

The Messenger

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A Postcard from Rev. Michael

“A single event can awaken within us a stranger totally unknown to us. To live is to be slowly born.”

— Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Dear KUUC,

I imagine that you have enjoyed your time these past 3 ½ months, as I have also tried to do. Soon enough we will be together, swapping stories and delighting in each other's company. I trust that you have been busy and hope that you have been wise. I will be back on June 1st and look forward to leading worship again in the last month of this “church year” (more about those services at a later time) and planning a new summer worship calendar. I have so much to share with you as we plan the celebration of our 200th year as a congregation!

See you in June.

Yours in Shared Ministry

Rev. Michael



KUUC MISSION STATEMENT

The people of KUUC are committed to actively creating compassionate community and working for a fair and peaceful world.

THE SEVEN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST PRINCIPLES

Our Seven UU Principles are not dogma or doctrine, but rather a covenant made between our Unitarian Universalist congregations around the world. Many of our members use “The Principles” as a guide for how they choose to live their faith at home and in their communities.

- 1st Principle:** The inherent worth and dignity of every person
- 2nd Principle:** Justice, equity and compassion in human relations
- 3rd Principle:** Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations
- 4th Principle:** A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
- 5th Principle:** The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large
- 6th Principle:** The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all
- 7th Principle:** Respect for the interdependent web of existence of which we are a part

THE SIX SOURCES OF OUR LIVING TRADITION

As religious pluralists we draw upon multiple sources of inspiration in worship and daily life including:

- Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces that create and uphold life;**
- Words and deeds of prophetic people, which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;**
- Wisdom from the world's religions, which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;**
- Jewish and Christian teachings, which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;**
- Humanist teachings, which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;**
- Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions, which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.**

REV. MICHAEL'S SCHEDULE & OFFICE HOURS June 2023:

TIME OFF: Sabbatical February 1st-May 31st.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE- June Messenger

President's Message - June

I have recently found myself feeling deep gratitude for so many things in my life. Gratitude for my family and friends. Gratitude for the opportunity to spend a glorious weekend at Ferry Beach. Gratitude for my church community that means so much to me. As my year as Board of Trustees President comes to a close at the end of this month, I want to share with all of you my gratitude for the many outstanding members of this church that I have had the pleasure to work with this year.

- To the Board of Trustees: Carl Jacobs, Caroline Stave-Viemeister, Tom Haynes, Tina Stevens, Carol Hill, Stella Scott, Eloise Clark and John Walter – for your commitment and dedication in providing leadership to this church (as well as to me). Thank you.
- To the Worship Committee: Lindsay Bartlett and Deb McLay – for your tireless work throughout the year to see that the congregation has everything necessary for Sunday Services. Thank you.
- To David Teubner: for your expertise in bringing us into the 21st century and providing the congregation with high quality streaming options. Thank you.
- To the Music Committee and Choir: for all that you do to bring us the joy of music at every service. Thank you.
- To the Religious Education Committee and Coordinator – for keeping our small but important program alive and active. Thank you.
- To our Office Administrator, Sue Walthour – for your professionalism, skill and everything you have done to keep things running smoothly. Thank you.

Clearly this is a much-abbreviated list, as I feel it would take more than several pages for me to adequately express my gratitude to everyone who I have worked with this year. But to each of you who volunteered for an event, attended a meeting or offered a suggestion or a kind word – Thank you. This church is truly a living example of the phrase, “It takes a village...”

With many thanks –
Susie Ericson-West
KUUC Board of Trustees President

MUSIC June 2023:

Please mark your calendars! The KUUC Choir and the Music Committee invite you to a potluck dinner followed by a musical "Open Mic" on Saturday, May 27th.

The Open Mic will be from 5:00 -7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Coffee and beverages will be provided. Suggestions for bringing a dish:

Last name A - G: Desserts

Last name H - M: Side Dish

Last name N - Z: Main Dish

If you have a specialty or a favorite potluck dish, feel free to make that instead! See you in the Parish Hall for a night of music and community.

For those who are interested in participating in the "Open Mic" please contact me through my email rdearth@hotmail.com or by phone at 603-398-5350 to discuss what you will be performing so that accompaniment can be provided.

This month the choir will be singing in church on 5/14/23 and 5/28/23.

The choir rehearses every Thursday from 6:30-8:00. New members are always welcome to join us. Please see me or anyone in the choir for details!

Peace,

Donna

GREETINGS FROM RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION June 2023:

Greetings from RE

Summer is here! The trees are in full bloom (my eyes and sinuses let me know every morning) the flowers are beautiful, and my vegetable garden is growing growing growing! I may need to bring in pole beans for Flower Communion. We will see.

