



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)
at the Stone Chapel and via Zoom*

President's Message October 2022

The new Church year has started up and we have been holding "hybrid" services (both in-person and on zoom) and have had a good number of folks showing up at the Stone Chapel. It has been great seeing everyone! We are still working out some of the "kinks" getting the chapel ready for services, but in general, things have gone well. Please consider signing up for the coffee support (sign-up sheets available at the Chapel on Sunday).

KUUF is looking to fill 2 part-time jobs for Sunday support, one for someone to give me a break handling the Audio/Visual (A/V) portion of the service and one for someone to setup chairs. Both are paid positions and an opportunity for someone to pick up a few extra bucks each week. If you know of anyone that might be a good fit let them know about the openings and they can send me an email at: jimv@kuufnh.org. The ads have gone out to Proctor and if someone has a link to Colby-Sawyer let me know, I can get copies of the ad to you. We will be advertising in the Shopper for a few weeks and trying to get into the Inter-Town Record.

A few weeks ago, I mentioned at church, my concern over "**world hunger**" and how **climate change** is making it more difficult for those already challenged with hunger problems. I would like to talk with any of you that have given this problem some thought and would also like to spend time thinking about things we all can do to help. And of course, we have real needs locally. A good way to help locally is donating food or money to the various food banks. We do have a food bank basket at the Chapel.

Please stay safe. We are all getting more comfortable with the current Covid condition, and we still need to make sure we are using safe practices and keeping up with our vaccinations, Covid has not left us!

Enjoy this month's Newsletter,

Jim Vashro, President, KUUF Board of Trustees

October KUUF Calendar

October 2	11am	Henry Howell
October 4		Yom Kippur
October 9	11am	Betsy Woodman
October 9		KUUF Member Meeting
October 16	11am	Rev. Edward Proulx
October 23	11am	Rev. Dick Dutton
October 24		Diwali
October 30	11am	Diane Root
October 31		Halloween

October 2, 2022 Henry Howell

A Rich Heritage of Unitarians & Universalists in Andover, NH

Andover, NH was settled by some very independently minded frontiers people. Many of the settlers/farmers in the Kearsarge Valley region whose religious beliefs diverged from traditional Baptist, Methodist or Episcopalians of the time moved to the Andover area and made this town one of the unique New England villages to be governed for more than 100 years by members of the Unitarian and Universalist faiths.

October 9, 2022 Betsy Woodman

Indigenous Peoples' Day: Journeys through Time and Culture

October 16, 2022 Rev. Edward Proulx

Christopher Columbus or Niccolo Machiavelli?

Christopher Columbus has a global holiday and his name forms the basis for states and even nations to this day. Niccolò Machiavelli's last name has become a slanderous adjective. We may have this exactly backwards.

October 23, 2022 Rev. Dick Dutton

Waba Sabi: The Art of Imperfection

Mistakes, impermanence, the beauty of broken pottery and glass.

October 30, 2022 Diane Root

Precious Life

At center of many of our divisions is a profound inconsistency and thoughtlessness about whether life is 'sacred' and how we live that. What are we thinking?

Special Members Meeting

On October 9th after our service there will be a special meeting of members to approve the changes to the KUUF bylaws. Please plan to stay after the service for this brief meeting.

KUUF Board of Trustees.



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



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

October 15 Fran & Ken Preston

"If more of us valued food and cheer and song above
hoarded gold, it would be a merrier world."
J.R.R. Tolkein

Pledge Reminder

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
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Email: admin@kuufnh.org

Fall Back

It's that time of year again. We turn the clocks back an hour at 2am on November 6th, so make sure you set your clocks back before bed on the 5th!



Save the Date

Coordinating with the Kearsarge-Sunapee Jewish Community for Passover at Veterans Hall in Newbury on April 4, 2023.

Mrs. Elizabeth* Wharton (Niehl) Abbe, Ph.D.**

April 4, 1936-September 10, 2022

*Although named Elizabeth, after her mother's mother, she was always called Betsy by family and friends.

**She was the daughter of an unwed mother, who had assumed a fictional wedded surname of Niehl. Betsy always used her maiden surname.

Age: 86 years, 5 months, 6 days

Daughter of: Odale Dabney Waters, Sr. & Harriet Lewis (Wharton) Niehl

Wife of: Earl Clifton Abbe, II; married 1 June 1968, Augustana Lutheran Church, Washington, District of Columbia

Mother of: Kenneth Hatheway Abbe & Alexander Earl Abbe

My wife, Elizabeth Wharton (Niehl) Abbe dies Saturday evening, September 10, 2022, at La Case Via Transitional Care Center in Walnut Creek, California, after a lengthy illness. She was a gentle, considerate person who was universally liked.

