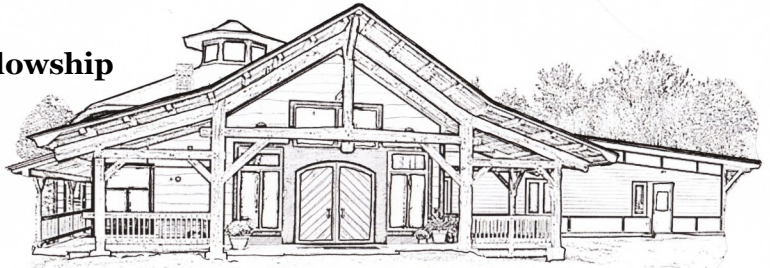


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The Reverend Sarah Stewart, Minister

September 2011

Cindy Spring, DRE

Sunday Services - 9:30 am

September 4: "Living in Harmony: Lessons from the Three Sisters, Corn, Beans and Squash"

Cynthia Scrimshaw

This service will draw upon the story and metaphor of the Three Sisters, a Native American tradition of planting three crops together that grow in harmony, while nourishing and supporting one another.

September 11: "Ingathering and Remembrance"

The Rev. Sarah C. Stewart preaching. Please bring a small amount of water that symbolizes your journey or your family for our annual Water Ceremony.

September 18: "All That We Do. All That We Teach"

The Rev. Sarah C. Stewart preaching.

September 25: "Universalism Then and Now"

The Rev. Sarah C. Stewart preaching.

Yard Sale, September 10!!!

We need volunteers for our very important yard sale fundraiser. Come and join in the fun as we get ready for this very important SKUUF fundraiser. Note the days and times below.

Tuesday, August 30, 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Thursday, September 1, 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Tuesday, September 6, 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Wednesday, September 7, 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Thursday, September 8, 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Friday, September 9 - YARD SALE SET UP

Check with George Maloof for times when help is needed, and

Saturday, September 10 - YARD SALE, come to help, come to buy.

If you still have items to be dropped off, you can also come by on Saturday, August 27 10:00 to noon, and Sunday, August 28 10:30 to 11:30 am. See more drop off information on page 10.

George Maloof

Labor Day Summer Picnic

Monday, September 5 at 3:00 pm. at the home of Mitch Manseau and Phyllis Rockwell. See details on page 9



In Fellowship
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Exciting New Programs for an Exciting New Year

Welcome back! I spent a wonderful summer with my husband and sons, visiting family and friends around New England and New York, reading, and painting my kitchen. I'm happy to be engaged once more with my ministry at Starr King Fellowship and to get going on a new year.

Music

As you may know, Starr King Fellowship received a grant from the Downing Trust, a trust operated by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Concord, New Hampshire for the growth of Unitarian Universalism in New Hampshire. The grant is for \$1,000 and funds half of a new position at the fellowship: a part-time pianist to accompany our wonderful choir and play the hymns on Sunday morning.

What you may not know is that the grant was matched, just after our annual meeting in May, by a generous gift of \$1,000 from a member of the congregation. This member wants to see our music ministry thrive; we are very grateful for their generosity.

The search for a pianist will already have begun by the time you read this. The search committee is composed of Mary Hazelton, our Music Director; Eva Nagorka, a mezzo-soprano and music teacher; and myself. We will be seeking to understand from the choir and other members of the congregation what we want from a pianist and then working to hire someone as soon as possible.

Bible Study

For the fall and winter, I will be offering Bible Study for Religious Liberals as adult religious education. We will be using the book *Understanding the Bible: An Introduction for Skeptics, Seekers and Religious Liberals* by John Buehrens to read our way through key passages in the Hebrew Bible and the Christian scriptures. The first meeting will be Thursday September 8 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. We will meet twice a month on Thursday evenings.

This class will explore what's in the Bible, when events in stories are supposed to have happened, and when the texts were written. We'll ask what meaning the story had for the person who wrote it, for its intended audience at the time, and for us in our lives today. I like to think of the Bible not as a book, but as a bookshelf that has been bound together. Come join in a wonderful read through of the books on that shelf, learn how they got there, and why they're still important today.

In fellowship,
Rev. Sarah

The View From Where I Sit September 2011

As we begin this church year and as I begin my term as your Board President I am honored to have been chosen to lead the Fellowship for the next two years. I know with the help and support of our Board and you it will be an exciting time, with lots of hard work but we can manage to have fun while we are doing it.

