

Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
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October 2016

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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

Sunday, October 2	Adult Lecture Series – 9:30 AM
Sunday, October 2	Speaker: Rev. Les Norman – “Fathers and Sons”
Sunday, October 9	Book Discussion – 9:30 AM – “Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption” by Bryan Stevenson
Sunday, October 9	Speaker: Dana Stivers – “Sabbath: A Sacred Pause”
Thursday, October 13	Board Meeting – 7:00 PM at Sally Bergquist’s
Sunday, October 16	Adult Lecture Series – 9:30 AM
Sunday, October 16	Speaker: Tom Maloof
Sunday, October 23	Adult Lecture Series – 9:30 AM
Sunday, October 23	Speaker: Rev. Dick Dutton
Sunday, October 30	Adult Lecture Series – 9:30 AM
Sunday, October 30	Speaker: Diane Root

An Invitation

To the Congregation:

You are invited to join us in our “Let’s Make It Happen” Sunday, October 23rd during coffee hour. At this time committees and “Action Groups” will present their issues to the congregation with display tables so that you can decide if you would like to join their cause and to give us an over-all focus to church activities during the coming year.

To Committee People, Action Groups and Support Persons:

This is your opportunity to explain what your group does and ask for folks to join your particular “cause” if you would like more help.

<u>“Let’s Make It Happen!” Day:</u>	
<p>“Let’s Make It Happen!” is a festive presentation during Coffee Hour in which committees and ‘Action Groups’ who want help with their mission can advocate for their group, encouraging people to join them to accomplish their goals.</p>	
<p>-> Decorated tables set up for committee members & “Action Groups” to display & explain their issues at the back of the Sanctuary. The congregation turns their chairs around to face the rear of the tables.</p>	
<p>-> Each group will have one-two minutes to tell the congregation what they are about and why someone should join their group. (This is a time for Committee & Action Group members to “sell” their cause.)</p>	
<p>-> Then the congregation breaks for coffee & snacks to talk individually with the advocating group members.</p>	

KUUF COMMITTEE STRUCTURE 2016+

as of 9/26/16

Standing Committees: Each standing committee to have an official chairperson and a Board member serving on it as either 'Liaison' or committee 'Chair'. They should meet formally at least twice a year and such meetings made available to the general membership. A three year term is a guideline for serving on a standing committee (with option to 're-enlist').

An "**Action Group**" is one or more individuals who want to take on a specific project with a specific goal to be achieved typically with in the church year. Once the goal is achieved, the group may disband. The "Action Group" does has a Board liaison/consultant; it can be informally led; but it should initially present to the Board its goals and methods to achieving the goal.

A "**Support Position**" is usually a specific on-going administrative job for the congregation done by typically one individual. The job has no term limit and the individual can ask to be replaced when they wish.

STANDING COMMITTEES	Board Rep.	Current 2016 ACTION GROUPS	Board Liaison	SUPPORT POSITIONS
1 Finance	Bob S.	Membership	Kathy	Web Master
Tom Maloof, (Chair), Bob Stanley, Sandy Wells		Kathy Vashro (<i>General membership & new member packets</i>) Lizzie Klingler (<i>Directory & e-mail</i>) Don Bent, Bob Bergquist		Jim Vashro
2 Religious Education	Donna	Publicity	Sally	Host/Greeters
(To be filled), (Chair) Sunday School Tom Maloof, Adult Lecture Series		Sally Bergquist		Kathy Vashro
3 Sunday Services/Music	Henry	Social Concerns	Donna	Coffee Hour
Marion Allen, (Chair) Don Bent, Bob Bergquist, Kathy Kiernan, Ken Preston Martha Woodward, Nancy Stone		Amy Dressler (VNA Xmas Elves) Donna Peirce (Crop Walk) Liz Maloof (Backpacks)		Kathy Vashro
4 Caring	Ken	Social Activities	Kathy	Newsletter
Marion Allen (Chair) , Betsy Abbe, Eddi Mordecai, Liz Maloof		Kathy Vashro		Sally Bergquist
5 Ministerial [Inactive]	N/A	Book Discussion	Sally	Proctor Liaison
Tom Maloof		Marion Allen		Marcus
6 Nomination	Henry	Meditation Group	Sally	Sunday Bulletin
Tom Maloof (Chair) Lizzie Klingler		Sally Bergquist		Fran Preston, Bob Bergquist Martha Woodward
		Fund Raising	Bob S.	Sound System
		Pledge Drive	Bob S.	Ken Preston, Marcus Johnson Henry Howell
		Finance Committee ??		
		Endowment Fund	Bob S.	ACTION GROUPS CONTD Liaison
		Tom Maloof Finance Committee		Welcoming Congregation Kathy
				Kathy Vashro, Bill Hickey, Lou Botta, Marion Allen, Henry Howell
				New Group ? TBC



