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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, June 4	Speaker: Betsy Woodman – “Toying Around”
Sunday, June 4	Annual Meeting
Thursday, June 8	Board Meeting – 7:00 PM – at Ken Preston’s
Sunday, June 11	Speaker: Rev. Douglas Wilson – “Love Lives at the Heart of the Universe”
Sunday, June 18	Speaker – Roger Wells – “Moral Leadership: Wherefore Art Thou”
Sunday, June 25	Speaker: Rev. Dick Dutton – “Freedom from Fear”



Meditation

The Women’s Meditation Group will meet on Tuesdays, June 6 and 20th 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

ARE THERE MIRACLES?

Consider the following: Our galaxy is estimated to have 300 billion stars. These stars are estimated to have 17 billion earth-sized planets. Assuming only 0.001% of these planets have life that has evolved to sentient beings, as happened on earth, there could be 17 million such “earths” in our galaxy alone.

The total number of humans that have lived on earth is estimated to be 108 billion. Assuming 17 million possible other earths, nearly 1,840,000,000,000,000,000 someones may have existed in just our galaxy. Multiply that number by 200 billion for all the galaxies we can see and the fact that you or I exist seems rather unlikely.

If the Big Bang Theory is correct, all this started at a point in time and space at which there was no time or space and to which the laws of nature therefore cannot be applied. This seems to meet the definition of a miracle...i.e., “*an event not ascribable to human power or the laws of nature.*”

In any event, the fact that your and my parents were born and met and then had you and me and we are here and alive and that the chance of that happening in this universe is so remote as to be unfathomable, means that you and I are indeed miracles. Don't you think?

Roger Wells for KUUF



KUUF Gives to Kids 4 Peace

In April the Social Concerns Committee collected contributions for the Kids4Peace, (k4p) scholarship fund. Founded in Jerusalem in 2002, k4p is a global movement of youth and families, dedicated to ending conflict and inspiring hope in divided societies around the world. The k4p organization operates international summer camps, leadership programs and a 6-year, year-round program for more than 500 Palestinian, Israeli and North American youth.

The New Hampshire Chapter of k4p is hosting a camp this summer for 7th and 8th grade students of Christian, Muslim, and Jewish faiths. The camp is scheduled for June 28- July 9 at Plymouth State University. Activities will include singing and performing a play at the Flying Monkey Movie House and Performance Center, outdoor games, arts & crafts, interfaith learning including visits to a mosque, synagogue, and church, peace and leadership skill-building. <http://www.k4p.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Camp-2017-Final.pdf>

Unfortunately, not all of the children who are interested in participating in this program can afford the \$1200 camp tuition. However, k4p maintains a scholarship fund so that no child is ever turned away for lack of ability to pay. This scholarship fund relies on individuals, congregations, and community groups for financial support and thanks to your generosity, KUUF as a congregation, has just donated \$585 to k4p. Thank you!



Book Discussion – June 25, 2017 - 9:30 AM

It Can't Happen Here by Sinclair Lewis, 1935

A novel that foreshadowed Donald Trump's authoritarian appeal.

- Salon

A cautionary tale about the fragility of democracy. It is an alarming, eerily timeless look at how fascism could take hold in America. **It Can't Happen Here** is the only one of Sinclair Lewis's later novels that match the power of **Main Street**, **Babbitt**, and **Arrowsmith**.

Written during the Great Depression when the country was largely oblivious to Hitler's aggression, it juxtaposes sharp political satire with the chillingly realistic rise of a president who becomes a dictator to save the nation from welfare cheats, sex, crime, and a liberal press. A novel that remains as fresh and contemporary as today's news.

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, Pub Special Edition, 2008.

Bellevue: Three Centuries of Medicine and Mayhem at America's Most Storied Hospital, David Shinseki, 2016



2017 FOOD PANTRY CAMPAIGN

The Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry has requested that KUUF contribute the following for the months of June, July, and August:

June – Large juice (esp. low sugar & 100% juice)

July – Cereal

August – Canned soup (not chicken noodle)



Birthdays and Anniversaries

June Birthdays	June Anniversaries
6 th – Roger Wells	1 st – Betsy & Earl Abbe
16 th – Susan Crickman	
July Birthdays	July Anniversaries
20 th – Marion Allen	21 st - Kathy & Jim Vashro
21 st - Jim Vashro	
August Birthdays	August Anniversaries
14 th – Marcus Johnson	24 th – Bob & Sally Bergquist
15 th – Yvonne Howard	
16 th – Libby Howell	
16 th – Ken Preston	



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

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Sunday Coffee-Time Host/Hostess Assignments

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Host/Hostess</u>	<u>Host/Hostess</u>
June 4	Annual Meeting	Annual Meeting
June 11	Marion Allen	Susan Nellen
June 18	Yvonne Howard	Loren Howard
June 25	Lois Magenau	Marcus Johnson

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.