As many of you know, I am a Selectman in New Hampton. When I first ran for the office I campaigned on the idea of change. I acknowledged that change is always going to happen, we cannot stop it, but we can attempt to control that change to prevent negative effects. It appears to me that it is no different here at SKUUF. Look at the changes that have occurred here over the past four or five years, not the least of which is the building addition and our steady growth. We have managed those changes extremely well and have come through them stronger, closer and more united.

Beginning this church year I do not foresee any major changes. There will be some though and I feel very strongly that we can continue to negotiate any and all of them as we have in the past if we communicate with each other. Open, honest and frank conversations about the subject can bring about an understanding of the change and will go a long way to alleviating any fears. The Board will keep you informed of any alterations to our existing way of doing business here at SKUUF.

The Board has already had its first meeting of the year at which we constructed our covenant. We also committed to implementing the vision outlined in our revised Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan is available to all on the Starr King website and I ask you to familiarize yourself with it again. We have established additional goals for the coming year which include an update of the SKUUF Operations Manual and investigation of a Planned Giving Program. Stay tuned for further details.

We want to foster openness in all matters and communicate the workings of the Board to the Fellowship. To this end, we will have the minutes of our regular meetings posted on the website for your review and information. I would also encourage the Committees to do the same. Communication is a two way street and you are encouraged to make your opinions or concerns known to any Board member so they can be relayed to the full Board.

I am looking forward to an exciting year at SKUUF!

Welcome back to our spiritual home,

Sincerely,
Paul Tierney

September 11 Memorial Service

The town of Plymouth will hold a September 11 memorial service on Sunday, September 11 at 2:45 p.m. on the town common. The Rev. Sarah Stewart will offer the closing prayer. All are welcome to attend.

SKUUF Finances Snapshot as of August 18, 2011

Fiscal Year to Date, Operating:

Income	\$ 10,251.96
Expenses	\$ 13,031.07
Important Balances	
Operating Funds	\$ 13,753.74
Building Funds**	\$ 799.65
Endowment Funds*	\$ 12,490.92

This snapshot shows only selected funds. This is not a full accounting of assets or liabilities. If you would like more detailed information feel free to contact Nancy Chaddock, or me.

*These funds represent multiple accounts grouped together.

** This includes the principal from the new mortgage.

Meticulously submitted,
Mark Becker

Note from the Treasurer

Please note that our Building Funds are now low. In fact they are more than a little depleted. This summer we paid the lenders, SKUUF members, from whom we borrowed monies for two years in order to complete the building expansion project ahead of the receipt of capital campaign income. We are grateful to all who have made contributions over the last few years to this beautifully designed and functional building. It takes my breath away every time I approach this gathering place of ours.

We do have building and land issues that need to be funded, mostly related to items that had to be taken out of the official building expansion project over a year ago because at that time we could not be sure we would have the necessary funds. There are some capital campaign pledges outstanding. The income we receive from the capital campaign from this point in time forward will help us as we plan the financing of work still necessary to be done for our Meetinghouse and its surrounding land.

Nancy Chaddock, Treasurer

Religious Education Notes

I have had a wonderful summer - hope that is also true for many of you! I spent much of July here tying up “loose ends” at SKUUF and beginning to plan for the fall. On August 1, I flew to Minnesota to spend two weeks with my mother (91!) and extended family. Such fun to meet all the new great nieces and nephews and to reconnect with my siblings.

We spent a week at a lake and I found time to read through a UUA book called Journeys of the Spirit. It is about planning **mission trips for Unitarian Universalist Youth**. Our youth will be in a “Coming of Age” class this year. The plan is to have them organize, fund-raise and **take a mission trip together in the spring of 2013**. Want to be part of that exciting process? Give me a call! (I was pleased that through-out the book there are suggestions on how to connect the experience to our faith.)

As you are reading this newsletter, **Mark Casale** and I will have just returned from a two-day workshop for UUs on “Teacher Development.” As preparation for the workshop, we are reading the book ***The Courage to Teach*** by Parker Palmer. We plan to co-lead a teacher training event for our SKUUF volunteers in early September.

Speaking of volunteers, **thank you to everyone who has said “yes” to teaching this fall!** With four classrooms plus the Nursery, we need a lot of leaders. At this point we have about two thirds of our teaching staff. I hope to “fill in the blanks” in the next two weeks.

