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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, April 1	Circle Dinner
Sunday, April 3	Adult Lecture Series – 9:30 AM
Sunday, April 3	Speaker: Rev. Bill Nelson
Sunday, April 10	Adult Lecture Series – 9:30 AM
Sunday, April 10	North Country Chordsmen
Thursday, April 14	Board Meeting – 7:00 PM at Ken Preston's
Sunday, April 17	Book Discussion – 9:30 AM – “The Nightingale”
Sunday, April 17	Speaker: Rev. Bill Nelson
Sunday, April 24	Adult Lecture Series – 9:30 AM
Sunday, April 24	Speaker: Rev. Dick Dutton – “The Church As a Field Hospital”



Minister's Missive – April 2016

It is not enough to be busy; so are the ants. The question is: What are they busy about? – Henry David Thoreau

... it is the disease of not listening, the malady of not marking, that I am troubled withal.

– Sir John Falstaff to the Lord Chief Justice, in William Shakespeare's *Henry the Fourth, Part II*

Regardless of where we are on life's path, most of us are most content when we're *busy*. We like to have something to *do*. Some of us may have too much to do, of course, and some not enough. It would be nice to have something right in the middle – just the *right amount* to do. But such a circumstance is rare, or at least it seems so. Either we're bombarded by too much busyness, or we're bemoaning the fact that there's not enough. Somewhere in the middle is where we want to be. But how? How do we make that happen?

I'm going to suggest that one of the ways we can at least help make that happen is something we do every Sunday (at least ten months of the year), join together in worship. I suggest this because I look at worship as a time to set everything else aside and open ourselves to the very depths of our being. It's a time for *listening* – or *marking*, as Falstaff puts it in Shakespeare's Elizabethan English. And I don't mean listening just to what George or Dick or I or anybody else has to say, but listening to that "still, small voice" that speaks from within, when we've had enough of the world's noisy clamor.

The word, "worship," is itself derived from the same root that gives us the words worth, worthy, and worthwhile. To "worship" is to ascribe value to something, and I'm of the opinion that such an ascription is immensely appropriate for what we do as a community of faith and hope, which is to gather in one another's company to deal with life's most intense, meaningful issues. "Who are we?" for example. "What are we doing on this earth?" "Is there meaning in life?" "And how shall we live the lives we live?" These are the questions that define us as human beings, and they're the questions that form the very basis of humankind's being drawn to religious expressions.

When in our worship we immerse ourselves in the great mysteries of life, we do so in recognition that all of humanity is bound together in community; we see that our individual pursuits notwithstanding, we share a common lot in seeking all the meaning and integrity that our inner worlds demand, but that can't be found in solitary pursuit alone. When we worship we bring our imperfections and disappointments with us, as well as our qualities, achievements, and aspirations. In other words we bring ourselves, just as we are, in pursuit and celebration of who we can be. This is important, and I'm grateful to be in your company on the journey. Best wishes, WEN

ROOTS

By Henry Howzell



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

THE INDUSTRY OF THE LADIES INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY

The Industrial Revolution in the U.S. changed our New England society permanently during the years 1760's to 1840's. The Ladies Industrial Society of Andover, N.H. was the "muscle", if not the revolution behind the existence of the Andover Unitarian Society also for many decades. While 'menfolk' in Andover were officially establishing a new Unitarian Society in 1879, Mrs. E. A. Carr ("Aunt Emily") instigated and became the first president of the Ladies Industrial Society (L.I.S.). Article II of the L.I.S. constitution made the ladies group seem less ambitious than the men's founding of a new religious society, because it said the goals of the Society were two, "Social enjoyment and culture." However, it added that, "In pursuance of this object it shall be understood to be complex in its nature, including in itself the elements of Industry and Literature, Conversation and Amusement."¹

We get the "Literature, Conversation and Amusement" part, but the "Industry"?...Mass production? International conglomerates? Not exactly. The capabilities and resolves of these women were not to be taken lightly. Instead they joined together to ensure the financial stability of the new Unitarian congregation. "From the outset the society was the main bulwark of the church."¹ Their two key standing committees were the "Social" and the "Industrial". By 'industrial' it was meant in those days' to be hard work, ambitious endeavors, and getting things done! The L.I.S. became the main provider of the minister's salary, insurance, upkeep of the church building, the choir and Sunday school, as well as sending donations to the A.U.A. and charities.

Its two key sources of obtaining funds were church fairs and soliciting donations from the (*entire*) community. "The Ladies Industrial Society with its far reaching requests for beans and pies brings to the support of the church all [*emphasis added*] of the families in town."²

¹ "Andover Church History", prepared by Gladys McPhee, March 18, 1925

² "Church History of Andover", by Mrs. Wesley Eastman, 1941

By 1892 more women wanted to get into the action and a second ladies society was formed that would also support the Unitarian Church-- the Women's Alliance of Andover. Why a second such group was formed is a bit unclear, but besides more women in town wanting to be 'industrious', there may have been personality conflicts and power struggles. An uneasy relationship developed between L.I.S and the Alliance when in January, 1893 the two societies merged (but kept their respective names); then eleven months later they separated; then 1898 combined (with their own names); and in 1901 separated again, but for the final time.

NEXT: THE ALLIANCE GROWS & THE INDUSTRIAL LADIES WANE

Host/Hostess Assignments

Sunday	Host/Hostess	Host/Hostess
April 3	Lois Magenau	Marcus Johnson
April 10	Sally Bergquist	Bob Bergquist
April 17	Yvonne Howard	Loren Howard
April 24		
May 1	Lou Botta	Bill Hickey
May 9	Marion Allen	Nancy Stone
May 15		
May 22		
May 29		

Instructions for Hosts and Hostesses have been changed. They now only have to supply refreshments for Coffee Hour and participate in the Order of Service (Lighting of the Chalice, etc.) If you have any questions, please ask Liz Maloof or Sally Bergquist for clarification.



Meditation

The Women's Meditation Group will meet on Tuesday's April 5 and 19th 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.



2016 FOOD PANTRY CAMPAIGN Suggested Donations for Area Churches

April – Hearty soups & stews

Note: coffee (regular, decaf, & instant) and monetary donations are always welcome. Monetary donations can be made to: KLS Community Food Pantry, PO Box 536, New London, NH 03257.



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...

Sally Bergquist - 763-4098 – salbob2@comcast.net

Kathy Vashro – 938-5476 – jvashro@gmail.com

April Birthdays

4th – Betsy Abbe

4th – Tom Graves

11th – Bill Hickey

26th – Martha Woodward

26th – Sally Bergquist

April Anniversaries



Book Discussion – April 17 – 9:30 AM

THE NIGHTINGALE by Kristin Hannah, 2015

In love we find out who we want to be. In war we find out who we are. France 1939

In the quiet village of Carriveau, Vianne Mauriac, says goodbye to her husband as he heads for the Front. She doesn't believe that the Nazis will invade France...but invade they do. When a German captain requisitions Vianne's home, she and her daughter must live with the enemy or lose everything.

Vianne's sister, Isabelle, a rebellious 18 year old , is searching for a purpose with all the reckless passion of youth. She falls in love with Gaetan, a partisan, who betrays her. Isabelle joins the Resistance and never looks back.

A story that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the durability of women.

Books for consideration for May and beyond.

Islam: A Short History by Karen Armstrong, 2000

ISIS Apocalypse: The History, Strategy, And Doomsday

Version of the Islamic State by William McCants, 2015

The Basque History of the World by Mark Kurlansky, 1999

Salt: A World History by Mark Kurlansky, 2002

Questions: Marion Allen -

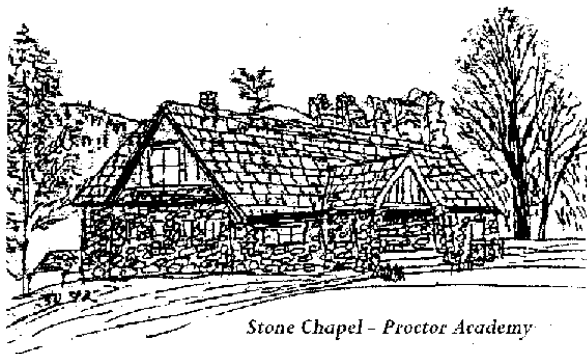
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Social Activities

Plans are in the works for a movie night in May. Stay tuned for further details.

Lois Magenau & Kathy Vashro



Stone Chapel - Proctor Academy

Pledge Reminder

Thanks to all who have kept up their pledges and those who have paid their pledge in full for the fiscal year that will end June 30, 2016. These contributions to KUUF have contributed to a positive cash flow and help make my job easier.

Please give me a call or email me if you would like to verify that your records agree with KUUF's regarding any outstanding pledge balance.

Ken Preston, Treasurer
email - kepreston1931@gmail.com
Telephone - 526-9623

THE 2016 PLEDGE DRIVE - BABA AU RHUM CAKE CHALLENGE

The Finance Committee is presenting a unique challenge for this year's Pledge Drive. We're looking for a catchy way to describe the Pledge Drive. A reward will be given to the person (or person's) who can make up the COOLEST limerick, nursery rhyme, or saying about pledging in 2016. AND, the prize is a home-made Baba au Rhum cake made by one of our great desert chefs, Bob Bergquist. Write your limerick, nursery rhyme, or saying on a piece of paper with your name on it and give it to me no later than Sunday, April 17. Or, email it to me: tommaloof21@gmail.com. The Finance Committee will be the panel of judges. Put your thinking caps on!

Tom Maloof
Finance committee



Save the Date – Mark Your Calendars

Please save Friday, June 17, for a flute, piano and harpsichord, and cello concert by our own Martha Woodward and friends. Details will follow.



Yard Sale - May 28 7:30am - 12:30pm

It's time for another KUUF Yard Sale!! It's scheduled to take place on May 28, 2016, at the home of Bob and Sally Bergquist. This is our primary fundraiser, and everyone's help and participation is needed. Thank you to all who have already signed up to help. However, there are still empty spaces on our signup sheet!! So, please take some time on Sunday to look over the signup sheet and put your name in a box to help before, during and for cleanup. One of our goals is to leave the Bergquist's home as we found it!!

What we need to collect:

- Furniture, especially occasional chairs, tables, desks, bookcases and lamps
(Avoid upholstered furniture; it's hard to sell...)
- Usable tools
- Sports equipment (but not badly worn or outmoded stuff)
- Toys
- Books
- Knick-knacks
- Linens
- Jewelry

What NOT to donate: old TV's, other old electronics, clothes and children's car seats. These don't sell well, pose potential liability problems and are a burden to dispose of after the sale.

Items can be delivered directly to Sally and Bob beginning May 21. Please call first to make sure someone is home, but feel free to leave it on their front porch if you like. If you need to drop off donations prior to May 21, call Tom & Liz Maloof, but no large furniture please. We will also be selling baked goods at the yard sale. Lois Magenau will be coordinating this effort. We would also like to sell plants, but this will be contingent upon someone volunteering to organize it.

With everyone's help this will be a successful fundraiser. Thank you. Regards, Donna Peirce