



Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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December 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 December 2022

Welcome to December 2022, this year has certainly gone fast!

As we prepare for this festive time of the year, let's remember all the reasons we have to celebrate, as well as remembering all those loved ones we hold dear. Also, let's not forget all those with whom we are connected. Reach out and call one another, letting everyone know they are thought of. Holiday seasons are hardest on those who have lost someone—give them a call.

KUUF is slowly rebuilding after Covid with the Chapel starting to get more and more in-person attendees on Sunday. The Sunday Service is also being interactively viewed by several through ZOOM technology. Thanks to all who make the Service what it is. A special thanks goes to **Martha Woodward**, our Music director, who continues to fill the chapel with beautiful music. As Kathy and I have been away visiting family, I want to thank **Elaine Anderson** for providing the much-appreciated audio/visual technical support for our services.

December Services will be a bit different in a few ways and please plan to enjoy the celebrations. Note the service list in this newsletter. The "Traditional" service has always been one of interest and the "Music Program" always offers, in addition to beautiful seasonal tunes, a good opportunity to join in and sing along. Of special note, is the Christmas Eve service that Rev. Dick Dutton will be doing, it is in the **evening** (4:30pm) and it will take the place of the Sunday service. Please come to all these services and help celebrate the end of another year.

Thanks for all your support throughout this year! It has certainly been one of change. Have a wonderful Holiday season,

Jim Vashro, KUUF Board President

December KUUF Calendar

December 4	11am	Rev. Nancy Pellegrini
December 11	11am	Traditional Christmas Service
December 18	11am	Martha Woodward
December 18		Hanukkah Begins
December 21		Winter Solstice
December 24	5pm	Rev. Dick Dutton
December 25		Christmas
December 26		Kwanzaa

December 4, 2022 Rev. Nancy Pellegrini

I Lift Up my Eyes to the Hills

How do we find sustenance and hope amidst the difficult challenges of life? Rev. Pellegrini will explore the 121st Psalm, her experience as a hospital chaplain, and Sabra Field's artwork in examining this question.

December 11, 2022 Traditional Christmas Service

Traditional candle lighting service with readings and carols, led again by Tom Graves.

December 18, 2022 Martha Woodward

A service of singing and will consider the questions: When does something become sacred and why the ambivalent messages in Nativity songs?

December 24, 2022 Rev. Dick Dutton

Celebrate the holidays with Dick Dutton and Art Rosen



HOLIDAY CELEBRATION PARTY

December 17th at 5PM

Potluck

Joanna Henderson and Skip Wareham

135 Brookside Dr

New London

If you'd like a ride or would like to be a Party Driver, please contact Kathy Vashro:

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Save the Date

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



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



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

December 7	Earl Abbe
December 15	Lois Magenau
December 24	Yvonne & Hal Shukovski

"Nature does not hurry, yet everything is accomplished."
Lao Tzu

Guest at Your Table

Members of the KUUF have given generously each year to the UUSC Guest at Your Table program. This year's theme is:

Now is the Time for Courageous Change:

The injustices and crises of the past year have underscored the importance of our shared goal – a world free from oppression, where all can realize their full human rights. They also have emphasized just how big a task that is.

This charity works with grass roots organizations in different parts of the world each year. It's a good cause where any gift goes a long way.

You can read about it here:

<https://www.uusc.org/resources/congregations/guest-at-your-table/>

Martha Woodward will be collecting donations. She won't have the coin boxes this year but will be happy to keep track of cash donations or checks made out to Guest at Your Table. If you make a cash donation, please give her your name, unless you want to be Anonymous. She will send our KUUF contributions to the UUSC in January. Should you send a check to the UUSC yourself, please make it out specifically to Guest at Your Table and please note the name of our Fellowship.

The web page notes there's a matching grant for checks of \$150 or more.

Drivers Needed

Drivers needed for the December Services. If you think you are able to pick up or drop off people for the various December services, please contact Kathy Vashro.

If you want to continue driving into January, please contact Kathy Vashro:

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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



Increase in LGBTQA+ Presence at Macy's Parade

This year, The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade added more LGBTQA+ cast and performances. This includes the first all-queer band, Queer Big Apple Corps Marching Band. Wesley Whatley, the creative director of the parade, said, "You just can't underestimate the power of representation, and that's what we strive to do, is make sure everyone watching feels included."

The band met all the criteria the Macy's team establishes for bands to be considered for marching in the parade. The band had approached Whatley several years ago, and with steady improvement, met all the requirements for participation this year.

Another queer performer was Betty Who, who performed her current hit "Blow Out My Candle," which speaks directly to queer kids across the U.S. with lines like "You can blow out my candle, but you'll never put out my fire."



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 Members of KUUF

KUUF has families, couples, and individuals that could use a meal made and delivered.

Please contact Kathy Vashro if you want to prepare a meal or have a meal delivered. 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 2022-2023 are Tom Maloof, Sandy Wells, Henry Howell, and Ken Preston.**

What does December have that no other month does?

The letter D.