



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)
in the Stone Chapel of Proctor Academy in Andover***

President's Message

Jim Vashro

Happy New Year!!!

This is a greeting we will all hear in the next several weeks and what does it mean for you? We have just past the shortest day of the year and the days are getting longer, a new beginning of a new season, new growth (well maybe in a few more months), new plans for the coming year, new resolutions? (I am not going to go there).

New, new, new, so why is new good? Why should we be happy about new? What about the old "tried and true"? We all have that tattered old shirt or worn pair of shoes or old jacket that fits well and provides us a sense of calm and comfort? How would we feel about tossing them out and replacing with a new one?

The brain scientists believe that "novelty" creates new brain cells, new neuron growth, and a sense of wonder and excitement – in other words goodness. Novelty comes from experiencing something new, a new thought, a new sight or sound (think music), or new taste, or new feelings. The message to be learned here: in order to grow, try something new. New also means change and that is bit frightening for some of us. Why change if what we have is working? "If it ain't broke, don't fix it". Relying on the old is good for safety and shelter (thanks Maslow!), but for growth, enlightenment, and even fun, venturing into the new is called for.

In the coming year, try being open to new ideas, new friends, new experiences, new places and hopefully new neurons will grow, new connections made, and life may be a little more fun and have a little more meaning.

Happy NEW Year!

KUUF Calendar

January 6	11:00 am	DAVID ROBINS "The Infinite Mystery of Time"
January 13 2 EVENTS TODAY	9:30am 11:00am	ADULT RE POWER OF MYTH Joseph Campbell ERICA ALLEN 'LGBTQ: A Marginal Community'
January 20	11:00 am	HENRY HOWELL MLK Sunday service will be "Our Town --With Apologies to Thornton Wilder".
January 27	11:00 am	REV. DICK DUTTON 'The Land of Beginnings Again'

David Robins January 6, 2019.....

The Infinite Mystery of Time, Rev. David Robins

Even though I mostly pass at making resolutions, the New Year holds a mystical quality of time's possibilities that are expressed in William Blake's words in hymn #398: "Hold infinity in the palm of your hand, and eternity in an hour."

January 13 Erica Allen

In her address to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, she will share aspects of her lifelong challenges as a closeted and then out transgender woman in the hope of familiarizing people with and humanizing the community of transgenders. She will speak to ideas universally important to any marginalized community such as acceptance, validation, support, solidarity and how to do it. After her address, she will be available for additional questions.

Henry Howell January 20

MLK Sunday service will be "Our Town --With Apologies to Thornton Wilder". This talk will describe my experiences with the Klu Klux Klan and prejudice in two different "towns" while working for civil rights during the 1960's.

Dick Dutton January 27

“The Land of Beginning Again”
Fresh hope, dreams, opportunities.

GUEST AT OUR TABLE

Return your filled boxes to Martha Woodward

2018-2019 Theme: Justice Across Borders

From the Northern Triangle of Central America, to deserts of Mexico and Arizona, to detention centers in the United States, the road away from danger is paved with injustices. Partnering with grassroots allies along the Central American migration trail, UUSC addresses root causes, supports migrants in transit, and protects the right to seek asylum. Join with UUSC for Guest at Your Table to learn more about UUSC’s and our nation’s involvement in Central America – historically and presently – and our courageous Migrant Justice partners.

Make sure you GUEST AT YOUR TABLE collection boxes are filled and returned to Martha Woodward ASAP and if you send a check directly to UUSC, please note that the money comes from KUUF, so we may be recognized for contributing to the 2018-19 JUSTICE ACROSS BORDERS program.



Membership

Annual Membership Ceremony is the 4th Sunday in October

If you are interested in becoming a member
Please contact Kathy Vashro 938 5476 or 208 440 1855



ADULT RE
9:30am
JANUARY 13

Susan Nellen and Marion Allen

THE POWER OF MYTH

A series of interviews with scholar Joseph Campbell and journalist Bill Moyers.

- *Episode 6: Masks of Identifying with the infinite, the [circle](#) as a symbol, [clowns](#) and [masks](#), epiphanies and [James Joyce](#), artistic arrest, the monstrous as sublime, the dance of [Shiva](#), that which is beyond words.*

KUUF Children's Sunday School

Sunday School activities will be based on children's skill level and seasonal appropriateness.

I will draw from a diverse array of UU readings, games and art projects, as well as my own 40 years of teaching to make the children's experience at Sunday school worthwhile and fun.

