

Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
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November 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, November 6	Adult Lecture Series – 9:45 AM
Sunday, November 6	Speaker: Rev. Emily Burr
Thursday, November 10	Board Meeting – 7:00 PM at Ken Preston's
Sunday, November 13	Adult Lecture Series – 9:45 AM
Sunday, November 13	Speaker: Henry Howell
Sunday, November 20	Adult Lecture Series – 9:45 AM
Sunday, November 20	Speaker: Jane Guise – “Practicing Peace Building”
Sunday, November 27	Adult Lecture Series – 9:45 AM
Sunday, November 27	Speaker: Rev. Dick Dutton

KUUF Web Site

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

Thoughts from the KUUF Congregation

“COMMUNITY”

As Americans we both value and celebrate the inherent right of the individual to blossom and fulfill his or her potential. This is the American Dream that attracts so many to our shores. It is why my parents emigrated here at the end of WW 2. It has also fed a terrible fear and loathing of Communism. There is, however, a huge difference between a totalitarian form of dictated conformity and a critical awareness of the value of community.

If we were divinely created, then surely our social nature is part and parcel of that plan. We may, at times, delude ourselves into believing that our personal achievements are what we will be remembered for, but, in truth, it is how we have nurtured the growth and development of a rich and diverse community that will be our lasting legacy. We come into being, we struggle to leave a mark, and we pass on. A few will be famous for a short time but what sustains our species is community.

God is in the connections - the continuity of all things.

Roger Wells for KUUF



Birthdays and Anniversaries

November Birthday

5th – Sara Smith

9th – Liz Maloof

16th – Don Bent

24th – Nancy Stone

November Anniversary

30th – Lou Botta & Bill Hickey



Sunday Coffee-Time Host/Hostess Assignments

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Host/Hostess</u>	<u>Host/Hostess</u>
November 6	Marcus Johnson	
November 13	Lou Botta	Bill Hickey
November 20	Cathy Kiernan	
November 27	Sandy Merritt	
December 4	Liz Maloof	Tom Maloof
December 11	Sandy Wells	Roger Wells
December 18	Susan Nellen	

If you would like to host/hostess with a person who is already on the coffee-time list, please contact them to work together for that Sunday. Kathy Vashro – 938-5476 – jvashro@gmail.com



Book Discussion

December 11, 2016 - 9:30 AM

The Seven Daughters of Eve: The Science that Reveals Our Genetic Ancestry by Bryan Sykes, 2001

Where do I come from? How often have you asked yourself that question?

We may know our parents and grandparents; but beyond that, for most of us, the trail begins to disappear into the mist. But each of us carries a message from our ancestors in every cell of our body. It is our DNA, the genetic material that is handed down for generations. Within the DNA is written, not only our histories as individuals, but the whole history of the human race.

Sykes reveals how the identification of a particular strand of DNA that passes unbroken through the maternal line allows us to trace our genetic makeup all the way back to prehistoric times – to seven primeval women, “The Seven Daughters of Eve”.

Please join us for the discussion even if you have not read the book.

Other good reads...

Healing the Heart of Democracy: The Courage to Create a Politics Worthy of the Human Spirit by Parker J. Palmer, 2014 pb, 2011 hc

For Non-Gory mysteries set in Venice, Italy ...

Donna Leon: **Blood from a Stone**, 2014

Questions: Marion Allen 526-6776 or
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Welcoming Congregation

34 members and 5 friends voted in favor to revise the KUUF By-Laws and Mission statement. The statements now provide the wording to include more people into our congregation - without regard to race, color, gender, physical or mental challenges, affectional or sexual orientation, age, class, nation origin or political affiliation.

THANK YOU for taking one more step in completing the process for becoming an officially UUA Welcoming Fellowship.

Weekly you will hear local, state, national, international GLBTQ past and current events/topics that weave through our lives creating prejudices, exclusivity, hope and inclusivity. Be aware of the GLBTQ community in your world. Bring articles or make announcements of topics you are learning or hearing about.

A Poem - by Martin Niemöller

First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out –

Because I was not a Socialist.

Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out –

Because I was not a Trade Unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out –

Because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for the Gays, who wore pink stars, and I did not speak out --

- because I was not Gay.

Then they came for me – and there was no one left to speak for me.