Birthdays and Anniversaries

October Birthday

1st – Eddi Mordecai

October Anniversary

15th – Fran & Ken Preston

Host/Hostess Assignments

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Host/Hostess</u>	<u>Host/Hostess</u>
October 2	Martha Woodward	Marion Allen
October 9		
October 16	Bob Bergquist	Sally Bergquist
October 23	Marion Allen	Nancy Stone
October 30	Loren Howard	Yvonne Howard
November 6	Marcus Johnson	

Are you thinking that you would like to do coffee time, but don't have a partner to do it with, sign up and a partner will be found for you.

If you are a snowbird, do think of signing up in the early Fall or late Spring. For more information, talk to Kathy Vashro.



Meditation

The Women's Meditation Group will meet on Tuesday's October 4 and 18 at Fran Preston's from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Sally Bergquist at 763-4098 or Fran Preston at 526-9623.



Book Discussion

October 9, 2016 - 9:30 AM

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson, 2014

“Every bit as moving as *To Kill a Mockingbird* and in some ways more so...” --- The NY Review of Books ---

Bryan Stevenson was a gifted young attorney when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending the poor, the wrongly condemned, and those trapped in the furthest reaches of our criminal justice system. One of his first cases was that of Walter McMillian, a young man sentenced to die for a notorious murder he didn't commit. The case drew Stevenson into a tangle of conspiracy, political machination, and legal brinksmanship—and transformed his understanding of mercy and justice forever.

Please join us for discussion even if you don't have a chance to read the book.

Questions: Marion Allen – 526-6776

Another great read—

Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg by Irin Carmon and Shana Knizhnik. 2015

Justice Ginsburg is the second woman to serve on the US Supreme Court.



Welcoming Congregation

Make sure you get your rainbow necklace to show your PRIDE with being part of a Welcoming Congregation...Donations are welcome.

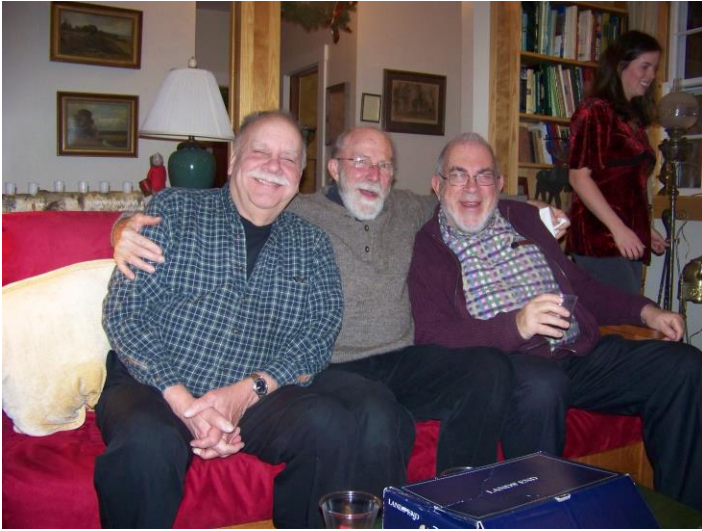


2016 FOOD PANTRY CAMPAIGN

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.

Thoughts from the Congregation

Since we will no longer have Bill Nelson's "Minister's Missive" to ponder and enjoy in the monthly KUUF Newsletter, we encourage members and friends of the congregation to submit their own inspirational articles. If you have any questions, please talk to any Board member about it.



MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MIKE MELLER
OCTOBER 8, 2016 AT 2PM
HANOVER, NH QUAKER MEETING HOUSE
DIRECTIONS:

From NH South at Interstate 89 Exit 18 Turn right on to Route 120, toward Hanover. Travel on Route 120 for approximately 5 miles. You will pass signs and lights for the hospital. You will enter into Hanover and your first stoplight is at Greensboro Road. Proceed to the next stop light at Lebanon Street (~ 0.5 miles shy of downtown Hanover). Fork left at next light (gas station and Hanover Coop will be visible to your right). Be prepared to make a fairly immediate left into 43 Lebanon Street driveway or the high school driveway immediately after the Meeting's driveway.



"Guest at Your Table" is an annual fundraising and educational program that supports UUSC's Human-rights work. Over the decades, Guest at Your Table has raised millions of dollars for human-rights projects that have made a real difference in people's lives. One of UUSC's major focuses is serving people who are overlooked or discriminated against.

Last year, the program celebrated the 75th anniversary of the beginnings of the UUSC, with the heroic efforts of the Sharps to save WWII refugees.

<http://www.uuworld.org/articles/heroes-dilemma-how-much-would-you-sacrifice>.

This year's program will partner with other aid organizations in providing relief services for Middle Eastern refugees, assisting stateless children in Haiti, and countering religious-based homophobia In South Africa.

Our participation will begin in October. We'll hear more about the program, and brochures, coin boxes and envelopes will be available for making donations. I hope you will consider making a contribution, including the name of our congregation, so that KUUF will be credited as a sponsor of the UUSC.

Martha Woodward

Care and Concern: Note to the Congregation

As you know KUUF is without a consulting minister for this church year. The Care and Concern Committee (Marion Allen, Liz Maloof and Betsy Abbe) are here to help with a home visit, a meal, telephone conversation or sending a card in your time of need. A relationship between KUUF and Rev. Emily Burr has been established for anyone needing a pastoral hospital visit. You may contact Emily at 603-899-7570 or you can give Liz Maloof a call at 526-9889.



Thank You from Andover Elementary Middle School

Dear Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship,

Thank you for your continued support and donations to our school. The backpacks and donation to our Healthy Snack Fund are very much appreciated.

Sincere thanks to our neighbor to the west and for your community spirit and generosity.

Jane Slayton, Principal



Movie Night

Bettie Howard's home (Slope 'n Shore)

October 14 - 7p - Bring snacks or dessert

Call Kathy 938 5476 if you want to attend

Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War

A new film directed by Ken Burns and Artemis Joukowsky

"Defying the Nazis: the Sharps' War" is an account of a daring rescue mission that occurred on the precipices of WWII. It tells the story of Waitstill and Martha Sharp, a Unitarian minister and his wife from Wellesley, MA, who left their children behind in the care of their parish and boldly committed to multiple life-threatening missions in Europe. Over two dangerous years they helped to save hundreds of imperiled political dissidents and Jewish refugees fleeing the Nazi occupation across Europe.

In January of 1939, as Americans remained mostly detached from news reports of the growing refugee crisis in the escalating war in Europe, Waitstill received a call from the Rev. Everett Baker, Vice President of the American Unitarian Association, asking if they would travel to Czechoslovakia to help provide relief to people trying to escape Nazi persecution. He invited Waitstill and Martha to take part in "the first intervention against evil by the denomination to be started immediately overseas." The mission would involve secretly helping Jews, refugees and dissidents to escape the expanding Nazi threat in Europe. If during this time, the Sharps would face harrowing encounters with Nazi police, narrowly escape arrest and they were discovered, they would face imprisonment, probable torture and death. Seventeen other members of the church had declined. With two young children at home, the Sharps accepted. They expected to be gone for several months. Instead, their mission would last almost two years. Watch as the Third Reich invaded Eastern Europe. Their marriage would be tested severely and the two children they left behind would be saddened by their parents' absence. But dozens of Jewish scientists, journalists, doctors, powerful anti-Nazi activists and children would find their way to freedom and start new lives as a result of their efforts. To recognize their heroic sacrifice, Martha and Waitstill were honored at Yad Vashem in Israel and declared "Righteous Among the Nations." Of the thousands so honored, there are only five Americans, including the Sharps.

DEFYING THE NAZIS is cinematically told through the letters and journals of the Sharps, with Tom Hanks as the voice of Waitstill and Marina Goldman as the voice of Martha. It features firsthand interviews with the now adult children whom the Sharps saved, as well as leading historians, authors and Holocaust scholars, including William Schulz, Deborah Dwork, Modecai Paldi, Ghandi DiFiglia and Yehuda Bauer.