See you at the Fellowship

Cindy Spring, DRE

Covenant Group

Hi everyone! Welcome back to SKUUF. And with September comes the approach of the start of our Covenant Group for this year. In case you are not familiar with our Covenant Group (called Small Group Ministry in some locales), it is a group that meets twice a month for two hours each time. There are discussion topics for each meeting, although at times we do digress a little. Examples of topics from last year are Spirituality, Listening, Death and Loss plus many others.

The group is a really good way to get to know more of your fellow SKUUFers as well as to explore your own spirituality.

The Group is co-facilitated by SKUUF members Jane Clay and Gary Walker, and the target membership for the group is eight to ten people. We will start in early to mid October and continue to meet into June of next year. In past years we have met on Tuesday nights.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact me, Gary Walker. I'm at SKUUF most Sundays and can be reached by email at gwalker@nhecwb.com. Starting in September there will be a sign up sheet for the Group in the Foyer at SKUUF.

Gary Walker

About Membership in Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

What It Means to Be a Member

SKUUF membership is open to all individuals regardless of race, creed, national origin, gender, or sexual orientation. You are invited to become a member by participating in a membership orientation or by meeting with the Minister to review the rights and responsibilities of membership. All new members sign the official Fellowship membership book witnessed by the Membership Chair or the Minister.

Members are entitled to the services of the minister and the use of the sanctuary for rites of passage (weddings, dedications, funerals, etc.) at no cost. Members also have the privilege of full voting rights, are eligible to serve as Chairs of committees, and may be elected to Officer positions.

Membership is maintained by active participation in the Fellowship and by supporting the annual fund and/or contributing service towards the Fellowship.

What it means to Be a Friend

A Friend is an individual in harmony with the visions, goals, and programs of SKUUF who chooses not to sign the Membership book. A Friend may participate in any and all Fellowship activities, but does not receive rites of passage services without fee, cannot vote and may not serve as a committee Chair or Fellowship Officer.

For More Information on Membership

If you are considering becoming an official member of our Fellowship, or if you can support membership activities, please contact, Membership Co-Chairs, Danni Simon or Darlene Nadeau.

Members and Friends Directory

2012 Members and Friends Directory:

Work on the 2012 Directory will begin this summer but without a regular Office Assistant it may take longer than usual. Everyone can help by checking all personal contact information, updating it if necessary, adding a birth date if it is not already listed. Changes and additions should be sent to Mary Tierney.

Thanks for your help.

Mary Tierney

Circle Dinners

Circle Dinners are being scheduled again this fall. If you are interested in hosting a breakfast, lunch, tea or dinner please contact Suzanne Appleton at 744-8897 to pick your date.

Stewardship Committee

If you prefer to use cash to pay your pledge, please use the designated envelopes available by the Sanctuary door. Simply add your name to the outside and seal in your cash!

Thank you all for pledging to Starr King !
Andrea Sutherland

Play Bridge Thursday Afternoons at SKUUF

If you are a bridge player interested in the Thursday afternoon bridge game at Starr King Fellowship, please see Anna Wilken.



Hospitality

Here is the list of those responsible for coffee hour in September, October and November. If you are unable to do coffee hour on the date you are assigned, please try to find a replacement, or ask a member of the Hospitality Committee to help you find one.

September 11	Mark and Elizabeth Becker and Family
September 18	Stew Weldon and Family Amey Bailey and Family
September 25	Sue Brothers Joel Heathcote
October 2	Ron Janson Connie Maatta
October 9	Leslie Bryant and Christie Faella Natalie Thompson
October 16	Michelle Chamberlain Amy MacDonald
October 23	Bobbie Crocker George Maloof Marcia VanderMast
October 30	Sally Davis Kree Woolley and Family
November 6	Deb and Mark Casale and Family Bill and Betty Nicholson
November 13	Paul and Gigi Estes Belinda Phillips
November 20	Nancy Chaddock Shonna Perrin and Family
November 27	Bob and Jane Clay
December 4	Virginia and Sam Miller and Family Janet Dearborn

Members of the Hospitality Committee are:

Elizabeth Becker
Deedie Kriebel
Nancy Dowey
Bev Seavey



SKUUF Committee Chairs

Here is a list of the current SKUUF committee chairs. Contact any of the people below if you are interested in joining a committee, or have questions about the activities of a committee.

Activities: Mitch Manseau and
Deedie Kriebel
Adult Education: Pat Hoertdoerfer and
Barbara Lambert
Budget and Finance: Richard Sparks
Committee on Ministry: Mary Tierney
Covenant Groups: Bill Trought
Denominational Affairs: —
Endowment: —
Extending Family: Sue Brothers and
Marcia VanderMast
Fundraising: George Maloof
Hospitality: Beverly Seavey
Membership: Darlene Nadeau and
Danni Simon
Newsletter Editor: Barbara Avery
Nominating: —
Property Management: Barrie Sawyer
Public Relations: Beverly Walker
Religious Education: Amy MacDonald
Social Justice: —
Stewardship: Beverly Walker and
Laura Thibault
Worship and Music: Mary Hazelton and
Whitney Howarth



SKUUM

The men's group, SKUUM, will resume meeting on Sunday, September 18. Meetings are from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the upstairs conference room at SKUUF.

Bill Trought

Adult Education Sundays at 11:00 am

September 18: **Introduction to Adult Education**

The Adult Education committee will be presenting, with the help of various members of the fellowship, information on Adult Ed and related activities that will be available through December. Come with ideas on how you might want to participate or contribute to the committee's programming.

September 25: ***Mother Nature's Child, Growing Outdoors in the Media Age*** (57 min.)

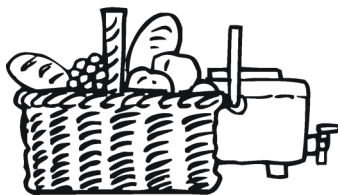
The theme of nature, which will be addressed in a variety of ways through the year during this 11:00 am time slot, is being introduced today with a viewing of the documentary ***Mother Nature's Child***. The film explores how children today may or may not have unstructured experiences in nature and the impact of this. If children are in some way important in your life, you will find much to think about with this excellently done documentary. Additionally, adults will find themselves reflecting on their own experiences growing up as well as their current experiences with nature. If you wish to stay afterward, Barbara Lambert will lead a short discussion. There will, however, be other Sundays to discuss these and related themes.

Barbara Lambert

Activities Committee

Summer Picnic

Monday, September 5 at 3:00 pm.



MISSING OTHER SKUUF-

ERS? Join us on Monday, Labor Day, for our now annual Potluck Picnic at Newfound Farm in E. Hebron. Bring your own chairs, drinks, something for the grill, and a salad/veggie/dessert to share for an afternoon of socializing and feasting. If weather permits, perhaps a trip to the beaver pond, Whittemore Brook to cool your toes, or a hike to the local cemetery with Revolutionary War veteran graves (more fun than it sounds!). Or badminton? Bring your favorite games. If the weather is inclement, we're "covered." Please call/e-mail Mitch (away until August 31), if you plan to attend at 744-2332 or mitch@newfoundfarm.org.

Games Night at SKUUF

Friday, September 10 at 7:00 pm. Come join in the fun. Bring a game and a dessert to share. Games start at 7:00 pm in our fellowship hall. Elizabeth Becker is your host. Please call her for details. You'll love it, so plan on coming the second Friday of every month – same time and place.



Second Sunday Hike



Sunday, September 11 at noon. The group will leave from the lower parking lot at SKUUF. There will be opportunities for both turtles and hares. The

hike is TBA. Any ideas? Contact Mitch at mitch@newfoundfarm.org.

The Mill Fudge Factory

Thursday, September 1 at 8:00 pm, **The King's Speech**—Britain's King George VI (Colin Firth) struggles with an embarrassing stutter for years until he seeks help from unorthodox Australian speech therapist Lionel Logue (Geoffrey Rush) in this biographical drama that chalked up multiple Academy Awards, including Best Picture. Logue's pioneering treatment and unlikely friendship give the royal leader a sense of confidence that serves him and his country well during the dark days of World War II. Rated R, 119 Minutes. \$5 Admission. **If anyone would like to meet before the movie for a bite to eat, contact Deedie at cdkriebel@gmail.com.**

Silver Center PSU

Saturday, September 24 at 8:30 pm. Cocktails with Larry Miller: Little League, Adultery and Other Bad Ideas. Comedian Larry Miller shares his perspective on marriage, children, and drinking . . . and how any one can lead to the other two. Contact the Silver Center for tickets at 603-535-2787 or silver-center@plymouth.edu. If you would like to meet at the Thai Smile for dinner before the performance, contact Mitch at mitch@newfoundfarm.org.

Deedie Kriebel
Activities Committee

Boyd Hall PSU

For those of you with a social justice frame of mind who would like to see good acting, check out **Plymouth State University, September 20: Marx in Soho by Howard Zinn**. This one man show gives us an indication of how Marx would think if living in current culture. Performance in Boyd Hall Room 144. at 7:00 pm.

Betty Ann Trought

Fundraising

SKUUF Yard Sale



The **SKUUF YARD SALE** will take place on the first Saturday after Labor Day, **September 10**. This is a very important fund raiser for us.

See page one for drop off times to bring in your items and for times to volunteer to help price and organize items.

For special items or assistance you may call George Smith.

Please help us with pricing! price all items that you value over \$5.00. NO NEED TO PRICE SMALLER ITEMS!!

PLEASE NO:

- * TIRES,
- * COMPUTERS,
- * TV'S,
- * CLOTHING,
- * MATTRESSES,
- * STRAIGHT SKIS,
- * REFRIGERATORS OR
- * AIR CONDITIONERS.



Line Dancing

Line dancing will continue to be held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. Donation fee of \$5.00 goes to SKUUF.

Never too late to join in. Yeehaw!

Third Annual Leaf Peeper Dance

The Fundraising and Activity Committees are joining forces to organize this exciting event. Chuck and Deedie Kriebel are in charge and have already procured a caller, fiddler and pianist for the grand total of \$300.

As is customary with these dances we will serve drinks/desserts and the fee is \$10.00 per person. There should be no problem in 'breaking even' but the trick is to make a few bucks for SKUUF. This is where the committees go to work and come up with some money making ideas to supplement the entry fee. Summer is winding down and October will be upon us very soon! If you have some ideas please forward your thoughts to Chuck, Deedie and George so that we can mull them over at our next meeting.

This should be a very successful event. Hopefully we will make money for SKUUF and have a great time doing it.



George Maloof

Landscape Update

Morning work parties around SKUUF have been helpful, but we will need a big turnout to get SKUUF ready for winter. Expect a Saturday date in early October to be described in the October Newsletter. Meanwhile, if you would like to get started early, check in with Margaret Salt for early bird weeding and mulching on your own time schedule!

Margaret Salt

News Notes for May

Paul and Gigi spent two wonderful weeks in Germany. One of Gigi's nephews was married. The wedding celebration took place in an old castle ruin on top of a hill with glorious views over the medieval town of Weinheim and the Odenwald region. They met new family members, spouses as well as babies. On the return flight they had a fabulous view of Greenland, clearly seeing glaciers and icebergs in the fjords.

Directory Changes

Bill Trought new email address:
wst1212@gmail.com

Betty Ann Trought new email address:
batrought@gmail.com

**Remember to wear your Nametag.
It helps Everyone.**

Fall Walking Program

Larry Spencer is organizing a walking program again, starting with a meeting, followed by a walk, at 3:00 pm on September 11 at Boyd Hall. The program will last for ten weeks and the theme will be a celebration of the Weeks Act. More information will be forthcoming, For questions call Gigi Estes.



The website is www.walkingishealthy.info

Gigi Estes

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the October Newsletter is Wednesday, September 21.

Please send all items, committee reports, notice of events and activities to Barbara Avery at:

PO Box 35, Woodstock, NH 03293, or
bdavery@roadrunner.com, or
call 745-8845.

SKUUF Newsletter Policy :

“Activities covered in the Newsletter are those sponsored by SKUUF or related to SKUUF Committees. As room permits, UU activities happening elsewhere may be included. There may also be a column mentioning activities that are happening in our building but not directly related to SKUUF.”

Barbara Avery

Wise Women in Training

Wise Women in Training (WWIT) is a flexible group of senior women (over fifty) who meet the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at **10:00 am** in the SKUUF conference room. They talk about issues and topics of interest to the group. Membership includes a core group but is flexible so feel free to attend when you have time.

If you would like to be on mailing list for WWIT please contact Betty Ann Trought .

Betty Ann Trought



Community Closet Needs Our Help

Remember, the Community Closet can always use our help. There is a basket in the foyer for your non-breakable food contributions. You can drop off canned or boxed goods anytime.

Thank you.

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featuring
LESTER BRADLEY
as Caller



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Donation \$10.00 per person

Drinks and Homemade
Refreshments available

Mission Statement

Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is a multigenerational, welcoming congregation where different beliefs come together in common covenant. We work together in our fellowship, our community, and our world to nurture justice, respect, and love.