

Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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February 2018

Assisting Ministers: Rev. Dick Dutton & Guests

President: Kathryn Vashro

Music Director: Martha Woodward 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.
in the Stone Chapel of Proctor Academy in Andover.

KUUF Calendar

| | 9:45 a.m. | Adult RE series |
|-------------|------------|----------------------------------|
| February 4 | 11:00 a.m. | Barbara Meyers- <u>Driven By</u> |
| | | Distraction |
| February 6 | 3 pm-5pm | Women's Meditation |
| February 9 | 6:30pm | Movie Night - King of Hearts |
| February 11 | | Julie Marner-Innocent Story of |
| | | <u>Light</u> |
| February 18 | 9:45 a.m. | Book Discussion- see last page |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Dr. Kathleen Rusnack- The |
| | | Legacy of John Brown and the |
| | | Contemporary Struggle Against |
| | | Racial Injustice and Practice in |
| | | the U.S. |
| February 20 | 3pm-5pm | Women's Meditation |
| February 25 | 9:45 a.m. | Adult RE series |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Rev. Dick Dutton |
| March 4 | 9:45 a.m. | Adult RE series |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Diane Root |

Adult RE 9:45a Feb. 4, 11, 25 March 4

TITLE: UTOPIA AND TERROR IN THE 20TH CENTURY THEME: The 20th century is filled with leaders who promised utopia for their people and delivered war, genocide and dictatorship instead. Our theme is to learn what happened, what caused it to happen in each instance, and search for ways to prevent such horrors in the future. (Class participants are learning how the "playbook" often followed by dictators in the past bears a striking resemblance to political events in this country during the

Trump era, to date!)



KUUF Children's Sunday School

Starting January 2018, Susan Nellen has offered to set up a meaningful children's curriculum using UUA resources. If you are interested in being part of this program supporting Susan and/or taking charge of a Sunday, please seek out Susan for a conversation on any Sunday or give her a call.

Telephone: 735-4242

If you are a parent or grandparent wanting your child/grandchild to attend Sunday School, please call Susan, the Saturday before the Sunday you will be attending so she may prepare for your children.



February 18, 2018

9:30 AM

<u>The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration</u> by Isobel Wilkerson, 2011

The decades long migration of blacks who fled the South for Northern and Western cities in search of a better life. Pulitzer Prizewinning author, Isobel Wilkerson, chronicles one of the great untold stories of American history. From 1915 to 1970, the exodus of almost six million people changed the face of America.

Wilkerson tells the story through the lives of three unique individuals...

Ida Mae Gladney left sharecropping and prejudice in Mississippi to achieve quiet blue-collar success and in old age voted for Barack Obama in a race for an Illinois Senate seat...

Quick-tempered George Starling left Florida for Harlem...

Robert Foster left Louisiana for a medical career.

These are their stories.

"Destined to become a classic".

Available in hardcover and paperback on InterLibrary Loan from your library.

Questions: Marion Allen 526-6776

Other Good Reads ...

Thank You for Being Late: An Optimist's Guide to Thriving in the Age of Acceleration

(Version 2.0) by Thomas Friedman, Oct 2017

Origin by Dan Brown, 2017

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates, 2016

President's Message

Kathryn Mordecai Vashro

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING, CONTACT KATHRYN VASHRO 603 938-5476



NNED Spring Assembly & Annual Meeting

April 13-14, 2018

Learning Our Power, Learning Our Stories:

Dismantling White Supremacy and Building

Liberation as Unitarian Universalists

Keynote Speakers and Presenters Lena K. Gardner and Liz Loeb

Registration opens on January 20, 2018

Location: UU Church of Nashua

Radisson Hotel registration opens on January 20, 2018

Save the Date

Northern New England District – UUA PO Box 333 New Ipswich NH 03071-0333 Telephone: 603-732-7795 Fax: 603-878-1869 Email: NNEDAdmin@comcast.net



Social Committee Movie Night February 9 6:30PM

King of Hearts



One of the most popular foreign films of all time, playing continuously in some theatres for over five years, *King of Hearts* is a "bright, lilting, whimsical, lyrical" comedy that cleverly satirizes the absurdity of war with a "message that is meaningful and entertaining"

At Bettie Howard's home at Slope 'n Shore!

(directions to follow)

Friday Feb 9th Drinks & Snacks at 6:30 Movie at 7 followed by Desserts!

Please BYOB and sign up to bring a snack or dessert

Kathy Vashro, who has seen this show possibly 10 times since 1970, has a question for you to ponder after your viewing...
'WHAT IS NORMAL'?

Possible future movie

Patch of Blue

A blind, uneducated white girl is befriended by a black man, who becomes determined to help her escape her_impoverished and abusive home life by introducing her to the outside world. In 1965, A kissing scene was removed from the film when it was shown in the South.