Possible topics:

-Comic characters and pagan Gods and Goddesses

Possible and confirmed Famous UU's

Beatrice Potter - author

Maria Mitchell – astronomer

Louisa May Alcott - author

Helen Keller – author, speaker, motivator



Book Discussion - JANUARY

9:30

January 20, 2019 –

AMERICAN LION : ANDREW JACKSON IN THE WHITE HOUSE, Jon Meacham, 2008

Andrew Jackson was a battle-hardened warrior, the founder of the Democratic Party, and the architect of the presidency as we know it. Jackson moved the White House from the periphery of government to the center of national actions, articulating a vision of change that challenged entrenched interests to heed the popular will – or face his considerable wrath.

Jackson was warmly sentimental and risked everything to give more power to ordinary citizens and yet, he removed the Native Americans from their home lands. Our seventh president was the most contradictory of men.

Available at your Public Library or on Interlibrary Loan.

Good Reads...

A Line Becomes a River: Dispatches from the Border, Francisco Cantu, 2018

A former US Border Patrol Agent in Texas, Arizona, & New Mexico shares his story.

Varina, Charles Frazier, 2018

Historical Fiction from the author of **Cold Mountain** set in the Civil War in the Confederate South. Recommended by Earle Abbe.



FOOD PANTRY

When you go to the grocery store, pick up something for the food pantry. There are always food needs in this area.

The Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry will always accept coffee (regular, decaf, & instant), paper towels, toilet paper, peanut butter & jelly, cake and brownie mixes, and monetary donations are welcome.

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

Every Sunday morning you hear the current month's specific food needs.

REMEMBER FOOD IS NEEDED YEAR ROUND



PLEASE CALL TO FIND OUT DATES DURING JANUARY.

The Women's Meditation Group will meet from 3:00 to 5:00 on the first and third Tuesday of each month, at Jane Guise's home. If you have any questions, please contact Fran at (603) 526-9623 or Lizzie Klingler at (603) 526-6871

Bettie Howard's Home is available for our social gatherings during the winter!!! Thank you, Bettie

Dates to be announced for Movie night, parties and Celebrations

Movie Night – Monument Men (2014)

During World War II, the Nazis steal countless pieces of art and hide them away. Some over-the-hill art scholars, historians, architects and other experts form a unit to retrieve as many of the stolen masterpieces as possible. The mission becomes even more urgent when the team learns about Hitler's "Nero Decree," which orders destruction of the artworks if the Third Reich falls. Caught in a race against time, the men risk their lives to protect some of mankind's greatest achievements.

George Clooney – Director and actor with Matt Damon, John Goodman, Bill Murray, Cate Blanchett

Valentine's Day Party

Passover Seder - After sundown Friday April 19-Saturday April 27. A Great time was had by all who attended in 2018, Hope you will attend again and also attend for the first time. Come and meet Elijah.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARYS

Sandy Wells 7th.

Jane Guise 8th.

Bob Berquist 13th.

Tom Maloof 26th.
Anniversary: Klinglers 26th.



COME JOIN US IN CELEBRATING
JANE GUISE'S 90TH SWING AROUND THE SUN AS SHE HONORS
THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE !

ON THIS SPECIAL BIRTHDAY OCCASION, JANE CHOOSES TO HIGHLIGHT
THE NATIONAL PEACE-BUILDING & HUMAN RIGHTS WORK
THAT AFSC SPONSORS.

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE AFSC REGIONAL OFFICE IN
CONCORD, NH WILL BE GIVING A
BRIEF PRESENTATION AT 3:00 PM.

PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING TO HONOR JANE'S LIFELONG
COMMITMENT TO
PEACE & NON-VIOLENCE.

