

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

KUUF Calendar

Sunday, October 1	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Book Discussion Rev. Kenneth Sawyer “Why Aren’t You Perfect Yet?”
Sunday, October 8	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Adult Lecture Series Rev. Emily Burr “Resilience”
Sunday, October 15	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Adult Lecture Series Rev. David Robins
Thursday, October 19	7:00 p.m.	KUUF Board Meeting at Ken & Fran Preston’s house
Sunday, October 22	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Adult Lecture Series Rev. Dick Dutton
Sunday, October 29	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Adult Lecture Series Matt Weinstein “Becoming Who You Already Are”

President's Message

Kathryn Mordecai Vashro

DO YOU KNOW???

In Northern Ireland, Unitarian churches are officially called "Non-Subscribing Presbyterian," but are informally known as "Unitarian" and are affiliated with the Unitarian churches of the rest of the world.

AND DO YOU KNOW?

There are a number of notable people that considered themselves Unitarians or Universalists and, following the merger of these denominations in the United States and Canada in 1961, Unitarian Universalists. Additionally, there are persons who, because of their writings or reputation, are considered to have held Unitarian or Universalist beliefs. Individuals who held unitarian (nontrinitarian) beliefs but were not affiliated with Unitarian organizations are often referred to as "small 'u'" unitarians. The same principle can be applied to those who believed in universal salvation but were not members of Universalist organizations. This article, therefore, makes the distinction between capitalized "Unitarians" and "Universalists" and lowercase "unitarians" and "universalists."

The Unitarians and Universalists are groups that existed long before the creation of Unitarian Universalism. Early Unitarians did not hold Universalist beliefs, and early Universalists did not hold Unitarian beliefs. But beginning in the nineteenth century the theologies of the two groups started becoming more similar.

Additionally, their eventual merger as the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) did not eliminate divergent Unitarian and Universalist congregations, especially outside the US. Even within the US, some congregations still keep only one of the two names, "Unitarian" or "Universalist." However, with only a few exceptions, all belong to the UUA – even those that maintain dual affiliation (e.g., Unitarian and Quaker). Transcendentalism was a movement that diverged from contemporary American Unitarianism but has been embraced by later Unitarians and Unitarian Universalists.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Unitarians,_Universalists,_and_Unitarian_Universalists

Do you know any notable people that consider themselves Unitarians, Universalists, or Unitarian Universalist?

Of course you do – YOU!

AND do you know any people from our history, especially our New England history?

If you'd like to learn more about our UU history, please research notable UUs (and there are many) and tell me, so I may share what you know with others that may not know of our fellow UUs.

Have a great October, and don't get spooked!

Guest Speaker

Matt Weinstein

(Sunday, October 29, 2017)

Matt Weinstein is a current student at Harvard Divinity School and candidate for ordination as a Unitarian Universalist minister. Matt is particularly interested in the psychological aspects of religion, especially as they appear in transcendentalism, Neoplatonism, and Buddhism. Though Matt likes to think he can pass as a New Englander, he was born in Ohio and jokes that he is a reincarnated Californian. He is only sort of kidding. In addition to his studies, Matt enjoys tending to his perennial garden, going for long walks, and folk music.

Matt's sermon for October 29 is entitled "Becoming Who You Already Are." Drawing on his studies of Plotinus, Dzogchen, and Pure Land Buddhism, Matt intends to show us, if only in glimpses, our own basic goodness. Matt hopes that each of us will, by the end of the service, be at least a little bit better at recognizing the original clarity of our own minds and the light and joy that is always within us.



Meditation

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

How to Make an Announcement During the Service

Your hard-working Board of Trustees is trying to reduce the length and complexity of our Sunday service announcements so that they don't interfere with the rest of the Sunday service.

Our new experimental method of giving announcements will be as follows:

1. Only the "Announcer" will give the announcements.
2. To have an announcement read by the Announcer, fill out an "Announcement Card." You'll find blank cards on the entry table.
3. Give your completed card to the Announcer, who will then read your event to the congregation.
4. If people need further information for your event, the Announcer will direct them to see you after the service.
5. This new announcement system will officially begin the first Sunday in October.

