September 26	11am	Rev. Dick Dutton

September 12, 2021 Rev. Emily Burr

Ingathering – Water Ceremony

This traditional UU fall opening service gives us the opportunity to share our life's adventures over the summer. You can bring some water from a source significant to you, add it to our communal bowl and tell us about your summer. Few were traveling far this summer, so I imagine many will come from kitchen sinks and garden hoses. If you don't bring any water, that's OK. We will have some available and it's the sharing of stories that are most important!

September 19, 2021 Art Rosen

The Bishop: An Unwritten Companion to The Prince

There are some who maintain that Machiavelli wrote *The Prince* as a satire to encourage democratic government. The Bishop is an outline of the sequel Machiavelli might have written if he turned attention to religion after politics. It is a satire in the form of guide to spreading one's religion. Its guiding principle is that the teachings of religion need not restrict the methods of propagation; or more specifically, that deception is acceptable when in the service of propagation.

September 26, 2021 Rev. Dick Dutton

The Whole Armor of God

Focusing on protection from evil and the Devil, with amazing means of protection, for both defense and offense.

All at once, summer collapsed into fall.
Oscar Wilde



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

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
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KUUF Directory & Email List Update

Many of you have received an updated KUUF Directory. If any of your contact information needs correcting, please let us know by contacting Rose, our KUUF Administrator, at admin@kuufnh.org.

Got Water?

Part of September 12th's service with Rev. Burr will allow people to share their stories with water from a place that means something to them. We encourage you to bring water with you, though it is not necessary. Please do come and share, with or without water. We will have some water available that can represent what you wish it to if you would like to participate.



Holiday Local Giving

Once again with Covid pressures in the area, KUUF is looking to support LSVNA 's Holiday Giving Program to Local Families. This was a big success last year.

More specific information to follow in the October Newsletter.

If you need more information sooner please contact:

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

September 3	Henry Howell
September 7	Lou Botta
September 13	Fran Preston
September 30	Malooof's Anniversary



Celebrate Bisexuality Day

September 23rd is Celebrate Bisexuality Day. Bisexuals are the largest self-identified group within the LGBTQA+ community but the amount of mental health research focusing on bisexual people is small.

Bisexuals can experience homophobia or biphobia – a dislike of or prejudice against bisexual people. They can also experience monosexism, which is the belief that people are only heterosexual or homosexual. They can be socially excluded from both communities, called bi-erasure. Bisexuals are more likely to hide their identity when compared to gay men and lesbians.

Mood/anxiety disorders are higher than lesbians and heterosexual women for bisexual women. They are also higher in bisexual men when compared to heterosexual men, but similar to gay men. People who identify as bisexual have a higher risk of suicide than heterosexual, gay, and lesbian individuals.

Support bisexual people. You've already started by reading this! Support local, national, and global charities. Validate – it is not up to you to decide if a person is or is not bi – just listen.





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.

My Wife and I had a daughter. We named her September
October November.

We call her Autumn for short.