

Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
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March 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, March 5	Franklin UU Church
Thursday, March 9	Board Meeting – 7:00 PM @ the Bergquist’s
Sunday, March 12	Speaker: Sandy Cotter, Interfaith Refugee Resettlement Program
Sunday, March 19	Speaker: Rev. David Hutchinson
Sunday, March 26	Book Discussion – 9:30 AM – “Snow Falling on Cedars”
Sunday, March 26	Speaker: Rev. Dick Dutton – “The Soldier’s Son”

Homily Title: “The Practice of Nature”

Henry David Thoreau once wrote, “Let us spend one day as deliberately as Nature.” Thoreau and the transcendentalists found in nature a philosophic model for leading a spiritual life. Through observation and intimate involvement with the natural world insight and development of human capacity emerge. The simple act of looking at the cold winter sky contains a profound depth. Perhaps nature itself can provide a model that leads us toward calm stability, a long view and a more natural way to experience our human embodiment.

Thoughts from the KUUF Congregation

WHY ARE WE HERE?

I would now like to consider the reason that we exist, as miraculous as it is that we do. I believe there is a fairly simple answer to this age-old question. The answer may not be very satisfying to many but I think it is pretty close to being correct.

Everything exists because of imperfection.

In the beginning, when everything was compressed into a tiny dot, there must have been an ever so slight imperfection in this singularity, which eventually caused enough of an imbalance that the Big Bang occurred. From that point on slight variations over enormous stretches of time caused the simplest of things to coalesce or repel creating more variations and densities that created new and more complex things. These things in turn evolved due to slight imperfections; new more complex atoms; atoms that coalesced into molecules; molecules that weren't all perfect and thus allowed for change; eventually this led to self-sustaining molecules and life. Imperfections in the replication of life forms resulted in new life forms and those that did well reproduced and survived more successfully and so it goes to this day.

So if the universe were perfect there would be no change; perfect is perfect. With no change there is no space in which change takes place and no time during which change occurs, no evolution just static perfection. So for us to exist there must be imperfection. We are imperfect for a very good reason – so that we can exist.

Roger Wells for KUUF



Birthdays and Anniversaries

March Birthdays

1st – Loren Howard

March Anniversary

22nd – Donna & Mark Peirce



Sunday Coffee-Time

Host/Hostess Assignments

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Host/Hostess</u>	<u>Host/Hostess</u>
March 5	At Franklin UU Church	At Franklin UU Church
March 12	Yvonne Howard	Loren Howard
March 19	Marion Allen	
March 26		

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, March 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 Discussion

March 26, 2017 - 9:30 AM

Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson, 1995

San Pedro Island is a place so isolated that no one who lives there can afford to make enemies. In 1954 a local fisherman is found suspiciously drowned and a Japanese American named Kabuo Miyamoto is charged with his murder.

Memories grow as thick as cedar trees on San Pedro... memories of a love affair between a white boy and a Japanese girl who grew up to be Kabuo's wife.

Memories of what happened to its Japanese residents during WW II, when an entire community was sent into exile while its neighbors watched.

A story of discrimination and suspense.

Yvonne Howard has found excellent discussion questions on **Cedars**....If you would like to receive a copy, please let me know. 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.

National Geographic, January 2017, The Gender Issue

A special issue on the Gender Revolution around the world.

Among the Living by Jonathan Rabb, 2016.

Great Small Things by Jodi Picoult, 2016

Questions: Marion Allen 526-6776



WELCOMING COMMITTEE

CLOSING HEALTH GAPS FOR LGBT PATIENTS

Few clinicians are getting the word out of health care discrepancies among Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and offering medical care for those in the LGBT community. *The LGBT community has poor access to health care, *less insurance because less opportunity to have jobs that offer insurance, *fear from clinicians to treat LGBT people and fear from the LGBT community not being treated because of general population rejection, and why would a DR be any different?

*lower income than general population for using medical care

*higher rates of depression among LGBT patients

The heart of the disparity is TRANSPHOBIA

For more information and above information quoted

<http://www.pressreader.com/usa/star-tribune>

Find the January National Geographic magazine with articles on Transgender topics. I will look to have one available within our articles album. Kathy Vashro



2017 FOOD PANTRY CAMPAIGN

The Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry has requested that KUUF contribute cereal for the month of March.



Adult Lecture Series

The Adult Lectures series is going on hiatus until next September. After many years of exploring topics on religion, history, philosophy and science it was time to take a break. In the interim we will be looking at ways to expand our horizons as we search for new material to inspire us.



Membership

KUUF is coming to the final stretch of this 2016-2017 church year. Are you looking at or interested in becoming a member of KUUF or in reinstating the intentions of your membership this June when we can celebrate our connections, our diversities and our similarities?... Contact Kathy Vashro at 208 440-1855

Remember 

Sunday Service March 5th

Will be at the

**Franklin Unitarian Universalist
Church of Franklin, NH**

at 10:00 AM

You are cordially invited!

Carpooling can be arranged

New England UUA Regional Assembly 2017 APRIL 21st & 22nd

Celebrate our Unitarian Universalist faith through inspired worship, music, engaged learning, fun and fellowship. Meet the 2017 UUA Presidential Candidates. Sing. Reflect. Feel. Make connections. Awaken your spirit!

<https://www.uua.org/new-england>

Friday, April 21, 2017

- UUA Presidential Candidates Forum

Saturday, April 22, 2017

- Worship with acclaimed liturgist **Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout** and preacher **Rev. Robin Bartlett**

Workshops:

- "Congregational Relevance" with Hilary Allen
- "Justice Ministry Matters" with Meck Groot
- "Creating & Leading Dynamic Lay-Led Worship" with Rev. Sue Phillips

Community Sing with [Dr. Ysaye Barnwell](#)

Annual Meeting Northern New England District.



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

We are looking for homes and people to create a circle dinner in March or April. Look for sign-up sheets soon on the front desk at church.

Contact Kathy at jvashro@gmail.com 208 440-1855 or speak with Yvonne Howard in church.



KUUF PLEDGE DRIVE – WHAT’S IT ALL ABOUT?

KUUF can't offer you eternal life, divine forgiveness, salvation or – my favorite – an eternity blessed with 72 virgins called up just to serve me. However, it does offer an excellent opportunity to acquire some wisdom and support as we seek a deeper understanding of the nature and purpose of our lives, and evolve spiritually so as to be at peace with the road we are each traveling. All this in the company of so many other brave, like-minded explorers. It ain't chopped liver," a Jewish wag might say.

I can't imagine my life without a Unitarian Universalist church I can call my own. That's why I support it, with as much as I can afford.

KUUF's annual pledge drive kicks off in early April, when you will receive a pledge card for the church year beginning July 1. It's time to think about it. I hope come April you will return your card with your generous commitment to keep our church strong and vibrant.

Tom Maloof

DO YOU KNOW THIS ACRONYM????

LGBTQQIP2SAA – Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender,

Two Q's to cover both bases (queer and questioning);

I for Intersex, people with two sets of genitalia or various chromosomal differences;

P for Pansexual, people who refuse to be pinned down on the Kinsey scale;

2S for Two-Spirit, a tradition in many First Nations that considers sexual minorities to have both male and female spirits;

A for Asexual, people who do not identify with any orientation; and

A for Allies, recognizing that the community thrives best with loving supporters, although they are not really part of the community itself.

That manages to be pretty inclusive, but it's also pretty unwieldy.