

Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
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February 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 AM in the Stone Chapel of Proctor Academy in Andover

KUUF Calendar

Sunday, February 5	Adult Lecture Series – 9:45 AM
Sunday, February 5	Speaker: Barbara Meyers – “Trust, Doubt, Despair, and Action – Lessons for Our Time”
Thursday, February 9	Board Meeting – 7:00 PM
Friday, February 10	Movie & Dessert Night at the Bergquist’s – 6:30 PM
Sunday, February 12	Adult Lecture Series – 9:45 AM
Sunday, February 12	Speaker: Sally Bergquist – “Buddhist Truths and Ideals”
Sunday, February 19	Book Discussion – 9:30 AM – “George Washington’s Secret Six”
Sunday, February 19	Speaker: Rev. Dick Dutton – “The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down”
Sunday, February 26	Adult Lecture Series – 9:45 AM
Sunday, February 26	Speaker: Rev. Dick Dutton – “The Soldier’s Son”

Thoughts from the KUUF Congregation

FEAR & LOATHING

Hate begets hate
thus
hurt people hurt

So be kind;
and offer
a helping hand

But courage and strength
only,
bullies understand

'Tis a conundrum,
is it not;
so what to do?

Act with strength
from
an empathy deep.

Be generous,
neither
fear or loathing

try to understand
the other's
point of view.

If you were they
what
would you try to do?

Roger Wells for KUUF



Birthdays and Anniversaries

February Birthdays

6th – Cathy Todd

12th – Kathy Vashro

13th – Donna Peirce

22nd – Lizzie Klingler

February Anniversary

18th - Susan & Chuck Crickman



Sunday Coffee-Time

Host/Hostess Assignments

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Host/Hostess</u>	<u>Host/Hostess</u>
February 5	Lizzie Klingler	Donn Klingler
February 12	Lou Botta	Bill Hickey
February 19	Denise Stanley	Bob Stanley
February 26	Fran Preston	Ken Preston

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



Meditation

The Women’s Meditation Group will meet on Tuesdays, February 7 and 21 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 Discussions

February 19, 2017 – 9:30 AM

George Washington’s Secret Six: The Spy Ring that Saved the American Revolution, by Brian Kilmeade and Don Yaeger, 2013.

“Washington did not really outfight the British, he simply outspied us”

- Major George Beckwith,
British Intelligence Officer, 1782-1783

When General George Washington beat a hasty retreat from New York City in August 1776, many thought the American Revolution might soon be over. Instead, Washington rallied – thanks in large part to a little-known top secret group called the Culper Spy Ring. Washington realized he couldn’t beat the British with military might so he recruited spies- six of them- to infiltrate New York. So carefully guarded were the member’s identities that one spy’s name was not known until the 20th Century, and one remains unknown today- known only as Agent 355, a woman who used her wit and charm to collect vital secrets. These six turned the tide of the war.

Please join us for the discussion even if you haven’t read the book.

Other good reads ...

The General’s Son: Journey of an Israeli in Palestine, Miko Peled and Alice Walker, 2016.

Among the Living by Jonathan Rabb, 2016.

Great Small Things by Jodi Picoult, 2016

Questions: Marion Allen 526-6776



WELCOMING COMMITTEE

An application for KUUF becoming a Welcoming Church has been delivered to and received by UUA. The evaluation of the application takes about a month. So next month, look for the news that we have been granted official Welcoming status - YEAH!

Remember when you heard that GLBT couples and individuals have difficulty being accepted into retirement communities and nursing homes?

UUA's Welcoming Department told Kathy Vashro about this prejudice and suggested that we, KUUF, take on as a mission the support and acceptance of elder GLBT people. Several months ago, Kathy Vashro, contacted SAGE (Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders), applied to go to training in Chicago to work with staff of retirement and nursing home communities, and in January was given a phone interview for this training program. Next month, you may be hearing about the acceptance to the training program!!!



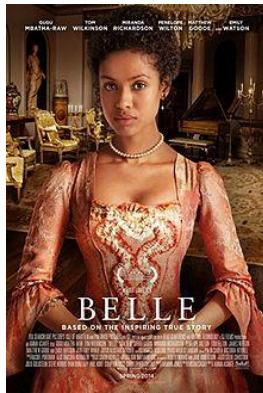
2017 FOOD PANTRY CAMPAIGN

The Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry has requested that KUUF contribute large juices (especially low sugar and 100% juice) for the month of February.



Social Activities

February 10, Friday, at Sally and Bob Bergquist home - 6:30-7
Movie starts at 7:00 PM



"BELLE"

This film is inspired by the true story of Dido Elizabeth Belle, the illegitimate mixed-race daughter of Admiral Sir John Lindsay. Raised by her aristocratic great-uncle Lord Mansfield and his wife, Belle's lineage affords her certain privileges, yet her status prevents her from the traditions of noble social standing. While her cousin Elizabeth chases suitors for marriage, Belle is left on the sidelines wondering if she will ever find love. After meeting an idealistic young vicar's son bent on changing society, he and Belle help shape Lord Mansfield's role as Lord Chief Justice to end slavery in England.