Director:

Guy Green

Writers:

Elizabeth Kata (novel), Guy Green

Stars:

Sidney Poitier, Shelley Winters, Elizabeth Hartman

If you have any suggestion for movies or social events, please contact Lois Magenau at (603) 735-5637 or Yvonne Howard at (603) 927-4735. Bettie has offered her home during the winter and spring for future social events. We are also considering travel movie and dinner nights. Announcements will be made for these social gatherings.



Sunday Coffee Time

We're happy to report that several people have stepped up to the Host and Hostess Plate for February, ensuring happy bellies for the entire month. Would <u>you</u> like to contribute to the perpetuation of the KUUF HBS (Happy Belly Syndrome)? Don't worry about finding a partner; you will be paired with another, if you sign up as a single Host or Hostess. And if you've never done it before, just say so – and the keeper of the list will clue you in to all the (very few) secrets and tricks of KUUF Coffee Time. Thank you!

Feb 4 Fran and Ken Feb 11 Lois and Marcus Feb 18 Loren and Yvonne Feb 25 YOU???



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Thank you for contributing to this years GUEST AT YOUR TABLE \$766.50 WAS DONATED AND \$450 QUALIFIED FOR A MATCH THUS \$1216.50 KUUF CONTRIBUTED THANK YOU TO MARTHA WOODWARD FOR COORDINATING THIS FUNDRAISER

Welcoming Committee



LGBTQ COMMUNITY CENTER IN CONCORD

Jazmynne Young, a transgender woman new to New Hampshire, said she's felt welcome in Concord since she moved to the capital city from Arkansas nine months ago. Concord would be a good place for a community center because it seems more family-oriented than other Granite State cities like Manchester or Nashua, and that as the capital of the state, it sets a precedent for how the rest of New Hampshire should approach LGBTQ issues. She said an LGBTQ center was the first place she went to find acceptance when she left her Georgia home at age 12 after her mother died.

Researching this topic, I could not find any current information on community/resource centers in Concord

"I know that it's not an impossible vision to become a reality," Young said. "We just need to work together to make it happen." Copied from the December 5, 2017 Concord Monitor

Amended Membership Statement (2016)

Membership in the Fellowship is open to all people in sympathy with its purpose and program, regardless of race, color, sex and affectional or sexual orientation.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

| February Birthdays | February Anniversaries |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 6 - Cathy Todd | 18 - Susan and Chuck Crickman |
| 12 -Kathryn Vashro | |
| 13 - Donna Pierce | |
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| 22 - Lizzie Klingler | |
| 26 - Alex Marquez | |
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The Women's Meditation Group will meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month, from 3:00 to 5:00 at Fran Preston's house. If you have any questions, please contact Fran at (603) 526-9623 or Lizzie Klingler at (603) 526-6871.



If you are newly attending or have attended KUUF for many years you will be happy to know there will be announcements made for those that are interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism, Proctor Stone Chapel, and the history of Andover. If you are interested in presenting information or obtaining information, contact Kathy Vashro or Henry Howell at church or call – (603) 938-5476 (Kathy) or (603) 938-5706 (Henry).

Information will be given at the front of the church during coffee time. So, grab some food and a drink and meet Kathy and Henry up front. See you there.



Transition Committee

~ Transition Committee Report Available ~

At the annual meeting in June 2017, Liz Maloof made a motion that a committee be formed to study options for ministerial leadership for KUUF in this time of transition and in the future. This motion was approved. The committee members are: Henry Howell, Liz Maloof, Nancy Stone, and Roger Wells.

The committee has studied other UU congregations, designed and distributed a survey for KUUF, analyzed the results, and developed recommendations for the KUUF Board. The committee presented its report at the December 14th board meeting. The Board approved the report and has moved forward with several of the Transition Committee's recommendations. The results of the committee's work is available to the congregation on the entrance table and if you would like a mailed copy, please contact Kathryn Vashro, President of the Board. (603 938 5476)

Thank you to all that brought this information together!



2018 Food Pantry and single mom with 3 children support needed!

The Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry has requested.

coffee (regular, decaf, & instant), paper towels, toilet paper, peanut butter & jelly, cake and brownie mixes, and monetary donations are always welcome.

Monetary donations can be made to: KLS Community Food Pantry, P.O. Box 536, New London, NH 03257.

If you'd like to contribute to the **support of a single mother with 3 children** with food, clothes or money donations, **please contact Kathryn Vashro on Sundays or by phone - 603 938 5476.**

This family's biggest and almost only need at this time is a rental or lease to own home in the Andover area, as 2 of the kid attend Andover Elementary School. If you know of other rentals, they could be an option. After the family is settled in a home; food, household items and furniture will be a need.

HAVE A GREAT LOVING FEBRUARY MONTH



DON'T MISS THE BOAT AND GET ALL WET! GET ON BOARD

Next KUUF Newsletter Deadline



The submission deadline for the March KUUF newsletter will be **Friday, February 23, 2018.** Please email your news, views, and photos to Kathryn Vashro (jvashro@gmail.com). For ease of compiling, please type any written submissions into the body of the email or send as a Word document, rather than a PDF. Thank you!