



## **Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**

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### **April 2022**

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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 April 2022**

The big news is that starting April 3, 2022, KUUF will be holding Sunday Services in-person at the Stone Chapel at Proctor Academy, Andover, NH. And not forgetting our distant friends and members, KUUF will also be conducting the services via Zoom. This "Hybrid" service capability will allow anyone to attend either virtually or in-person. We did this briefly last fall, however, with the rise of the Omicron Covid variant we went back to "Zoom" only services. For the in-person services, we ask that attendees are fully vaccinated and boosted, or wear mask while indoors. Anyone that prefers to wear a mask is encouraged to do so. The other option is for people that aren't vaccinated to attend via Zoom.

As we move out of "mud" season, the church moves into its "end-of-year" planning and activities. As a reminder, if you haven't already done so, please bring you 2021-2022 pledge current as new pledge letters will be mailed out soon.

The Sunday Service Committee continues to bring us interesting and thoughtful Services and April will be no exception. Easter Service, as an example, should be interesting. Please join us in-person or via Zoom for them. If you are not getting the weekly invitation to the Sunday service, email our Admin Rose Jansen at: [admin@kuufnh.org](mailto:admin@kuufnh.org).

Take care and stay safe,

Jim Vashro

President, KUUF Board of Trustees

## April KUUF Calendar

April 3		Ramadan Begins
April 3	11am	Barbara Meyers
April 10	11am	Rev. Nancy Pellegrini
April 16		Passover Begins
April 17		Easter
April 17	11am	Roger Wells
April 24	11am	To Be Announced

### April 3, 2022 Barbara Meyers

#### Metamorphosis

It is spring. An opportunity for letting go of what no longer serves and for experiencing new beginnings and rebirth.

### April 10, 2022 Rev. Nancy Pellegrini

#### Jesus the Revolutionary

On this Palm Sunday, we will explore the historical context of the life of Jesus. We will look at how his message about living in community through forgiveness, healing, and acceptance threatened the Roman Empire. We will examine how Jesus was a champion of the disinherited, as described by Howard Thurman, and set an example of how oppressed peoples can survive.

### April 17, 2022 Roger Wells

#### Resurrecting Christian Diversity

Where and how did the stories come from; how are we different and the same?

### April 24, 2022 To Be Announced



## **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

## **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.



## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**April 4**    **Betsy Abbe**  
**April 11**   **Bill Hickey**  
**April 26**   **Sally Bergquist**  
**April 26**   **Martha Woodward**

## **Pledge Reminder**

We are fast approaching the end of KUUF's 2020-2021 Church Year. Is your Pledge up to date? If you are unsure, please contact Ken Preston, Treasurer, for any information you may need. (tele 526-9823).

The financial health of KUUF depends on you!

Thank you to all for your financial support.

## **Reach Out**

We all need to look at our beliefs and ourselves and look at our congregation and how we are so small AND dwindling. We all need to decide to grow our congregation, grow in our comfort zones and trust the thought, 'every stranger is a friend we haven't met'.

Many years ago, Lizzie Kingler (a past KUUF member) came to me with desperate eyes saying, 'we are dying, this congregation is dying, we NEED more people'. Her words have been in my head since then. I do not know what to do, do you? We tend not to proselytize our religion, but we might tell someone about a good book we've read or movie we have seen. Telling people about your beliefs and UU teachings is a good thing and possibly more important than other topics we talk about. Reach out to others; meet that stranger who may become a friend. Discuss love and respect for others and this world. It is so important.

Remember Lizzie's words and reach out to others and meet that stranger who may become your friend.

Kathryn Vashro

## Will You Help an Afghan Family?

KUUF and other Andover Churches have been asked if we would like to be involved in helping with the resettlement of an Afghan family in Andover.

The organizing person is Michael "Dan" Mori and other folks from Proctor. Right now, they have an apartment set up but may need specific items later. The most immediate need right now is to **identify volunteers who are willing to drive the family to appointments during workdays**. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer driver you will need to:

**Step 1.** Register as a volunteer with WelcomeNST [here](#). Each person needs to do this. When asked how you are volunteering select "I am part of a group and would like to form an NST" and indicate you are part of "Team Andover NH"

**Step 2.** Every person should fill out [this form](#) to give Ascentria permission to do a background check, but it does not actually start the check.

**Step 3.** Then they will get an email from [careers@ascentria.org](mailto:careers@ascentria.org) which they can fill out to initiate a background check.

Here is the GoFundMe link if you have an interest in donating- <https://www.gofundme.com/f/helping-afghan-refugees-resettle-in-us>

They have raised about \$13,000 of a \$22,000 goal and could use help with donations.

Susan Chase at the Andover Hub is willing to be contacted for more information – [srfchase@gmail.com](mailto:srfchase@gmail.com).

Marion Allen...

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## A Conversation Between a Science Professor and a Student

**Professor:** You are a Christian, aren't you, son ?

**Student:** Yes, sir.

**Professor:** So, you believe in GOD ?

**Student:** Absolutely, sir.

**Professor:** Is GOD good ?

**Student:** Sure.

**Professor:** Is GOD all powerful ?

**Student:** Yes.

**Professor:** My brother died of cancer even though he prayed to GOD to heal him. Most of us would attempt to help others who are ill. But GOD didn't. How is this GOD good then? Hmm?

(Student was silent.)

