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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 AM in the Stone Chapel of Proctor Academy in Andover

KUUF Calendar

Friday, October 2	Circle Dinner
Sunday, October 4	Adult Lecture Series – 9:30 AM
Sunday, October 4	Speaker: Rev. Bill Nelson
Sunday, October 4	CROP Walk
Thursday, October 8	Board Meeting – 7:00 PM at Lois Magenau’s
Sunday, October 11	Adult Lecture Series – 9:30 AM
Sunday, October 11	Speaker: Lou Botta – “Change”
Sunday, October 18	Adult Lecture Series – 9:30 AM
Sunday, October 18	Speaker: Rev. Bill Nelson
Sunday, October 25	Book Discussion – 9:30 AM – “This Changes Everything” by Naomi Klein
Sunday, October 25	Speaker: Rev. Dick Dutton – “That’s Just Not Fair...inequality, treatment of 1% and the rest, what’s fair, changing rules, possibilities



**O hushed October morning mild,
Begin the hours of this day slow.
Make the day seem to us less brief.
Hearts not averse to being beguiled,
Beguile us in the way you know.
(From “October” by Robert Frost)**

October is a transitional month. September can be a little wishy-washy, not able to make up her mind as to whether she belongs to summer or to autumn. But then along comes October, making it very clear that fall has arrived. Cool evenings remind us that fans and air-conditioners can be put away, blankets freed from closets and chests-of-drawers.

It won't be long before the leaves turn yellow, orange, red, and ultimately brown. The cycle of nature is reliable, trustworthy. Hoteliers and restaurateurs will have benevolent smiles on their faces as “leaf peepers” occupy their premises. (The cycle of tourism, while not as reliable as that of nature, is nevertheless trustworthy.)

As human beings, most of us are very much aware of the cycles of our own lives: Childhood, adolescence, young-adulthood, middle age, and, of course, “senior” status. While not as reliable as nature, our cycles are at least recognizable, even if, as some of us age, we sometimes tend to stray back into the previous cycles of our lives. “Seventy is the new Fifty” (or something like that) is a reflection of our acknowledging our mortality, and a lot of us do a pretty good job of that. But every one of us needs a base, a home where we can deal with the big issues of life, where we can celebrate, in the company of others of like mind, the beauty and challenges that are put before us. This is where our fellowship comes in.

As this new year at KUUF unfolds, may we be as “beguiled” by October as Robert Frost's poem implores us to be.

Happy October, Bill

ROOTS

By Henry Howell



*This little light of ours,
We're going to make it shine...*

SEPARATING CHURCH AND STATE IN ANDOVER, NH

A fundamental principle of our nation espoused by one of our “closet” Unitarians, Thomas Jefferson, was his letter in 1802 to the [Danbury Baptist Association](#) of [Connecticut](#) saying that there must be a “wall of separation between church and state”.

Our New England ancestors, however, appear to have rarely adhered to this concept. --What town green in rural New England does not have a central “meeting house” that inevitably resembles a church? The Town of Andover, NH, was no exception and prior to our U.U. Stone Chapel (*centrally* located on Andover’s *town* green) was the Old Union Meeting House. Not only was the Union Meeting House used for town business, it was also the Unitarian Church and, up until the mid-1800’s, the local citizens had to pay a tax to support its minister, the parish house, and upkeep of the church-meeting building!

This was the backdrop for building the one and only new stone church (chapel) on the Andover town green and, through influential Unitarian members of the Town such as the Carrs and Proctors, it was to be *forever* a Unitarian house of worship. (The wealthy Unitarian dowager, Harriet Otis Cruft of Boston who funded the building the chapel in 1910, required in her deed that the land and structure revert to the American Unitarian Association should there be no local Unitarian use of the chapel for two or more years.)

Marking a fundamental shift in civic affairs, apparently, a new town hall was then built across the street¹ and, thus, finally separating church and state! Or at least it *appeared* that way...

However, Proctor Academy’s property surrounded both the (then called) “Cruft Chapel” and town green. It was a Unitarian school with Unitarian headmaster and its financial agent Rev. Lyman Clark (who received a percentage of the monies he was able to raise...) was also the chaplain for the new chapel. By “default” Proctor Academy became the primary user of the chapel, including for its house of worship, dining hall², and science classes. Proctor and the Unitarians still dominated the one central church in town and the local politics, but at least less officially!

NEXT MONTH: ‘LES JEUX SONT FERTES’ – ANDOVER U.U.’S TWO YEAR TOMB

¹ This is only my guess, since I have no record of Andover’s 1st town hall construction.

² Yes, it did have a good kitchen & dining hall downstairs at that time.

Host/Hostess “Duty” Assignments

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Host/Hostess</u>	<u>Host/Hostess</u>
October 4	June Sherwood	Kent Goering
October 11	Lois Magenau	Marcus Johnson
October 18	Sandy Wells	Roger Wells
October 25	Liz Maloof	Tom Maloof
November 1	Sara Smith	Edythe Anderson
November 8	Lizzie Klingler	Donn Klingler
November 15	Libby Howell	Henry Howell
November 22	Marion Allen	Don Bent & Jane Guise
November 29	Amy Friedenberg	
December 6	Fran Preston	Ken Preston

If you can take a Sunday morning as host/hostess, please contact Kathy Vashro at 938-5476 or jvashro@gmail.com. Thanks!



Meditation

The Women’s Meditation Group will meet on Wednesdays, October 14 and 28 at Fran Preston’s, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Sally Bergquist at 763-4098.

KUUF Web Site

Please check out the KUUF web site at www.kuufnh.org for up-to-date information, recent sermons, calendar, etc.



GARDEN EXCESS

Oh, dear, what to do with all the beans, zucchini, apples, potatoes, etc.???

Bring them to KUUF and exchange or take what you want.
Starting Sunday, September 6, through our growing season.

LET'S ENJOY EACH OTHER'S BOUNTY!



When is Your Birthday or Anniversary?

We want to acknowledge your birthday and anniversary, so write down your name and dates for these events on the papers that are left on the front table at KUUF on Sunday mornings. Each month the newsletter will post the current month's celebration dates...

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October Birthday

1st – Eddi Mordecai

15th – Rebekka Mateyk

October Anniversary

15th – Fran & Ken Preston



2015 FOOD PANTRY CAMPAIGN

Note: Paper products (paper towels and toilet paper) coffee (regular, decaf, and instant), and peanut butter and jelly are always welcome. Also do not forget pet products.



Book Discussion – October 25, 2015 - 9:30 AM

This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Climate by Naomi Klein, 2014.

Forget everything you know about global warming. The really inconvenient truth is that it's not about carbon—it's about capitalism. In her most provocative book yet, Naomi Klein, author of the global bestsellers **The Shock Doctrine** and **No Logo**, tackles the most profound threat humanity has ever faced: the war our economic model is waging against the earth.

“This is the best book about climate change in a very long time – in large part because it is about much more.”
–Bill McKibben

This is our major Fall Book – 466 pages of essential reading – that we will divide into three discussions:

October 25 -- pages 1 – 187

November 15 -- pages 191 – 290

December 20 -- pages 291 – 466

This book is available in paperback or from your public library. Please join us for these discussions about this important topic.

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