Thank you to everyone who stepped up, everyone who pulled me aside this year during coffee hour to share kind words of encouragement, stories of past successes, and kind suggestions. We don't know what the following year will look like, but we

will be together. This month's Soul Matters theme is Delight. I encourage you to take this summer and find something that delights you. Delight is like happiness from your soul, it's the instinctually positive response we have from an experience.

Coming up in June we've got Blocks, Clay, a special art session, and flower communion to wrap up the RE year.

Thank you for a great transition year.

*We will continue to work on the Children's Garden through the summer. I will communicate through the Facebook app and messenger as to when we will meet up. We're still looking for a few more river rocks to line the garden.

I encourage you all to think about what you want RE to look like next year, and come to the REcom with any suggestions, hopes, and ideas you may have. Your involvement is wanted and necessary.

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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, EVENTS, OPPORTUNITIES, ETC.

Slice of Fellowship

Slice of Fellowship and Senior Lunch Bunch will resume next Fall. Stay Tuned!

Call Betty Forrest 603- 357-1534 or email mandbforrest@myfairpoint.net with any questions.



KUUC Outdoors



**Planning Meeting
Sunday, May 28
12:00pm
Ashuelot River Park
273 West St, Keene
42°N, 72°W**

Ready for adventure? Have an excursion in mind?
Join us after service on Sunday, May 28.
Bring a brown bag lunch, maps, and ideas!
If the weather is inclement, meet at Starbucks Coffeeshop.

KUUC Outdoors info contact: Tom Julius tjulius54@gmail.com (603) 357-4521





Monadnock Interfaith Project

Building An Interfaith Coalition for Community Understanding and Social Justice

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Greetings from Monadnock Interfaith Project,

Click this link for the most recent [Monadnock Interfaith Project eNewsletter](#).

This month's MIP eNews includes photos from the Interfaith Passover Seder, updates about the Housing Development Fund campaign, information about the Feeding Tiny Tummies Cereal Fest, and an announcement about the upcoming NH Gives statewide fundraising event for nonprofits.

So many ways to come together for interfaith community, understanding, and social justice! By joining with others, we connect conversations across traditions and experience being part of positive change in the greater community.

If you would like to become a subscriber and receive the MIP eNews directly through your email, or just want to know more about MIP, contact Tom Julius at monadnockinterfaith@gmail.com.

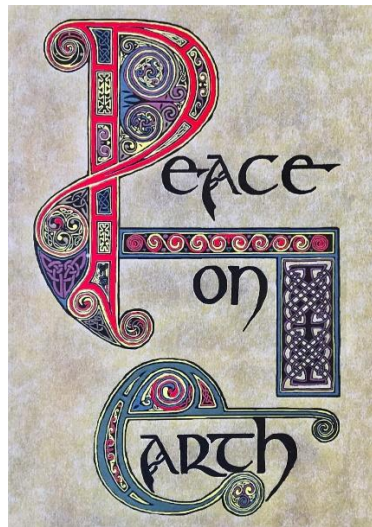
UUU CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Jesus and Buddha Summer Series

For the next three months the UU Christian Scriptures Fellowship Group will be using the book "Jesus and Buddha: The Parallel Sayings" by Marcus Borg to explore teachings of Jesus and the Buddha on themes such as compassion, materialism and temptation. All are welcome! It is not necessary to buy or read the book to participate. Many Buddhist and Christian teachers and scholars have commented on the similarities between the teachings of Jesus and Buddha in many areas of life. We will choose a few of these areas to reflect on.

Our fellowship group meets the first Tuesday of every month from 5:00 – 6:30. Our next meeting (and first of this series) is June 6th. We are now meeting in-person in the Alliance Room, with the option to participate via ZOOM. This group is for anyone who would like to explore timeless themes in the Bible and other spiritual sources and share their experiences, feelings and insights in a supportive small group environment, and support one another's spiritual growth and understanding. This group is guided by the 4th UU principle that affirms "a free and responsible search for truth and meaning" and is free of the doctrine or dogma that has often characterized traditional institutional Christianity.

For information and Zoom meeting details, contact Carol at 603-863-4920/ 603-398-5389 or cstamatakis@outlook.com.



GENERAL INFORMATION:

AUGUST MESSENGER DEADLINE

The deadline for the *June Messenger* will be 5 P.M. on Wednesday, July 19th. The due date for *Messenger* submissions will be on the 19th of the month prior to their issue (the only exceptions will be for the January issue---deadline December 15th---and the fact that there is no *July Messenger*). Send all your articles to Rev. Michael at rev.michaelkuuc1824@gmail.com and the office manager at office@kuuc.org.

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| Shawls of Love: | Darcy Doyle |
| Slice of Fellowship: | Betty Forrest |
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| Worship: | Lindsay Bartlett & Deb McLay |
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September-June

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