Betsy was born in Richmond, a child of a long-term liaison between a travelling salesman and a rural Virginia school teacher. Her mother, Harriet Niehl, was then 45. A fiercely independent woman, she raised Betsy alone and ensured that Betsy would pursue education and learn to play the violin.

A very smart woman, she earned degrees from Oberlin College and Brown University, and a Ph.D. from University of North Carolina. She worked almost all of her professional life for various Federal Government agencies. The last decade or so she showed the military how to plan to invade countries efficiently.

Betsy and I had two wonderful sons, Kenneth and Alexander, and were trying for a third child when she had an ectopic pregnancy which almost killed her. At which point we decided to stop at two. Being skilled with the violin, she became a "Suzuki mother" imparting the love of music to her children.



THE BIG GIFT CARD SCAM COMES FOR KUUF AND REV. DICK DUTTON

Henry Howell was one of the targets. Following are the email conversations of this latest gift card scam. Jim and Kathy Vashro have also received this scam. Kathy called Dick and spoke with Nancy about this. It seemed fishy to her. Jim received this email about a month ago and didn't respond.

DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS EMAIL NOR SEND MONEY CARDS TO THIS PERSON!!!!!!

Below are explanations for recognizing the email as a scam that did not come from Dick Dutton.

Rev Richard Dutton

Scammers fake email address: revricharddutton@gmail.com

Dick's real email address: rdutton@tds.net

Hi Henry,

Could you do me a little favor to help out the people I serve?

MANY BLESSINGS

Dick

Henry Howell

I'll do what I can. What is it you need?

Regards,

Henry

Rev Richard Dutton

Thanks for getting back to me , Am in meeting right now , and can not make calls , and due to my busy schedule, I can not get things done myself , **Note Dick is "too busy" to be called to confirm these requests and has such a "busy schedule" he can't do them himself.**

I just need to get Steam wallet gift cards today for some women going through cancer at the hospital but I can't do that right now because of my busy schedule.

"Steam wallet gift cards" are good for buying nearly anything and apparently can be easily turned in for cash.

Can you get it from any store around you? and I will pay you back later in cash or check.

Let me know if you can get the card for these patients.

MANY BLESSINGS

After Henry replies that he'll try, but is very busy and there aren't any locally available, the scammer replies:

Note scammers simply disregard that he is too busy to find the Steam cards. Instead, they nearly command him to go and get them anyway!

Thank you I will be so glad if you can get that for me. There are 10 of the women but I'm thinking of \$300 worth of steam gift card only for 3 for now, (\$100 or \$50 denomination each. That's 3 cards of \$100 each).

Steam gift cards can be gotten at a nearby store and get it activated at the point of buying

Am out of the office for a pressing meeting. I only need you to scratch the cards, then take a SNAP SHOT of the back each showing the PIN and have them sent to me here so I'll just forward to them easily. Note the PIN numbers are to be sent to the scammers, which they will then use to cash in the gift cards themselves.

Will you be able to get the card for the patients right away?

Please let me know if that's okay with you.

Also don't forget to let me know if you would want me to pay you back the \$300 in cash or check You can be sure he never would receive any money back, either by check or in cash!!

Fortunately, Henry was tipped off that this was a scam and never bought the gift cards.



LGBTQ+ News

A judge blocked enforcement of a law that would have required transgender people applying to correct their gender marker on their birth certificate in Montana to have had surgery first. The judge ruled the law was unconstitutionally vague in April, but the state then passed a rule that would only allow the sex on a birth certificate to be corrected because of clerical error. The judge then ruled to hold the state in contempt if it did not follow his instructions to return to a 2017 rule that allowed people to change their gender designation by submitting an affidavit saying they have undergone gender transition or have an intersex condition.

The ruling remains in effect while the court challenges the 2021 law. The trial in the case is set for August 2023.

New York's 3rd Congressional District will be represented by a gay man regardless of who wins the general election. This is the first time in U.S. History that two out LGBTQ congressional candidates are going head-to-head in a general election.

Santos, the Republican candidate, is the only openly LGBTQ Republican candidate running for Congress this fall, according to the LGBTQ Victory Fund. If elected, he would be the first openly LGBTQ nonincumbent Republican elected to Congress.

There are currently eleven openly LGBTQ people in Congress—two in the Senate and nine in the House—and they are all Democrats.



PASTORAL CARE TEAM

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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. Thank you to those who are connecting with our congregation by driving, cooking, and making phone calls.

Please continue informing us - you are our ears and eyes for the congregation. Thank you!

Meals Needed for a Couple

Is anyone interested in making meals for a couple, they could use meals brought in (main course, vegetable, salad, bread).

Maybe several of us can make meals for this couple. They do have a deep freezer.

Contact Kathy 208-440-1855 jvashro@gmail.com



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 runs around a farm but doesn't move?

A fence.