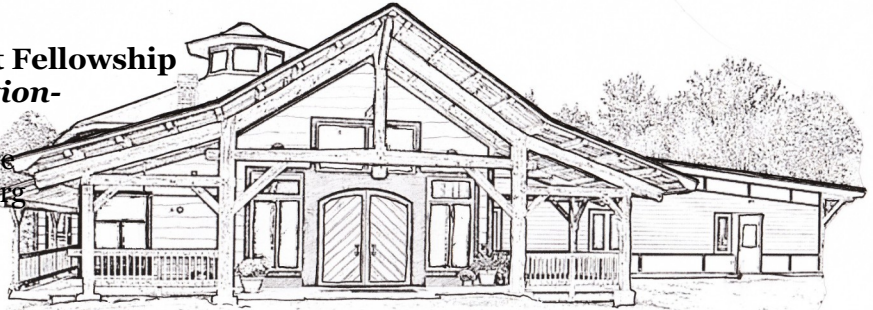


Starr King View

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The Reverend Sarah Stewart, Minister

February 2012

Cindy Spring, DRE

Sunday Services - 9:30 a.m.

February 5: "The Century Vision"
The Rev. Sarah C. Stewart preaching.

February 12: "Love"
An intergenerational service led by Suzan Gannett, Whitney Howarth and the "Toolbox of Faith" Class

February 19: "White Anti-Racist Heroes"
The Rev. Sarah C. Stewart preaching.

February 26: "The Interdependent Web"
The Rev. Sarah C. Stewart preaching.

Announcement

Marcia VanderMast died peacefully on January 20 at her sister's house surrounded by loved ones.

There will be a memorial service for Marcia on Sunday, February 5 at 2:00 p.m. We will gather to remember Marcia, celebrate her life and share our memories of her. Please bring finger foods to contribute to the reception following the service. Contact Sarah Stewart or Sue Brothers with questions.

Adult Education for February Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

**February 5: Sermon Discussion:
Power, Love and a Sound Mind**
Rev. Sarah Stewart

Come share your vision of Starr King UU Fellowship for the future. Explore where you see our fellowship in ten years, fifty years--even one hundred years! Learn what the possibilities are for next year if we can meet our ambitious stewardship goal.

February 12: Turkey
Janet and Jules Doner

The Doners' experiences in Turkey date back to the 1970's and 1980's. They will share why they view Turkey as their second home.

February 19: Botswana Library
Sara and Bob Rothschild

Sara and Bob will share their experiences in building libraries in Botswana. They'll discuss how they came to the decision to do this and what they have learned. (See more about their foundation on page 10.)

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*In Fellowship
February 2012
Starr King View*

What we can do together

I have a vision for our congregation. I can see us in five years and beyond. We are:

- * Welcoming an additional 50 people into our worship services and religious education classes every Sunday
- * Making a joyful noise with a great music program and its professional leadership
- * Offering religious education programs to children and youth of all ages
- * Engaging with our surrounding community and using our building and kitchen more

This is a vision we have already been working toward for the 30 years Starr King Fellowship has been in existence. We started as a congregation of 18 people who came together, with their children, to create a liberal religious community in Plymouth. We have grown in membership, in space, in staff, and in spirit. Now it is time for us to continue that growth into the future.

How we can get there

To start to move forward together, we have an ambitious stewardship goal for next year. If we reach our goal, we will be able to have professional music for more Sundays, fully fund our reserves, and restaff the office five days a week. Our goal is ambitious, but the services we can offer to ourselves and our community as a result are worthy of the goal.

You will notice some changes in the material for this year's stewardship campaign. Our finance folks have taken a look at what it will cost to run our fellowship next year. They have figured out that the average pledge, per family pledging, would need to be about \$1,700 to support our mission.

Some of our members pledge more than that already. Some of you will be able to look at your pledge and bring it up to \$1,700. Some of you will be able to increase your pledge, even if not that high. And others of you will be able to continue pledging at the amount that is right for you, even if it is less than \$1,700. No matter the level of your pledge, it is helpful to see what operating our fellowship costs and how our pledges support the whole.

None of us creates this fellowship on his or her own. Even if we could, we would not want to, for it is the community here that makes our fellowship sacred. By working together, we can create a solid foundation in the next year to begin to move our vision forward. Together, we can thrive as a congregation.

In fellowship,
Rev. Sarah Stewart

The View From Where I Sit

February 2012

On August 28, 1963, on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC, in front of a crowd of 250,000 people, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King reenergized the civil rights movement with the words, "I have a dream." He dared to say out loud, to the gathered masses, to assembled television cameras, to the whole world that it was time for segregation to end in the United States. He dared to state the desires for equality that beat in the hearts of African Americans throughout our country. As we observe Black History Month this year let the words of Dr. King remind us to do our part to have that dream become reality.

At Starr King UU Fellowship we too have dreams. Here are some of our dreams;

- * reinstating the Office Assistant position
- * hiring a pianist for Sunday Services
- * making annual payments to the Capital Reserve Fund for future needs

And from our Strategic Plan:

- * hiring a Pianist/Music Director.
- * developing a plan for and investing in strategic advertising and marketing
- * adding a Volunteer Coordinator to the staff
- * establishing youth groups
- * determine the feasibility of constructing a playground on the SKUUF property

And from outside the box thinking:

- * purchase the house and property next door for _____.
(You fill in the Blank)

These statements, along with the rest of the Strategic Plan, developed by the entire Fellowship, are the expression of our hopes, our desires, and of our dreams for the present and the future. It is our plan to thrive, not just survive.

In order to fulfill these dreams it is going to take commitment from all of our friends and members, commitment of time and of financial support. This Fellowship's lifeblood are the volunteers who donate enormous amounts of time to the many, many tasks that keep the Fellowship going. Some small, some large but all very important. I thank each and every one of you for your efforts; we couldn't do it without you.

February is the start of our Annual Stewardship Drive. Details will be out soon. The drive is our opportunity to commit to making the dreams come true, the time to insure we will thrive and not just survive. If we want to do more we need to increase our pledges to a level that will begin to let us fulfill the promise that is Starr King UU Fellowship in Plymouth, New Hampshire. We have the potential to be a positive driving force in our surrounding communities by living our dreams. It will take each and every one of us to pledge an affordable amount but still reach above past pledging levels.

I trust that each of you will join with fellow members and friends in increasing your pledge so we can say, "We have a Dream, and We are Living it!"

Sincerely Yours,
Paul Tierney
President

SKUUF Finances Snapshot as of January 19, 2012

| Fiscal Year to Date, Operating: | | Change from Last Month |
|---------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Income | \$ 78,911.15 | +\$ 19,515.72 |
| Expenses | \$ 80,809.42 | +\$ 13,015.20 |
| Important Balances | | |
| Operating Funds | \$ 9,431.21 | + \$ 6,122.55 |
| Building Funds* | \$ 5,783.39 | +\$ 927.46 |
| Endowment Funds* | \$ 13,303.73 | +\$ 378.98 |

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.

Meticulously submitted,
Mark Becker

Office Announcements

The Rev. Sarah Stewart is usually in her office Tuesday through Thursdays by appointment.

Cindy Spring, Director of Religious Education, is in her office on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

The Fellowship Office is open Thursdays and Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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 !

Stewardship Update

We are off and running with our leadership event at the end of January. The presentation and the colorful brochures are ready. After that we will be scheduling small, home, potluck dinners to talk about SKUUF's strategic plan for striving and growing at SKUUF.

So, look forward to signing up for one of the dinners in February or March. Sign up sheets will be available Sunday, February 5. Some will be mid-day and kid-friendly. All gatherings with members are always delightful and this is a particularly comfortable way to get to know each other better.

Beverly Walker
Laura Thibault
Co-chairs

Religious Education Notes

On a cold, frosty Sunday morning in mid-January sixteen UU adults met in the sanctuary to talk about “**teaching spirituality**”. We began our time together with a treat. I passed a basket of chocolate and asked each person to tell about something “sweet” in their lives at present. This was followed by a long reading “**How to Begin Changing Your Life**” by UU minister Forrest Church. He suggests that you can “re-boot” your spiritual life by taking the following steps:

- ~ Begin here
- ~ Begin now
- ~ Begin as you are
- ~ Begin by doing what you can
- ~ Begin with those closest to you
- ~ Begin by turning the page
- ~ Begin by cleaning your slate
- ~ Begin in the middle

Each included a lengthy explanation. After the reading we moved into pairs to talk about which steps were most significant in our lives right now.

Sarah joined us part way through to thank the teachers (both as the minister of the Fellowship and as the parent of two of the children) for their commitment.

After talking a little in the large group about how hard it is to teach spirituality to a group of children when you only have them for one hour a week - (*and what is spirituality, anyway?*) - we moved back into pairs to talk about how practicing the F. Church reading could positively affect our time with the students.

One of my goals as your Religious Education Director is to **help the teachers become better acquainted with each other**. A second goal is to encourage them to see themselves as **the “core” of the RE Program** here at Starr King. They are the ones who work directly with our children and youth. We are very fortunate to have a fine group of volunteers doing this important work. **Would you like to join them? Let me know**, the RE Committee will be planning next year’s program later this spring.