**Professor:** You can't answer, can you ? Let's start again, young fella. Is GOD good?

**Student:** Yes.

**Professor:** Is Satan good ?

**Student:** No.

**Professor:** Where does Satan come from ?

**Student:** From ... GOD ...

**Professor:** That's right. Tell me son, is there evil in this world?

**Student:** Yes.

**Professor:** Evil is everywhere, isn't it ? And GOD did make everything. Correct?

**Student:** Yes.

**Professor:** So who created evil ?

(Student did not answer.)

**Professor:** Is there sickness? Immorality? Hatred? Ugliness? All these terrible things exist in the world, don't they?

**Student:** Yes, sir.

**Professor:** So, who created them ?

(Student had no answer.)

**Professor:** Science says you have 5 Senses you use to identify and observe the world around you. Tell me, son, have you ever seen GOD?

**Student:** No, sir.

**Professor:** Tell us if you have ever heard your GOD?

**Student:** No, sir.

**Professor:** Have you ever felt your GOD, tasted your GOD, smelt your GOD? Have you ever had any sensory perception of GOD for that matter?

**Student:** No, sir. I'm afraid I haven't.

**Professor:** Yet you still believe in Him?

**Student:** Yes.

**Professor:** According to Empirical, Testable, Demonstrable Protocol, Science says your GOD doesn't exist. What do you say to that, son?

**Student:** Nothing. I only have my faith.

**Professor:** Yes, faith. And that is the problem Science has.

**Student:** Professor, is there such a thing as heat?

**Professor:** Yes.

**Student:** And is there such a thing as cold?

**Professor:** Yes.

**Student:** No, sir. There isn't.

(The lecture theater became very quiet with this turn of events.)

**Student:** Sir, you can have lots of heat, even more heat, superheat, mega heat, white heat, a little heat or no heat. But we don't have anything called cold. We can hit 458 degrees below zero which is no heat, but we can't go any further after that. There is no such thing as cold. Cold is only a word we use to describe the absence of heat. We cannot measure cold. Heat is energy. Cold is not the opposite of heat, sir, just the absence of it.

(There was pin-drop silence in the lecture theater.)

**Student:** What about darkness, Professor? Is there such a thing as darkness?

**Professor:** Yes. What is night if there isn't darkness?

**Student:** You're wrong again, sir. Darkness is the absence of something. You can have low light, normal light, bright light, flashing light. But if you have no light constantly, you have nothing and it's called darkness, isn't it? In reality, darkness isn't. If it is, well you would be able to make darkness darker, wouldn't you?

**Professor:** So what is the point you are making, young man ?

**Student:** Sir, my point is your philosophical premise is flawed.

**Professor:** Flawed ? Can you explain how?

**Student:** Sir, you are working on the premise of duality. You argue there is life and then there is death, a good GOD and a bad GOD. You are viewing the concept of GOD as something finite, something we can measure. Sir, Science can't even explain a thought. It uses electricity and magnetism, but has never seen, much less fully understood either one. To view death as the opposite of life is to be ignorant of the fact that death cannot exist as a substantive thing.

Death is not the opposite of life: just the absence of it. Now tell me, Professor, do you teach your students that they evolved from a monkey?

**Professor:** If you are referring to the natural evolutionary process, yes, of course, I do.

**Student:** Have you ever observed evolution with your own eyes, sir?

(The Professor shook his head with a smile, beginning to realize where the argument was going.)

**Student:** Since no one has ever observed the process of evolution at work and cannot even prove that this process is an on-going endeavor. Are you not teaching your opinion, sir? Are you not a scientist but a preacher?

(The class was in uproar.)

**Student:** Is there anyone in the class who has ever seen the Professor's brain?

(The class broke out into laughter. )

**Student:** Is there anyone here who has ever heard the Professor's brain, felt it, touched or smelt it? No one appears to have done so. So, according to the established Rules of Empirical, Stable, Demonstrable Protocol, Science says that you have no brain, sir. With all due respect, sir, how do we then trust your lectures, sir?

(The room was silent. The Professor stared at the student, his face unfathomable.)

**Professor:** I guess you'll have to take them on faith, son.

**Student:** That is it sir ... Exactly ! The link between man & GOD is FAITH. That is all that keeps things alive and moving.

That student was EINSTEIN.

*Sometimes you don't realize how special something is until you lose it. That's how I feel about Ramadan every year.*

Omar Suleiman



## **Boston Creates Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement**

Mayor Michelle Wu announced the creation of an Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement, tasked with developing policies and programs to empower Bostonians in those communities.

City officials are seeking an executive director to lead the new office and aim to have two full-time employees by fiscal year 2023. Previously, Boston had several LGBTQ+ liaisons under the Office of Neighborhood Services umbrella. Mayor Wu said the creation of a new department, amid a “growing movement to strip away rights that the queer community has fought and waited so long for” will scale up efforts to provides services to those communities.

More than 20 other states have seen "anti-LGBTQ+ legislation" introduced so far in 2022, according to Wu, who said many of the proposals "specifically target the trans community."

"Too often, government has really overlooked the needs of the most vulnerable people in our community," Sen. Julian Cyr, a Truro Democrat, said. "Yes, this is Boston, and yes, this is Massachusetts. We're proud, I think, of what we've done, but I really worry that we've been resting on our laurels when it comes to the LGBTQ+ community."



**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 Kathryn 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.**

When does Valentine's Day come after Easter?

In the dictionary!