



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)
via Zoom*

President's Message May 2022

This will be a short note. Where has the year gone? We have 2 more months for the KUUF year... time is moving quickly.

We are in the middle of our annual fund drive and you all should have received your pledge packets. If you haven't, please contact Rose at admin@kuufnh.org and she will get you one. Please take a moment and return you pledge card; it is used to help determine our 2022-2023 budget proposal which we need for our Annual Meeting in June.

Since the beginning of April, we have been meeting in person at the Stone Chapel in Andover. Our "in-person" attendance numbers have been a bit small, averaging about 12 each Sunday. I think this is to be expected since there are still potential issues with Covid and many of our members are, appropriately, very risk averse. It is wonderful that we are offering a "hybrid" service, so in addition to meeting at the Chapel we are also meeting via ZOOM. This not only keeps us connected with our members and friends that have moved out of the area, but we can also connect with those that aren't yet comfortable being in-person. Another benefit of the Hybrid service model is that we can have services conducted by people that are remote. This is an added flexibility and adds to our ability to continue to offer high quality services. An example of this was April 24th's service featuring Betsy Woodman attending remotely. Betsy always offers us a thoughtful service and it was great to be able include her in our Services.

Stay safe! While things are easing up a bit, the hard reality is that Covid is still an issue, and we need to make sure we don't forget to protect ourselves. If our country's Vice President can be infected, we all can.

Take care and stay safe,

Jim Vashro

President, KUUF Board of Trustees

May KUUF Calendar

May 1	11am	Rev. Dick Dutton
May 8		Mother's Day
May 8	11am	Yvonne Howard
May 15	11am	Rev. Dr. Mellen Kennedy
May 22	11am	Rev. Dick Dutton
May 29	11am	Diane Root
May 30		Memorial Day

May 1, 2022 Rev. Dick Dutton

The Danger of Prayer

May 8, 2022 Yvonne Howard

It's Our Turn – Returning the Love

We are all connected – what affects one of us affects all of us.

May 15, 2022 Rev. Dr. Mellen Kennedy

To Be Announced

May 22, 2022 Rev. Dick Dutton

The Lord's Prayer

In response to Disciples.

May 29, 2022 Diane Root

To Save and to Savor

In these days when even seemingly permanent things look to be transitory, how do we find our bearings? Is there any dependable footing? And do we have a role to play as we wait to see what are transitions and what are endings? There are so many questions and answers are elusive.



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



MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

May 2 Barbara Heggie

May 24 Donn Klingler

"It is spring again. The earth is like a child that knows poems
by heart."

Rainer Maria Rilke

Pledge Reminder

We are fast approaching the end of KUUF's 2021-2022 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



NYPL Fights Back Against Book Banning

We have all heard about the increase in book bans and challenges in the United States, especially in areas like Texas, Montana, and Louisiana. These challenges and bans are happening in both school and public libraries. Often times these bans and challenges are directed at materials depicting LGBTQ+ characters and issues.

The New York Public Library has made some commonly banned or challenged books available to anyone via their e-reader app, SimplyE, until the end of May. Their app is available on both iOS and Android.

You can read the full statement by Tony Marx, President of the New Your Public Library, [here](#). To read more about the most challenged books of 2021 and beyond, click [here](#).

Directory Updates: Is Your Information Up to Date?

To keep the KUUF directory and email list current, please send Rose Jansen, the KUUF Administrator, any changes or additions. This includes:

- Mailing/physical address
- Email address
- Phone numbers

Also, if you are receiving this newsletter and would like to be added to the KUUF Directory, please send the above information to Rose and she will add you.

Email: admin@kuufnh.org



Speaker Suggestions

The Sunday Service Committee have worked together to schedule speakers for another year at the KUUF. We have met on Zoom and shared our gleanings from friends, word of mouth, and UUA sources. We've tried to do well, but we would appreciate more help. Please consider giving suggestions for speakers and, if you can, join some committee meetings. The KUUF requires your participation if we are to keep having interesting services.

Lou Botta, Nancy Stone, Martha Woodward



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.

What month is the shortest?

May because it only has three letters!