Martin Niemöller

Possibly, 100,000 Homosexuals were persecuted in Nazi Germany during the late 1930's because homosexual men, not women, were stopping the population of the Aryan race. The law that forbade homosexuality in Germany stayed on the books until 1969 because homophobia continued well after the Nazi regime.



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.



REMINDER

As we near the end of the calendar year, you may be thinking of tax deductions for 2016 income tax purposes. Please consider your KUUF 2016-2017 pledge and write a check on or before 12-31-2016. If you do not know what balance is left on your pledge, please give me a call – 526-9623.

Thanks, *Ken Preston*



Meditation

The Women's Meditation Group will meet on Tuesday's November 1 and 15 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.



"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

Michael N. Meller



Mike was born in Budapest during a turbulent time of political unrest building up to WWII. He and his family left Hungary in 1946 to live in Sweden for two years and then immigrated to the US in 1948. He did not talk about his early life except to say that it was difficult with his father sent to work camps for the Jews under Hitler's regime.

His mother worked with Raul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who worked to save hundreds of Hungarian Jews, and they lived in one of Wallenberg's "protected" houses in Budapest and ultimately went to Sweden after the war.

Mike attended Columbia Grammar School in Manhattan while they applied to be US citizens. He attended Pratt University and graduated as a Chemical Engineer. He and his family lived in northern Virginia in the 1950's, and Mike worked in the US Patent Office and attended George Washington University Law School. He met Liz at this time, and they married in 1965. He worked as a Patent Attorney specializing in an International Practice which afforded him his favorite pastime (next to opera) of traveling all over the world.

Mike claimed that his years spent in New London were his golden years of pure enjoyment. He was an active member of the Tom and Tom men's group, the "Old Guy's" breakfast club, Kearsun men's group, and occasionally he even went to exercise at the gym. His motto about exercise came from Mark Twain: "Whenever I get the urge to exercise, I lie down until the feeling passes away."

He is survived by his wife, Liz, his three children – Michael, Gretchen, and Katie – and his three grandchildren – Jakob, Sofia, and Jersey.

CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



Thank You Crop Walk Donators & Walkers

On October 2 our Fellowship participated in the Church World Service's annual Crop Walk to End Hunger. We had a team of 7 registered walkers (Dave, Luna & Rory Landers) & (Erin, Cari, Deklan & Donna Peirce). We also had an additional 6 walkers who had prior commitments that prevented them from arriving in time to register (Henry & Libby Howell), (Kathy Vashro & her 2 sisters) & (Marion Allen). Hopefully, I haven't missed anyone.

In addition to supporting this cause by participating in the walk, our Fellowship contributed \$357.00 to provide some much needed assistance to our own community, while also helping disadvantaged people all around the world. The total amount collected for this area Crop Walk was \$7,816.00!

Thank you again to everyone who walked, and everyone who made donations to sponsor our K.U.U.F. Team. You each played an important role in helping to eradicate hunger and poverty, and promote peace and justice among the world's most vulnerable people.

Best Regards,
Donna Peirce

KUUF HOLIDAY PARTY



Saturday, December 3
(Snow date – December 10)

Social hour 5:30 to 6:30

Pot Luck Dinner @ 6:30

**Home of Sally and Bob Bergquist
101 Summit View Road, New London**

Sign up at church or contact Kathy Vashro @
jvashro@gmail.com or 938-5476

Appetizer, Main Dish, Salad, Dessert

to serve 8 to 10 people

Non-alcoholic punch provided

Anything stronger-BYOB

Ride sharing available with advanced sign-up.

Kids and grown-ups all welcome!



It's that Elfin' Time of Year Again!

Toys for Tots This year!

This year K.U.U.F. will be participating in Toys for Tots. This program is run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve and its mission is to collect new, unwrapped toys during November and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign is conducted. The primary goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters – and WE are going to help them do it!

The Social Concerns Committee will be collecting donations toward this project during Coffee Hour every Sunday in November. You can bring new, unwrapped toys or make a financial contribution. These holiday gifts will mean a great deal to children right here in our area, which may not have a very Merry Christmas without your help. Thank you.



Reminder

Proctor has asked KUUF to park in the maintenance parking lot in the back of the church or to the left of the Maxwell Savage Hall. We can continue to use the small parking area over to the left of the Chapel, just off the circle – about 5 or 6 spaces. However, we should make them available for those who may have a problem walking from the other parking lots. There are maps of Proctor available. They will be on the table as you enter the Chapel on Sundays.



**Happy
Thanksgiving**

