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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, May 7	Speaker: Nancy Stone – “Shared Ministry 101”
Thursday, May 11	Board Meeting – 7:00 PM – at Henry Howell’s
Sunday, May 14	Speaker: Rev. Dr. Judith Wright
Sunday, May 21	Book Discussion – 9:30 AM – “The Handmaid’s Tale” by Margaret Atwood
Sunday, May 21	“Cautious Love”
Sunday, May 28	Speaker: Rev. Dick Dutton – “Freedom from Want”



Meditation

The Women’s Meditation Group will meet on Tuesdays, May 2 and 16th 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.

Thoughts from the Congregation

HAPPINESS IS...

Someone to love who loves you back;

A brisk sunny day with time for fun;

Close friends who listen and share;

Delicious food from across the world;

An act of kindness, both to and from;

Healthy minds with bodies to match;

Living a passion, whatever that is;

A kiss and spoon before we sleep.

Roger Wells for KUUF



Sunday Coffee-Time **Host/Hostess Assignments**

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Host/Hostess</u>	<u>Host/Hostess</u>
May 7	Libby Howell	Henry Howell
May 14		Edythe Anderson
May 21	Sandy Wells	Roger Wells
May 28		



Book Discussion - May 21, 2017 - 9:30 AM

The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood, 1984

Set in the near future, it describes life in what was once the United States and is now the Republic of Gilead, a monotheocracy that has reacted to social unrest and sharply declining birthrate by reverting to, and going beyond, the repressive far right Schlafly/Falwell type of ideals of intolerance of the original Puritans. It takes the book of Genesis literally, with bizarre consequences for the women.

The story is told by Offred, one of the handmaids. It is funny, horrifying, and convincing. It is satire with a dire warning.

This book is available in hardcover, paperback, and audio. Please join us for the discussion even if you haven't read the book.

Questions: Marion Allen 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 by 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



2017 FOOD PANTRY CAMPAIGN

The Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry has requested that KUUF contribute **canned fruit** for the month of May.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

May Birthdays

24th – Donn Klingler



Do-Gooder News: Within our congregation, a person took a stand on gender labeled bathrooms. Three weeks ago a KUUF member delicately suggested changing the WOMEN'S AND MEN'S BATHROOM signs to RESTROOMS approached an owner of a business. The rooms were "one-holers", so wouldn't be a public conflict of sharing bathrooms. The suggestion was taken well and "it would be looked into". At this point, change has not occurred. The KUUF member plans on talking with the owner again and hopefully, the owner/business will support the idea of non-gender bathrooms.

Take notice of GLBTQ comments, signs, and actions (bullying toward anyone) and do your part with accepting and welcoming all into this world. Being aware is the first step.. ENJOY your participation with supporting others.

SOCIAL EVENTS



MOVIE NIGHT – May 19 or 20 - Date and Location TBA

SNOW FALLING ON CEDARS (book discussion March 26)

A Canadian Catholic school temporarily removed the book from its shelves due to the book's sexual content. [3] The book has been challenged, banned, or restricted in several school systems in the United States. On a list of most banned books in USA between 2000–2009

Set on the fictional San Piedro Island in the northern [Puget Sound](#) region of the [Washington state](#) coast in 1950, the plot revolves around the murder case of Kazuo Miyamoto ([Rick Yune](#)), a [Japanese American](#) accused of killing Carl Heine, a [White](#) fisherman. The trial occurs in the midst of deep [anti-Japanese sentiments](#) following [World War II](#). Covering the case is the editor of the town's one-man newspaper, Ishmael Chambers ([Ethan Hawke](#)), a World War II veteran who lost an arm fighting the Japanese in the [Pacific War](#). Ishmael struggles with his childhood, and continuing, love for Kazuo's wife, Hatsue ([Youki Kudoh](#)), and his conscience, wondering if Kazuo is truly innocent.

**IF YOU HAVE A LOCATION FOR MAY'S MOVIE NIGHT,
PLEASE CONTACT KATHY 938-5476 OR 208 440-1855**



KUUF ANNUAL MEETING:

SUNDAY JUNE 4, 2017

Following the morning's service

Please contact Henry Howell for **topics you would like to see** placed on the Annual Meeting Agenda

Tel.: 938-5706

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Annual Meeting – June 4, 2017

There will be a light luncheon before our Annual Meeting. As many of you know Bob and Sally Bergquist will be moving to the Denver area soon. This luncheon will be our last opportunity to wish them well, and we hope all will be able to attend.

SERMON WRITING FOR LAY PREACHERS

Saturday, May 20 in Harford, CT

With Rev. Sue Phillips

If you suspect there might be a sermon inside you, and if you would like a chance to nurture and focus that voice within, join us for this hands-on sermon-writing workshop.



Contact the New England Region UUA

(617) 948-6415, newengland@uua.org



Fund Drive

The KUUF Board of Trustees will finalize the budget for next year at their May meeting. This will then be presented to the congregation at the June 4, 2017, Annual Meeting for approval.

To get this done we need your pledge card ASAP! As always, we will need YOUR help if we are to not just continue, but strengthen our role as a Unitarian Universalist haven for freethinking people. We at KUUF need each other, and the world needs us, now more than ever! With your help we can make this coming year a great one!

Ken Preston, Treasurer



CELEBRATING MOTHER'S DAY

The original Mother's Day Proclamation was written by Julia Ward Howe in 1870. Well-known at the time as a vibrant anti-slavery activist, suffragette and poet, she had composed the militant hymn "Battle Hymn of the Republic", which became the Union Army's most popular song during the Civil War.

The then-new technology of photography, with journalists' graphic depictions of how nearly 100,000 men and boys lost their lives, and the post war traumas of 100,000 returning injured, jolted Julia into an intense anti-war activism, calling mothers to cry out for peace.

Here we are, 147 years later, building again on the deep concerns of women, exhibited in the giant January D.C. Demonstration and the determined, continuing committee work.

The proclamation was shocking to many back in 1870. Julia expressed a deep understanding of the cultural, economic and political pressures which still support wars. Julia's husband and family were extremely upset though many of her descendants now encourage a fresh return to pressing for peace. It is interesting to note that Anna Jarvis, the woman who proposed an honoring - mothers alternative celebration 35 years later, became very uncomfortable with the commercialization of her basically beautiful idea. It was intended then to support the women's suffrage movement and was considered helpful.

We can honor Mother's Day both ways; to celebrate loving respect for our mothers and a deep commitment to work for peace.

Here are some excerpts from Julia Ward Howe's original Mother's Day Call for Peace:

"Arise women of this day"! "Say firmly, we will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies. Our sons will not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have taught them of charity, mercy and patience. We women of one country will be too tender of those of another to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs.

"In the name of womanhood and of humanity, I earnestly ask that a general congress of women without limit of nationality maybe appointed and held at some place deemed most convenient and at the earliest period consistent with its objects, to promote the alliance of the different nationalities, the amicable settlement of international questions, the great and general interests of peace". *Jane F. Guise*