Bring a dessert or hors d'oeuvre to share.



Membership

Please notice and recognize the new attendees/guests at KUUF. People coming into the church enjoy YOUR recognition and are more likely to be returning attendees when they have attention. Tell them about and invite them to movie nights, circle dinners, and the women meditation group, give them the name or introduce them to the person involved in those activities.

**YOU ARE ALL A WELCOMING WARM CHURCH
COMMUNITY!!!**

An Invitation

You are cordially invited!

Please join us at the
Franklin Unitarian
Universalist Church of
Franklin, NH for our
Sunday Service
March 5th at 10:00 AM
Carpooling can be
arranged

Small Congregations Workshop

February 25th Workshop at the Franklin UU Church

Meet your fellow New Hampshire small

congregation members!



*A time of shared learning for the four
small UU congregations of Central
New Hampshire.*

We'll explore what it means to be a healthy, stable, and vital congregation during this moment of history. We'll investigate how to share our congregation's gifts and how to share the special gifts of Unitarian Universalism in our communities. With a flexible agenda, there will be time to address issues people wish to bring to this unique regional forum.

The workshop will be led by Karen Bellavance-Grace of the UUA and will run from 9:00 - 3:00 at the Franklin UU Meetinghouse, 206 Central Street, Franklin, NH. Lunch will be potluck. (We have an oven to warm items that need it.) There is no official registration but please let your congregation president, Henry Howell (exartik45@gmail.com or 938-5706), know if you would like to attend.





**DO YOU WANT TO PROMOTE THE PRODUCTION OF
CONTEMPORARY PLAYS CONCERNED ABOUT DIVERSITY;
RACIAL, GENDER AND LGBTQ TOPICS?**

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (January 25, 2017) – ***The Highlighter Reading Series: New Plays / New Media***, is raising \$11,000 for this exciting new production. The fundraiser is raising money to film a pilot to pitch, as a series, to various media outlets like PBS, Hulu, Amazon, etc. Artistic Director **Christian Haines** (*Shotz, Winner at NYC Fringe Fest*) has partnered with Producing Artistic Director **Mark Vashro** (*Sundance Grand Jury Prize for “Thunder Road”, Bike Against the Wind*) to bring this series to life. Through this series Christian and Mark aim to expose a larger audience to amazing plays by modern playwrights, inspire artistic directors to see and take on new material, encourage more people to see live theater, engage audiences in a larger dialogue about storytelling, inspire theater artists, connect young audiences to new plays and increase diversity (i.e. racial, gender and LGBTQ representation). Further, their goals are to produce high quality filmed readings of new plays, find the best new plays out there, bring together the best talent and find a distributor for this series.

The pilot episode will feature **Steven Cole Hughes’** (*Regis University, Denver Center Theater Company*) **A Good Indian**. Set against the background of the Wounded Knee massacre of 1890, and idealistic Indian Agent must balance the tension between his unhappy wife, a bloodthirsty US army captain and a Lakota medicine man that wants his people to dance The Ghost Dance.

The Indiegogo campaign for, ***The Highlighter Reading Series: New Plays / New Media***, runs through **February 11th**. Different donation levels offer recognition and a Highlighter Series Highlighter. For more information please visit www.highlighterreadingseries.com or visit www.IndieGogo.com and type in the word “Highlighter”. For any questions please email highlighterreadings@gmail.com.

Saturday, January 21, 2017, Women's March in Boston



UUSC Unitarian Universalist Service Committee Declaration of Conscience

At this extraordinary time in our nation's history, we are called to affirm our profound commitment to the fundamental principles of justice, equity and compassion, to truth and core values of American society.

In the face of looming threats to immigrants, Muslims, people of color, and the LGBTQ community and the rise of hate speech, harassment and hate crimes we affirm our belief in the inherent worth and dignity of every person..

In opposition to any steps to undermine the right of every citizen to vote or to turn back advances in access to health care and reproductive rights, we affirm our commitment to justice and compassion in human relations.

And against actions to weaken or eliminate initiatives to address the threat of climate change – actions that would threaten not only our country but the entire planet – we affirm our unyielding commitment to protect the interdependent web of all existence.

We will oppose any and all unjust government actions to deport, register, discriminate, or despoil.

As people of conscience, we declare our commitment to translate our values into action as we stand on the side of love with the most vulnerable among us.

We welcome and invite all to join in the commitment for justice.

The time is now.

To sign up, go to www.connect.uusc.org.