** IN LIEU OF A GIFT TO JANE, PLEASE DONATE TO AFSC
BY CALLING 603-224-2407 -OR- VISITING: [HTTP://WWW.AFSC.ORG](http://www.afsc.org)

WHEN: JANUARY 12, 2019. 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

WHERE: NEW LONDON INN, 353 MAIN STREET, NEW LONDON, NH 03257

COFFEE, TEA, & SWEET TREATS WILL BE SERVED

*PLEASE RSVP BY CALLING OR TEXTING JANE'S DAUGHTER
AT: 562-351-8901*





For our Welcoming church position, we as UAA members are to provide information on GLBTQ topics

Come **January 13** to listen to and learn from **Erica Allen** who will provide information both personal and general on diversity, transgender and human experiences

BORDER JUSTICE SUPPORT
Mt Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church

Earl and Betsy Abbe's CA church

Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church

Kathy and Jim Vashro attended the Abbe's church in November and found out that a couple ministers and couple lay people do

Border Justice at the border of Mexico and the USA. They minister, they do marriages, they do services and are a presence for justice. If you want to donate directly to them write a check to Mt Diablo UU Church with BORDER JUSTICE in the memo. Or give money to Kathy Vashro and she will have Ken write one check from KUUF to the Abbe's CA church in support of a northern CA church traveling to the USA and Mexican border.



CONNECTIONS

Do you have services or items you want 'advertised' in this section.

Contact Kathy Vashro 208 440 1855 for questions

DRIVERS NEEDED

There are members and friends of KUUF that are searching for rides to social events, appointments and **KUUF SUNDAY SERVICES**.. Drivers are needed during the day, night, weekdays and weekends. COA is available during weekdays and UBER has moved into the area – you may have anyone with a smart phone, order an UBER car for you from anywhere in the world!! (technology at it's finest)

MOVING AND DOWNSIZING

Items (plants and paintings) for sale and free

MOVERS AND TRUCKS NEEDED to help those that are moving.

SPLIT WOOD DELIVERED

Also available to you from our congregation is a a chef, artists, handyman, caregiver, organizer, reader, house cleaner, computer repair and computer tutor. ASK and find out who can support you.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Rev. Lee Page 603-759-8064 Kathryn Vashro 208 440 1855

We are now a team of two and need more to be our eyes and ears and hands and feet. Please pass on information to us about those you know are 'shut ins', or in the hospital or sick at home or want some company. If you can spare time to visit, cook a meal, bake some cookies or write a note, please contact Lee Page or Kathy Vashro.

!!!THANK YOU!!!

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU TO BE UU? WHAT IS YOUR PASSION AND YOUR THOUGHTS?

Do you know that whaling illegally continues, salmon fishing in British Columbia is causing Orca whales to starve, Tuna is being over fished on the African coast and turtle protection patrols are being attacked by turtle poachers?

Though some of their tactics to prevent the destruction of our marine life are drastic, the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society (SSCS) continues as an international non-profit, marine wildlife conservation organization that voluntarily protect our marine wildlife.

Established in 1977, their mission is to end the destruction of habitat and slaughter of wildlife in the world's oceans in order to conserve and protect ecosystems and species. We use innovative direct-action tactics to investigate, document, and take action when necessary to expose and confront illegal activities on the high seas. By safeguarding the biodiversity of our delicately balanced ocean ecosystems, Sea Shepherd works to ensure their survival for future generations.

AFRICA is home to some of the world's richest tuna grounds. But more than 50% of the fisheries resources in the stretch of coast ranging from Senegal to Nigeria alone have already been overfished according to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

ICELAND June 21st, Iceland killed their first endangered Fin whale since 2015

January 2018 – Overall the 67th Meeting of the **International Whaling Commission** has been a success for the whales.

Thanks to all the nations that supported the whales and a very special thank-you to Brazil for the Florianopolis Declaration. Thank you to our anti-poaching partners Costa Rica and Ecuador and especially to Gabon for their strong defense of the whales at this historic meeting.

To learn more about Sea Shepherd and their marine wildlife conservation organization check out www.seashepherd.org



Coffeeology

ESPRESSO YOURSELF •

Better latte Than Never • Take
life One cup at a time • So
many blends, so little time • Friends
don't let friends drink bad
coffee • Take time to smell
the coffee • Deja Brew:
the feeling you've had
this coffee before...

COFFEE TIME HOSTS ARE NEEDED – SIGN UP

if you want to be a Coffee Time Host and you don't have someone to work/play with, the social committee will find another person to create coffee time with you. Your 'spread' can be simple (cheese, crackers, cookies, fruit) or extravagant (shrimp, cake, meatballs etc) Whatever you want food and coffee are always appreciated?

SIGN UP!!



KUUF ENDOWMENT FUND

Consider leaving 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.

For further information, contact a member of our Finance Committee, currently serving 2018-19 are Tom Maloof, Sandy Wells, Bob Stanley, Henry Howell or Ken Preston.

PLEASE AND THANK YOU

**Send information for the February newsletter by
January 22**

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