



Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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November 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)*

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

President's Message November 2021

I hope everyone is doing well in this uncertain time of trying to get back to normalcy and still being careful to protect yourself from exposure to the Covid virus. In addition to being vigilant against Covid, we are also in flu season and need to be cautious. And the Holiday season is upon us! This is just a lot going on, to say nothing of the current political or economic climate. Just be mindful of all the stressors we are all dealing with and take good steps to deal with it.

Since the Covid situation is easing up a bit, KUUF is finally going to start in-person services. As of Oct. 31, 2021, the Stone Chapel at Proctor Academy in Andover, NH, is open for Sunday service at 11AM. KUUF is also continuing to offer services via ZOOM, as it has been doing this last year. Those of you that choose to meet with us in person (you do have the option, if you are not comfortable meeting in person, to attend via ZOOM) will need to be masked, vaccinated, and maintain appropriate distance while in the Stone Chapel. Because of ongoing safety concerns, we will not initially be offering our traditional coffee and juice following the service.

This "Hybrid" service model is new and will have some learning curve associated with it, so be prepared for a few hiccups. We are also offering the ministers and lay speakers the option of either joining us in person or joining us virtually via the ZOOM technology. This hybrid effort allows us to maintain connection to our past members and friends as well as those that travel during the winter.

All the best to you in the coming Holiday service and stay safe!

Jim Vashro

President – KUUF Board of Trustees

November KUUF Calendar

November 4		Diwali
November 7	2am	SET CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR
November 7	11am	Lou Botta
November 11		Veteran's Day
November 14	11am	Betsy Woodman
November 21	11am	Rev. Elaine Bomford
November 25		Thanksgiving
November 28	11am	Rev. Dick Dutton
November 28		Hanukkah

November 7, 2021 Lou Botta

Spirituality and Military Service

November 14, 2021 Betsy Woodman

Hanging Out at the VA

Lessons from the nation's largest health care system.

November 21, 2021 Rev. Elaine Bomford

Granny D

Through stories and inspirational words from the book "Granny D: Walking Across America in My 90th Year," we hear from Doris Haddock of Dublin, New Hampshire -- "a retired shoe-factory worker and great-grandmother of twelve" who gardened, hooked rugs, organized, wrote letters, planned, trained and walked across the country in support of campaign finance reform.

November 28, 2021 Rev. Dick Dutton

The Whole Armor of God

Feet Shod With the Gospel of Peace

Back in the Stone Chapel!

KUUF is back to meeting in person on Sunday at 11AM. We are supporting the UUA guidelines by requiring masks, being fully vaccinated, proper distancing, and no singing (humming along allowed). We are also suspending the traditional coffee hour for the time being. KUUF will still be offering services via ZOOM in what we are calling a "Hybrid" service.



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 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.



Set clocks **back** one hour before bed on November 6th!



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

November 9	Liz Maloof
November 16	Don Bent
November 24	Nancy Stone
November 30	Lou Boffa and Bill Hickey

Guest at Your Table

Guest at Your Table is a 46-year-old UU charity which supports awareness of human rights issues around the world and acts through partnership with grassroots organizations.

This year, Guest will support women leaders helping people displaced by climate change in the Pacific, women organizers seeking to overcome violence to women in Honduras, women promoting the rights of women in Myanmar, and a program which brings arts to migrants' centers in the US.

You can read more about these programs here:

<https://www.uusc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Stories-of-Hope-2019-20.pdf>

Members of our congregation have contributed generously in past years. We usually have a presentation (and some reminders) in our in-service worship and collection boxes.

To contribute this year, you can download the form at the end of the site listed above and mail it to the address indicated. I'll also have some forms available at the chapel.

Please indicate that you are members of the KUUF, so Guest can tally our donations for us. If you would like to contribute cash, or wish to give me your check in church, I can send in your donation.

A donation of \$40 or more earns you and your loved ones annual UUSC membership benefits. Also, all individual and family *unrestricted contributions of \$125 or more are eligible to be **matched dollar for dollar*** by the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock in Manhasset, N.Y. — doubling the impact of your gift!

Thank you again for considering giving to this UU charity,

Martha Woodward

2021 UU Action NH StorySlam!

Saturday, November 13
6-7:30PM

UU Church of Manchester and
streamed live online.

Reserve your tickets now! <https://bit.ly/2021storyslam>

For those attending in person: proof of
vaccination required.



*True, moving, stories, told in front of a live
audience: you!*

*Enjoy food, stories and fellowship while
supporting UU justice organizing in New
Hampshire.*

This year's theme: Self-Portrait

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ACTION NH

To reserve tickets:

<https://uuactionnh.salsalabs.org/2021uuactionnhstoryslam>

A Sincere Thank You

Though I get sprints of energy that get me out of bed to do a few things, I spend most of my time in bed. I want to make sure you know that all your phone calls, cards, and food have been so comforting these last 2 weeks. Thank you, thank you.

Kathy Vashro

*Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy; they
are the charming gardeners who make our soul blossom. –
Marcel Proust*

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 19th**. 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 **November 6, 2021**. KUUF will then forward a total amount collected to **LSRVNA Elf Fund**.

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+ Films and Shows

You might have heard about some recent backlash about Dave Chappelle's special on Netflix and his transphobic remarks. Netflix executives have also come under pressure. On Wednesday, October 20th, Netflix employees walked out, and LGBTQ+ supporters rallied outside company headquarters.

[Here](#) is a list of movies you can watch on Netflix right now that feature LGBT+ characters.

[Here](#) is a list of the best new movies in 2021 & 2020 from across different streaming platforms.

Don't stream and want to see if these movies are available at the library?

[Tracy Memorial Library](#) in New London– offers porch pickup

[Andover Libraries](#) – offers curbside service

[Libraries that offer non-resident borrowing privileges](#)



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 do turkeys gobble?

Because they never learned table manners.