Social Committee

In May, Sally and Bob hosted their last social event in their home. Thank you so much for having us all over in the middle of your moving - So gracious... THANK YOU. We will remember the circle dinners, holiday parties, and movie nights you provided throughout your years at KUUF...

LATE JUNE may find us having a social event at Bettie Howard's newly renovated home. Stay tuned for that event

AUGUST – summer party at Howard's home – date to be announced before the end of June.

The Bradford Town Meeting

Dick and Marcia Keller were thanked and congratulated at a recent Bradford Town Meeting for all they have contributed to the Town of Bradford over the last several decades. The Kellers were presented with a replica 1850's map of Bradford commemorating their service to the town.



Andover's 4th of July Parade

The float is looking good. All parts and pieces are done except for the flower panels, and many kind hands are busy helping out with that. See the finished "spectacular" at the July 4th Parade.

Loren Howard

Don Gould Annual School Supply Drive

Each year in the month of June, the Social Concerns Committee collects donations to provide backpacks loaded with essential school supplies to children in need in Andover. This school supply drive was originally the idea of Don Gould because the education of all children was so important to him. Don acted as our liaison with the Andover Middle School and guided us through the process of supplying children in need with the tools to access their education.

Since we began this several years ago thanks to the generosity of our KUUF membership and friends, we have been able to provide 15 complete packs to the Andover Middle School each August for the current school year. Church members can purchase backpacks or school supplies to donate, or make a financial contribution to the project and we will do the shopping. The Social Concerns Committee will be available to accept your contributions at church services each Sunday in June. Our goal is to once again provide 15 backpacks to the Andover Middle School for the coming school year. Each one needs to be filled with the following:

- ✓ 4 Colored Pocket Folders
- ✓ 4 Pens (Black or Navy)
- ✓ Filler Paper
- ✓ 2 1-Subject Notebooks
- ✓ 1 Dozen Pencils with Erasers
- ✓ 1 Dozen Colored Pencils

Any contribution you can make will be greatly appreciated! Also, any extra money collected will be donated in cash to the school to provide health snacks to those in need. These snacks are distributed by the school nurse.

For more information please contact Liz Maloof.

(lizzijo48@gmail.com or call 526-9889)



GLBTQ

CURRENT

June is PRIDE month around the world; it commemorates the Stonewall Riots, which occurred June 28, 1969, at the Stonewall Inn - a Gay bar in NYC. To show your support for equality and rights of all people, attend a parade in Boston, Springfield, VT, RI, Worcester, Quebec, Portland or any major city around this globe.

May 24, 2017

Taiwan's High Court rules that same sex marriage is legal. Taiwan is the first Asian country to say 'yes' to marriage equality....

HISTORY

During WWII homosexuals wore pink triangles and sentences to concentration camps only because of their sexual orientation. When the allies freed the holocaust victims, all were set free, except those that wore pink triangles. They were arrested and put in jail, as it was illegal to be homosexual in Germany in 1945. Not until 2002 did the German government apologize.

MEMBERSHIP

Last year, we had several members recommit to KUUF and several sign our membership book. If you are interested in supporting KUUF and becoming a member, please contact Kathy Vashro, so we may officially welcome you into the KUUF 'family'.

Concert for flute, cello, harpsichord, and piano with Martha Woodward, flutist; Donna Denniston, cellist; and Rob St. Cyr, accompanist



**MUSIC BY BACH, HAYDN, WIDOR,
FAURÉ, SAINT-SAËNS, DAMASE**

Friday, June 23, 2017– 7:30 PM

The Stone Chapel at Proctor Academy

Route 11 – Andover, NH

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Refreshments will be served

Tickets \$15.00 & \$5.00 (16 & under) Available at Morgan Hill Book Store, New London. Also available at the door, but seating is limited.