If you have any questions about the new system or would like to give your announcement information in advance, please call Kathy Vashro at (603) 938-5476.

Caring Committee

Your Caring Committee has supported a number of members with food deliveries, notes of encouragement, and phone calls to remind members of the help available from the Caring Committee. Please call us when we can be of assistance.

~ Marion Allen, Betsy Abbe, Lizzie Klingler & Ken Preston



2017 Food Pantry Campaign

The Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry has requested that KUUF contribute **Large Juice (esp. low sugar & 100% juice)** for the month of October.

Note: coffee (regular, decaf, & instant), paper towels, toilet paper, peanut butter & jelly, cake and brownie mixes, and monetary donations are always welcome.

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



Book Discussion

October 1, 2017

9:30 a.m.

The Underground Railroad, Colson Whitehead, 2016

A chronicle of a young slave's journey as she attempts a desperate bid for freedom in the antebellum south.

Cora is a slave on a cotton plantation in Georgia. Life is hell for all the slaves but especially bad for Cora, an outcast even among her fellow Africans. She is coming into womanhood – where even greater pain awaits. When Caesar, a recent arrival from Virginia, tells her about the underground railroad, they decide to risk an escape. Matters do not go as planned...and Ridgeway, a relentless slave catcher is close on their heels.

A tale of an escape from the horrors of bondage and a powerful meditation on the history we all share.

This book is available in hardcover, paperback, and audio. Please join us for the discussion even if you haven't read the book. Questions? Please contact Marion Allen at (603) 526-6776.

Other good reads ...

- The General's Son: Journey of an Israeli in Palestine, Miko Peled and Alice Walker, 2016
- Dwelling in Possibility: Searching for the Soul of Shelter, Howard Mansfield, 2013
- Among the Living, Jonathan Rabb, 2016
- Seven Brief Lessons on Physics, Carlo Rovelli, 2014
- The Field: The Quest for the Secret Force of the Universe, Lynne McTaggart, Pb Special Edition, 2008
- Bellevue: Three Centuries of Medicine and Mayhem at America's Most Storied Hospital, David Oshinsky, 2016

Welcoming Committee



Membership in the Fellowship is open to all people in sympathy with its purpose and program, regardless of race, color, sex and affectional or sexual orientation. One may become a member by signing the membership book in the presence of a member of the Board of Trustees and making an annual contribution of record.

“Utopia and Terror” **KUUF Lecture Series**

The story of the 20th century is filled with leaders who promised utopia and instead delivered war, genocide, and dictatorship. In that 100 year span more than 200 million people were killed in world wars, government-sponsored persecutions and genocides. If we can understand the origins of this monumental violence, we might find ways to prevent even greater horrors in the future.

Our 24 lecture series on this unsettling subject will help us understand the global and seemingly senseless acts of inhumanity which continue to this day.

The lecturer for this series is Vejas Gabriel Liulevicius, an award winning Professor of History at the University of Tennessee. As in the past, the source materials are DVD's produced by The Teaching Company's "THE GREAT COURSES" program.

To allow time for discussion, lectures will begin promptly at 9:45 each Sunday morning in the Sunday School room below the Chapel, except when book discussion group meetings are held. All members, friends and guests are invited, starting September 10th!

~ Tom Maloof

Membership

Exciting news! Colby Sawyer and Proctor are encouraging students to check out KUUF. If you know people who are searching for a church or a religion, please invite them to come to a Sunday service or a Circle Dinner.

If you are new to KUUF and or to Unitarian Universalism and want to learn about us and our faith and beliefs, please contact Kathy Vashro at (603) 938-5476. Just ask – and be a part of a growing community.



