



Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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January 2023

Assisting Ministers: Rev. Dick Dutton & Guests

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Adult RE Coordinator: Marion Allen and Susan Nellen

Children's RE Coordinator: Susan Nellen

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 January 2023

Happy New Year! And welcome to 2023.

2022 had been an interesting year. As a congregation we held 42 Church services, 13 of which were held via ZOOM and not in person. The rest of the Services were held in a "Hybrid" mode, both in person and via ZOOM.

Many thanks go to our **Sunday Services Committee** for providing interesting and informative service planning. Also, THANKS to the team that puts the Sunday services together, especially Martha, who is in the background guiding and selecting the music for services. Rose Jansen, our church administrator, has been faithfully putting together the service documents including email invites, Order of Service handout, and the PowerPoint slide set that I use on Sunday. The Publicity Committee has continued our presence in the local community papers with service announcements. The Board of Trustees has done an exceptional job of being the monthly Service Worship Associates and coordinating with the Sunday minister or speaker. And we can't forget about the coffee and chapel setup, thanks to those that make that happen. Also, a special thanks goes out to Elaine Anderson who has, for the last three months, successfully pulled together all the Audio-Visual equipment that makes the Hybrid service possible. Whew... That is a lot of hands – all pitching in to bring about our UU Sunday Service. And yes, I do play a part in running the ZOOM portion of the service, it is an honor to be able to help make this all happen.

For those of you that keep track of these things, we are averaging a little over 20 people in attendance on Sundays, this includes those that attend via ZOOM (this attendance number is down from the last several years).

As far as New Year's Resolutions, how about resolving to reach out once a month and calling a fellow church member? A simple "hello and thinking of you" will go a long way in keeping us warm and safe in the coming months.

As a final note, I want to thank Lee Page for her membership and Pastoral Care support the last few years, Lee and her husband have moved out of the area, and she has decided to resign from the Pastoral Care team. Thanks, Lee, for all your help. Kathy Vashro will continue to provide Pastoral care support.

Thank you all for your support and Happy New Year,

Jim Vashro, KUUF Board President

January KUUF Calendar

January 1	11am	Roger Wells
January 8	11am	Betsy Woodman
January 11	2pm	Meditation at Wells'
January 15	11am	Rev. Merry Stockwell
January 16		Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 22	11am	Rev. Dick Dutton
January 22	1pm	Luncheon at Vashro's
January 29	11am	Rev. Mellen Kennedy

January 1, 2023 Roger Wells

Our Words, Our Deeds

What do the words in our service mean? How do we make them real?

January 8, 2023 Betsy Woodman

Humbug Resolutions

That's what Mark Twain called New Year's Resolutions. Can we prove him wrong?

January 15, 2023 Rev. Merry Stockwell

The Healthy Practice of Daydreaming

Martin Luther King had a dream as he eloquently and powerfully told us in 1963. That dream lives on today. It was an innovative way to approach a problem—to have a dream FOR something, instead of fighting AGAINST the problem. Let's look at MLK's dream and the process of dreaming about the problems of our own lives.

January 22, 2023 Rev. Dick Dutton

To Be Announced

To be determined.

January 29, 2023 Rev. Mellen Kennedy

The Most Important Book I Read in Seminary

"The Most Important Book I Read in Seminary" And it wasn't the Bible, the Bhagavad-Gita, the Qur'an, the Dhammapada or even the Zend Avesta. Join us for an exploration of one of the most pressing ethical issues of our time. I'll give You a hint: "post-humanism". Please come with an open mind, a loving heart and a sacred body.

Meditation

Wednesday, January 11th at 2pm

Sandy Well's Home

35 Park Ave, Sutton



LUNCH ON THE FARM

January 22, after church services (about 1pm)

Potluck

Jim and Kathy Vashro

120 Valley Rd

Andover

208 440 1855

You're invited to Lunch on the Farm at Jim and Kathy's. Please bring what you wish to share (potluck). Utensils, paper products, and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided.

Direction from Proctor – go left out of the chapel, stay on Rte 11E by turning left toward Franklin, go past the white church on the hill. Watch for 50mph sign then school bus stop sign, and intersection sign. Turn left onto Valley Road. Go over 2 bridges and you'll see a white Colonial with an open field in front of it. Plenty of parking. Go through the door facing the field (a few low steps) or around the back upstairs to a porch door.



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



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

January 7	Sandy Wells
January 13	Bob Berquist
January 17	Tom Maloof

"That's what winter is: an exercise in remembering how to still
yourself then how to come pliantly back to life again."
Ali Smith

Drivers Needed

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

jvashro@gmail.com

208 440 1855



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



“The Old Gays” on Their Life, Fighting Ageism, and Advocating for LGBTQ+ rights.

When a group of gay friends and neighbors, all in their 60s and 70s, set up a social media account, they became known as “The Old Gays.”

In March 2021, their TikTok videos began going viral. Now they have over 9.2 million followers on the video-sharing platform. They perform choreographed dances in drag, post candid reactions, and also use their platform to share their experiences on coming out and ageism.

You can learn more about “The Old Gays” and their experiences [in this LGBTQNation article](#).



PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Kathryn Vashro 208-440-1855

CONTACT US IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WOULD ENJOY HEARING FROM US.

Lee Page and her husband, David, have moved to Riverwoods Village in Exeter. Lee has resigned from her Pastoral Care position with plans on returning to the area during the summer. Lee may be available to talk with anyone Summer 2023.

Please continue to support Kathy by referring people to her or telling her when someone needs or wants support. We are coming into the time of year when we are a bit more secluded, and we all need to stay connected. Take care of yourself and call Kathy at any time, day or night.



Meals Needed

Kathy Vashro has set up Meal Train organizers for Marion Allen through January.

If you are interested in being added to the meal train, please contact Kathy: jvashro@gmail.com or 208 440 1855

If you want to create a meal, but are unable to deliver, Kathy will make sure your meal gets to the correct person.



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.**

How many seconds are in a year?

12! January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd...