

Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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November 2017

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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, November 5 ("Fall Back" time!)	11:00 a.m.	Betsy Woodman "Report from the Western Front"
Thurs., November 9	7:00 p.m.	KUUF Board Meeting at the Howell's house
Friday, November 10	6:30 p.m.	Movie Night at Betty Howard's "What the Bleep Do We Know?!"
Sunday, November 12	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Adult Lecture Series Fiona Mills "Kneeling to Stand: African- American Athletes and the Legacy of Protest"
Sunday, November 19	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Adult Lecture Series Rev. David Robins "Thanksgiving...Do I really Have to Stop Complaining!?"
Sunday, November 26	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Adult Lecture Series Rev. Dick Dutton "Camino de Santiago" ...Building a Community of Faith...

President's Message

Kathryn Mordecai Vashro

Do you know you are in GREAT company being affiliated with Unitarian Universalists and KUUF at Proctor Stone Chapel?

Did you know that John Proctor, from the little town of Andover, invented the screw? This invention allowed him the ability to financially support liberal religious and educational opportunities in Andover.

As a young child, I enjoyed reading biographies and autobiographies of people that cared for others. I did not know that the people I read about were Unitarians or Universalists or had similar ideals as UUs, which was my childhood religion in Wayland, MA. Here are a few Unitarians and Universalists and a few UU New Englanders, too, you will recognize and I read about:

Clara Barton – (1821-1912) Oxford, MA – started the American Red Cross

Amelia Earhart - (1897-1937?) Medford, MA (Eddi Mordecai's childhood idol) – first woman to attempt to fly around the world

Dorothea Dix – (1802-1887) Hampden, ME and Boston, MA – founded hospitals for the mentally ill

Louisa May Alcott – (1832-1888) Concord, MA – author, Little Women

Charles Dickens – (1812-1870) British – author, The Christmas Carol

Ralph Waldo Emerson – (1803-1936) Concord, MA – Unitarian minister and Transcendentalist

Buckminster Fuller (1895-1983) Milton, MA – inventor, engineer, architect

And enjoy a crossword puzzle of famous UUs:

<https://www.questformeaning.org/tag/puzzle/#>.

CROP WALK

It was a beautiful, sunny day for a 6 mile walk around Pleasant Lake with many members from the different churches in the area. Our Kearsarge UU Fellowship donated \$110.00 to help end hunger both locally and in less fortunate countries. We also had 3 members participate in the walk. A big THANK YOU to all those who donated their time and money to help end hunger "one step at a time"!

Family Game Night and Potluck at UUCF

Saturday, November 4, 2017 – 6:00 pm

You are invited to join the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Franklin for a delicious UU potluck supper at 6:00pm at our Meetinghouse (206 Central St., Franklin) followed by fun and games and conversation and laughter.

Who likes to play games? Who doesn't? UUCF will have a Family Game Night on Saturday, November 4th at the Meetinghouse from 6:00 – 9:00 (or later if people are having fun and want to finish a game). Folks who came to our game night in May are still talking about what a good time was had by all.

Bring your family, a dish to share and a favorite game or two – any kind of game – board game, card game, Twister type game. All ages welcome.

Guest Speaker

Betsy Woodman

Sunday, November 5, 2017

Betsy Woodman is a New Hampshire native and third-generation UU. She was a writer and editor for the award-winning documentary series, *Experiencing War*, produced for the Library of Congress and aired on Public Radio International. Her *Jana Bibi* trilogy drew on her ten childhood years in India. Editing history textbooks sparked her interest in World War I and she is currently working on a novel set in New Hampshire and France during the Great War. Please visit www.betsywoodman.com for photos of her recent visit to the Western Front.

Guest at Your Table

KUUF will be participating in the UUSC “Guest at Your Table” program again this year. Collection will begin in mid-November. Please see the attached flyer for more information.



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.

Tax Year End Reminder

As we come to the end of 2017 we are 6 months into KUUF's current fiscal year July 2017 – June 2018.

In order to take a 2017 tax deduction for a Charitable Contribution on this year's taxes you may want to consider making a payment toward your 2017-2018 pledge before the end of the year.

Please call Ken Preston (526-9823) if you are unsure of your pledge amount or balance still open.

Name Tags

Liz Maloof will be creating name tags for new people who show an interest in getting to know KUUF better. Also, if anyone's name tag is in need of replacement just let her know. Liz can be contacted at: lizzijo48@gmail.com or tele: 526-9889.

KUUF Website

KUUF has a website that is a good source of information about the goings on of the KUUF community. Take a visit: www.kuufnh.org. On the website, you can find a **calendar** of events, the latest (as well as past) **newsletters**, **announcements**, audio of recorded **sermons**, basic **information about Unitarianism** (both KUUF as well as National), **web links** of interest, and more. Please browse through the website and let us know if there is more you would like to see or corrections that need to be made.

Coming: we are in the process of converting to a newer/friendlier/more welcoming website format which should be available in the next few months.

More info and comments: Jim Vashro
email: jimvashro49@gmail.com phone: [208-440-1851](tel:208-440-1851)

Transition Committee

At the annual meeting, our congregation approved the creation of a committee to investigate future ministry possibilities and report back to the Board by Dec 31. This committee consists of Nancy Stone, Henry Howell, Roger Wells and Liz Maloof.

We have been working hard this fall distributing a short survey to get input from the congregation regarding the direction they see KUUF going regarding KUUF's future ministry.

Survey results have been compiled and the committee is analyzing this information and is on target to give the KUUF Board of Trustees a final report in December or early January. In compiling this report the committee will look at information from the UUA NE District and other sources. The report will include the Transition Committee's recommendations from the survey results and a summary of survey responses.

Thank you to all who participated in completing the survey. Your input is important to KUUF's future.

Toys for Tots this Christmas!

This year KUUF 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 (If you choose to make a financial contribution, please use the Toys for Tots envelope located at the sign-in table.) 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.

KUUF has started a Sunday School Program!

KUUF wants to grow and attract new families! That is what you hear at Annual meetings, KUUF Board meetings and conversation among committee leadership. WELL.....KUUF has a wonderful opportunity! Two families have shown interest in attending our Sunday Services.

Between Oct. 21, 2017 and Dec. 31, 2017 Liz Maloof will coordinate a group of volunteers to facilitate a Sunday experience around this Holiday Season for Logan & Matthew, and Dante & Dominick. Periodically, child care may be needed for 6-month-old Taylor.

A story, a craft project and free play will be offered. A folder will be set up for each Sunday with everything needed. Of course, IF you want to bring your own ideas and creativity to any Sunday you are more than welcome to do so.

A space has been set up in the downstairs room which will be shared with Adult Education and the Choir. There are books and craft supplies including glue sticks, color paper, crayons, magic markers and much more.

At this time dates that a teacher is needed are: November 19th, December 24th and December 31. Please consider volunteering to help! Look for the sign-up sheet next Sunday.

Please call Liz Maloof for more information. (Email: lizzijo48@gmail.com or tele: 526-9889.)

Needed: A Volunteer Sunday School Coordinator starting January 1, 2018

The KUUF Board of Trustees is looking for someone willing to be a Sunday School Coordinator/Teacher from January 2018 – June 2018.

Bring your creativity and nurturing skills to this new volunteer opportunity to restart a children's religious education program for KUUF. Curriculum and art supplies are already available for use and can be supplemented as the program evolves.

Anyone interested can call Kathy Vashro, President for more information. (Email: jvashro@gmail.com or tele: 938-5476.)



2017 Food Pantry Campaign

The Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry has requested that KUUF contribute **CEREAL** for the month of November.

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

December 3, 2017 – 9:30 a.m.

(There'll be no Book Discussion in November.)

Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis by J.D. Vance, 2016.

“You will not read a more important book about America this year.”
-- *The Economist*

J.D. Vance is a former marine and Yale Law School graduate relating his powerful account of growing up in a poor Rust Belt town in the Midwest. It is an urgent and troubling meditation on the loss of the American Dream for a large segment of our country.

Hillbilly Elegy is a passionate and personal analysis of a culture in crisis – that of white working-class Americans. The story of how upward mobility really feels.

Soon to be a motion picture directed by Ron Howard. Available at most libraries or through InterLibrary Loan. Please join us for the discussion even if you haven't read the book. Questions: Marion Allen 526-6776.

Other Good Reads ...

Never Caught: The Washingtons' (George and Martha) Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge by Erica Armstrong Dunbar, 2017.

Something Must Be Done about Prince Edward County: A Family, A Virginia Town, and a Civil Rights Battle by Kristen Green, 2015.

Fire in the Blood by Irene Nemirovsky, 2007.

Welcoming Committee



Rainbow Colored Peace Necklaces are still available to borrow, own, or purchase if you are interested in showing your support and involvement of welcoming all through our doors.

Amended Membership Statement (2016)

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.

“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 Committee
(from Kathy Vashro)**

You watch a movie and like it. You go to a restaurant and like that. You go on a fabulous trip and you have a maaaaavalous time. Do you keep these events secret or do you tell your friends, family, acquaintances about them?

OF COURSE, YOU TELL EVERYONE!

Well, I pose other questions to you....

Do you enjoy attending KUUF?

Do you enjoy the meditation group? the ministers/speakers sermons? reading and attending the book discussion or circle dinners? contributing to social concerns?

WELL THEN....

Tell your friends, acquaintances, and invite someone to these events. Let's grow our KUUF 'family'-community. Henry Howell will share his research of the history of Unitarianism and Universalist in Andover, Proctor Stone Chapel and Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Various members will discuss their journey as lifelong UUs and the journey of finding Unitarian Universalist as adults. For more information, contact Kathy Vashro (938-5476 or jvashro@gmail.com), if you'd like, and on Sunday morning grab some coffee and food and meet downstairs in the Proctor Stone Chapel between coffee time and choir.

Social Committee

MOVIE NIGHT

What the Bleep Do We Know!?

*(Friday, Nov. 10 – Betty Howard's home – 6:30, Movie starts at 7:00pm
bring light appetizers and drinks, sign-up sheet at church)*

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.

[\(http://whatthebleep.com/\)](http://whatthebleep.com/)

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.



Sunday Coffee-Time

Kathy doesn't drink coffee and doesn't make coffee, so please please sign up to be a Host or Hostess in November and December or in 2018 January-June. You will be paired with another, if you sign as a single Host or Hostess. Thank you!

Endowment Fund

With the introduction of a new brochure last month, the KUUF Endowment Fund is “getting real.” Established in 2016 and invested with the UUA’s Common Endowment Fund, its assets now exceed \$13,000. We hope the brochure will heighten awareness in each of us that the future of any church is dependent upon its future funding. A strong endowment fund is a source of confidence and real strength – a difference maker – as future generations of KUUFer’s face the challenges of THEIR times. Copies of the new brochure are available at the Welcome Table Sunday mornings. We hope you will read it, and keep those who will follow us in your thoughts and plans!

Finance Committee

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

Next KUUF Newsletter Deadline

The submission deadline for the December KUUF newsletter will be Sunday, November 22, 2017. Please email your news, views, and photos to Barbara Heggie at barbara.g.heggie@gmail.com. **For ease of compiling, please type any written submissions into the body of the email or send as a Word document, rather than a PDF.** Thank you!