Mission Statement

The Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is a religious community that encourages and affirms beliefs and actions based upon respect for all people, and the planet on which we live. It is the mission of this fellowship to:

- Deepen our understanding of the world we live in, the challenges we must face as citizens of the world, and the place of our personal theologies in meeting these challenges;
- Be a voice of peace, reason and social justice in our community;
- 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. 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; and
- Support, strengthen and renew each other as we strive to lead our lives according to our highest principles, values and beliefs.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

October Birthdays	October Anniversaries
15 th – Rebekka Mateyk	15 th – Fran & Ken Preston



Sunday Coffee-Time Host/Hostess Assignments

Sunday	Host/Hostess	Host/Hostess
October 1	Kathy Vashro	Jim Vashro
October 8	Nancy Stone	Marion Allen
October 15	Sandy Wells	Roger Wells
October 22		
October 29	Lois Magenau	Marcus Johnson

We still need a pair of hosts/hostesses for October 22! Do you want to share a new recipe, share something that you have never made before, or simply bring cheese, crackers, fruit, cookies (Eddi Mordecai's simple solution to coffee time)? Share away at Coffee Time.

Committees

Have you wondered who's on which committee? Below is a current list. You can find it at the back of the KUUF member/friend directory, too.

Adult Education: Tom Maloof

Book Group: Marion Allen

Caring: Marion Allen, Liz Maloof & Betsy Abbe

Finance: Tom Maloof, Bob Stanley, Sandy Wells, Ken Preston & Henry Howell

Membership: Kathy Vashro & Don Bent

Ministry: unfilled

Nominating: Tom Maloof, Jim Vashro & Liz Klingler

Proctor Liaison: Marcus Johnson

Publicity: unfilled

Religious Education: unfilled

Social Activities: Kathy Vashro & Meredith Smith

Social Concerns: Amy Dressler

Sunday Services: Marion Allen, Don Bent, Henry Howell, Cathy Kiernan, Ken Preston, Nancy R. Stone & Martha Woodward

Web Master: Jim Vashro

Next KUUF Newsletter Deadline

The submission deadline for the November KUUF newsletter will be Sunday, October 22, 2017. Please email your news, views, and photos to Barbara Heggie at barbara.g.heggie@gmail.com. Thank you!



Social Committee

CIRCLE DINNER

Friday, October 6, will be our first Circle Dinner. To make a Circle Dinner intimate we want 6-8 people per host group.

Please contact Kathy 938-5476, if you are interested in providing a home and organizing a circle dinner or if you want to be a guest. We could use another host or two, as we have many guests wanting to grace your home.

We would love to see you!

MOVIE NIGHT

What the Bleep Do We Know!?

(date to be determined)

What is our purpose? Where do we come from? What is Reality?

What the Bleep Do We Know!? takes viewers on a journey to unlock the secrets of life. Follow Amanda (Academy Award-winner Marlee Matlin), a divorced, middle-aged woman who is thrust into a world where science and spirituality converge. As her entire concept of reality is challenged, yours will be too.

(<http://whatthebleep.com/>)

This Changes Everything

(date to be determined)

This movie is connected to Yvonne Howard's talk in January.

What if confronting the climate crisis is the best chance we'll ever get to build a better world?

Filmed over 211 shoot days in nine countries and five continents over four years, *This Changes Everything* is an epic attempt to re-imagine the vast challenge of climate change.

Directed by Avi Lewis, and inspired by Naomi Klein's international non-fiction bestseller *This Changes Everything*, the film presents seven powerful portraits of communities on the front lines, from Montana's Powder River Basin to the Alberta Tar Sands, from the coast of South India to Beijing and beyond.

Interwoven with these stories of struggle is Klein's narration, connecting the carbon in the air with the economic system that put it there. Throughout the film, Klein builds to her most controversial and exciting idea: that we can seize the existential crisis of climate change to transform our failed economic system into something radically better.

(<https://thischangeeverything.org/>)

If you have any suggestion for movies or social events, please contact Lois Magenau at (603) 735-5637 or Yvonne Howard at (603) 927-4735.

Contacts

If you want a phone call rather than an email for any KUUF correspondence, please contact Kathy Vashro at (603) 938-5476 or jvashro@gmail.com.

Contact Lizzie Klingler to make sure she has your name, address, phone number, and email address correctly written in the directory. Don't forget winter addresses if you leave the area during the winter.

We want to make sure you keep connected to your congregation and not MISS ANYTHING or ANYBODY!