BALLOT FOR BY-LAWS AND MISSION STATEMENT REVISIONS

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To better express our meaning of 'inherent worth of people' with in our by-laws and mission statement we, as the KUUF congregation, are voting to revise the wording that we currently use. Please read our current and revised versions, vote, sign your name, and circle whether you are a KUUF member or Friend and place in ballot box.

3rd paragraph with in our Mission Statement currently reads:

“Strengthen that voice by making ourselves known to all who are looking for a liberal religious sanctuary, and welcoming all who come into our midst”

to emphasize 'welcoming all' the following would be added to the 3rd paragraph:

This congregation affirms and promotes the full participation of all in our activities and endeavors, including membership, programming, hiring practices, and the calling of religious professionals without regard to race, color, gender, physical or mental challenges, affectional or sexual orientation, age, class, national origin, or political affiliation.

_____ I do agree with this mission revision

_____ I do not agree with this mission revision

_____ I wish to suggest other verbiage (write on back)

Name: _____

_____ circle one: member Friend

By – Law, Article III, ‘Membership’

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(This change differs from the above in its inclusion of how we conduct our official business and hiring practices)

1st sentence currently reads:

“Membership is open to any person who wishes to be part of the fellowship’.

To emphasize our being open to any person, including how we conduct our official business and hiring practices, the following would be added:

Membership is open to any person who wishes to be part of the fellowship without regard to race, color, sex, disability, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age or national origin, and without requiring adherence to any religious belief or creed. The foregoing shall apply to all fellowship activities and inform all of its decisions, including with respect to its employment decisions and its calling, installation and retention of its Minister.

_____ I do agree with this By-Law revision

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**We have a theme for this fellowship year. It is
WELCOMING.**

**WE ALREADY ARE A WELCOMING CONGREGATION
And, WE are on a journey of learning all that represents
to us and others.**

WELCOMING ('wɛlkəmɪŋ) *adj*

*1. behaving in a friendly way to someone arriving
somewhere, so that they feel happy and accepted*

2. bidding welcome

3. warm and comfortable

Free Dictionary

As a congregation, we are working on the UUA process of WELCOMING . WE want everyone, no matter who they are and where they are on their life's journey to feel welcome and to walk through our beautiful Stone Chapel doors.

We have lived through the Civil Rights Movement and the Women's Rights Movement and heard about white privilege. We are continuing our journey of uncovering our thoughts and ideas of welcoming all and to feel PRIDE in our acknowledgement of our fellow man's/woman's journey.

Below is a poem that could be our guide in our journey of WELCOMING.

Old Cherokee poem

From an Old Cherokee to his grandson

*One evening an Old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle
that goes on inside of people. He said 'my son, the battle is
between two wolves inside us all. One is evil. It is anger, envy,
jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt,
resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego. The
other is good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility,
kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion*

*and faith. The grandson thought about it for a moment and then
asked his grandfather
'Which wolf will win?'
The Old Cherokee simply replied
"The one you feed".*

In keeping of this year's theme, A Welcoming Congregation,
what do **WE** want to feed?

*Peace, hope, kindness, empathy, generosity, compassion,
inclusiveness or
anger, jealousy, regret, greed, arrogance, resentment,
exclusiveness???*

In our relationships, our businesses, in our congregation, between husband and wife, minister and parishioners, friends, employee and employer, hobbies and family life we have to decide where we will place our energy or 'what will we feed'? When we notice or are being told that we are not paying attention to an aspect of our life, we need to pay attention!

We want our life to be strong and we tend to focus on parts of our life that are easy to attend to, thus creating strength where strength may not be needed. We leave behind parts of our life to shrivel and die unintentionally without attention.

So, what do **YOU** want to feed? Ask your kids, wife, husband, minister, fellow parishioners, friends, parents what they may want or need from you.

BE INTENTIONAL WITH YOUR ATTENTION

Right now, within this congregation, we are intentionally giving attention to becoming a welcoming, affirming, compassionate, accepting, inclusive fellowship. With this attention, **WE** will not shrivel, we will not just survive, and we will thrive and grow...

YIPPEE FOR US!!!