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June 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) at the Stone Chapel and via Zoom

President's Message May 2022

June is here and with it, KUUF's 2021-2022 year ends!

KUUF is planning on reconvening Sunday Services on Sept. 11, 2022. At this point we plan to continue with the "Hybrid" service model where we both meet in the Chapel as well as offer the Service via ZOOM. Announcements will be made prior to the service in September.

On the 12th of June we will hold our **2021-2022 KUUF annual meeting** and I hope that you all can make it. This year, we will be holding a "Hybrid" version of the annual meeting after the Sunday service, beginning about noon. If you can't, or choose not to, meet with us in the Stone Chapel, please make sure and join us on ZOOM (follow the link for the June 12'22 Sunday Service that will be sent out).

Again, as in previous months, June offers us a variety of speakers including an appearance by our local talent; "The Troubadours", an A Cappella musical treat! Libby Howell, one of our KUUF members, is a member of the Troubadours and we are excited to have them sing. It will be the first time in two years that we will have a choir in the Chapel.

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. Your Board of Trustees are continuing to watch the COVID situation to ensure we, KUUF, take the best steps to protect ourselves.

Enjoy the rest of the newsletter and don't forget to show-up on June 12, noon for the annual meeting.

Have a wonderful Summer!

Jim Vashro

President, KUUF Board of Trustees

June KUUF Calendar

June 5	11am	The New Hampshire Troubadours
June 12	11am	Besty Woodman
June 12	12pm	KUUF Annual Meeting
June 19		Father's Day
June 19		Juneteenth
June 19	11am	Rev. Elaine Bomford
June 26	11am	Rev. Dick Dutton
June 26	12pm	2022 General Assembly Service

June 5, 2022 The New Hampshire Troubadours

Songs of Hope

A selection of music from their concert scheduled for June 12th at Epiphany Episcopal Church in Newport. The group was founded in 2001 and is made up of volunteer singers from eight different towns in the area.

June 12, 2022 Betsy Woodman

Can You Hide Bitcoin Under your Mattress?

As the world gets weirder, how can we get smarter?

June 19, 2022 Rev. Elaine Bomford

Flower Celebration

The Flower ceremony, an affirmation of diversity and unity, is a tradition begun by the prophetic Unitarian, Rev. Norbert Capek. Congregants who gather in the Stone Chapel are invited to bring a flower (or several) from your home garden or byway to add to the bouquet we will create together. Congregants who join via Zoom are invited to bring flowers to display in their Zoom square. Virtually and in person, we appreciate the beauty and power of liberal faith.

June 26, 2022 Rev. Dick Dutton

To Be Determined

MORE KUUF HAPPENINGS

As the weather warms and we enter the end of KUUF's 2021-22 year, there are additional events to highlight. We hope to see you there!

KUUF ANNUAL MEETING – JUNE 12th

KUUF's Annual Meeting will be held on June 12th after service concludes. The meeting will be held both at the Stone Chapel and via Zoom. Come and support KUUF with your thoughts and ideas for next year.

For those joining in person, a small luncheon will be provided after our service and before the meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY SUNDAY SERVICE – JUNE 26th

After KUUF's last service of the 2021-22 year, we will virtually join the General Assembly Sunday Service. A luncheon will be provided.

SOCIAL GATHERING

Watch for an announcement for a social gathering at Wadleigh State Park. Enjoy Kezar Lake and seeing friends from KUUF.



FREE RANGE CHICKEN EGGS

Kathy Vashro will provide FREE RANGE CHICKEN eggs for sale on Sundays at the chapel in June. Will provide during the summer, also. \$4/dozen (My neighbors bought our chickens last year and now are selling the eggs. All monies go to the neighbor)



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



JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

June 1 Abbe's Anniversary June 6 Roger Wells

"We have all known the long loneliness and we have learned that the only solution is love and that love comes from community." Dorothy Day

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.

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





History of Pride Month

Colorful, uplifting parades with floats and celebrities, joyous festivals, and parties are what we're used to seeing for LGBTQ (Gay) Pride Month, celebrated in June in the United States. Pride Month commemorates years of struggle for civil rights and the ongoing pursuit of equal justice under the law for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community, as well as the accomplishments of LGBTQ individuals. But why is Pride Month celebrated in June?

The organized pursuit of gay rights in the United States reaches back to at least 1924 and the founding of the Society of Human Rights. But the event that catalyzed the gay rights movement came in June 1969 in New York City's Greenwich Village, at the Stonewall Inn. In the early morning hours of June 28, police raided this popular gathering place for young LGBTQ people. Outside, the crowd that watched the bar's patrons being herded into police vans became enraged. Whereas previous witnesses to police harassment of the LGBTQ community had stood by passively, this time the crowd jeered the police and threw coins and debris at them, forcing the police to barricade themselves in the bar to await backup. Meanwhile, some 400 people rioted. Police reinforcements dispersed the crowd, but riots waned and waxed outside the bar for the next five days, and these Stonewall riots (also called the Stonewall uprising) provided the spark that ignited the gay rights movement in the United States.



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 kind of tree fits in your hand?

A palm tree!