- Cindy Spring, your DRE (Director of Rel. Ed.)

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.

The New SKUUF Directory is Available!

Pick up your new directory in the foyer.

Oh dear!

In spite of everyone's best efforts there are already additions and corrections to the 2012 Member and Friend Directory.

Corrections:

Address for Jessie Gannett Heath -
59 King Road, Chichester, NH 03258

Phone number for Heather and Eric Matson—745-3161

Email address for Betty Nicholson -
wmenich@myfairpoint.net

Email address for Stuart Terry -
stterry7636@gmail.com

Addition:

Sara & Bob Rothschild - 968-7949
PO Box 215, Holderness, NH 03245
email: shooproth@aol.com

Member List - the following names should appear on the Member List:

- Katharina Kelsey
- Hank Parker
- Belinda Phillips
- Ann Pierce
- Laura Thibault
- Kelli Thompson

-Mary Tierney

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

Hospitality—Coffee Hour Schedule

Here is the list of those responsible for coffee hour from January through June. 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.

| | |
|-------------|---|
| February 5 | Cappy and Tom Hahm Kay Hanson |
| February 12 | Pat and Manfred Hoertdo- erfer Katherine Hillier and Ed Loranger |
| February 19 | Darcy and Eric Hoffman and Family TBA |
| February 26 | Whitney Howarth and Mi- chael Nicholas Barbara Lambert |
| March 4 | Mary Joyce and Gino In- fascelli Katharina Kelsey |
| March 11 | Bev and Gary Walker Marcel LeBrun |
| March 18 | George DeWolf TBA |
| March 25 | Bob and Helen Lindstrom Leslie Livingstone |
| April 1 | Phyllis Rockwell and Mitch Manseau TBA |

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| April 8 | Joe Kelaghan and Thad De- fauw Margaret Salt |
| April 15 | Mary and Paul Hazelton TBA |
| April 22 | Mary and Don Crowell and Family Suzanne Appleton |
| April 29 | Connie and Jon Maatta TBA |
| May 6 | Valerie McQueeney Ryan McQueeney and Fam- ily |
| May 13 | Leslie and Peter Nicola Edie Patridge |
| May 20 | Governing Board |
| May 27 | Barrie Sawyer and Danni Simon Mary and Paul Tierney |
| June 3 | Celia and Jim Connolly Betty and Bill Trought |
| June 10 | Coke and Selma Levin Harry Vogel |
| June 17 | RE Cookout |

Remember, every Sunday a person from the Hospitality Committee will be there to direct you. You will not be alone.

Hospitality Committee:
Elizabeth Becker,
Deedie Kriebel,
Nancy Dowey



Social Justice

Community Outreach for February:

The Pemi Youth Center

The Pemi Youth Center (PYC) is a local not-for-profit agency, serving as an after school destination for youth ages 10-17. PYC offers enriching after school programming Monday through Friday at absolutely no cost to youth and families. After school activities include academic assistance, mentoring, art workshops, recreational activities, empowerment groups, drug and alcohol prevention, service learning, a daily meal and much more! Pemi Youth Center staff work hard to inspire, encourage and support young minds and dreams.

Every afternoon middle school and high school students come to the PYC excited about the day's activities. Staff members assist with homework and listen to youth participants talk about their day at school. Then the daily enrichment activity takes place and youth engage in a variety of educational fun. Thanks to a new partnership with the Squam Lakes Science Center, every other Friday youth are engaged in learning about our environment and its inhabitants. Before going home each day the PYC provides dinner. Our youth participants have the opportunity to learn about good nutrition and develop cooking skills.

It is a privilege to make a difference in the lives of the youth served at PYC. For youth participants, PYC is a second home and in some cases the only sense of "home" that they have. PYC is not only a local agency; it is a family. It is a place where hearts are nurtured and dreams are realized. We thank you for helping to make this possible!

Jessica Dutille, Executive Director

Our Community, Ourselves

Education and Action to Bridge Class Difference in the Plymouth Area

A series of events are being planned to educate all of us about the reality of living day to day in poverty. *Our Community, Ourselves* is sponsored by Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Social Justice Committee in partnership with Lakes Region United Way/Whole Village Family Resource Center.

In February and March Joyce Palmer, Director at Whole Village, will lead two simulation activities designed to help us become more aware of the struggles endured by families living in poverty in the Plymouth area.

In April we should be ready, as a congregation, to decide how best to move forward with collaborative projects with Whole Village. A list of possibilities has begun. The ultimate success of such projects will depend a great deal on the level of interest and participation in the educational events being planned for January through March. Please join us!

Social Justice Committee

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.

Hungry for Change:

Food, Ethics and Sustainability

A Six-Session Discussion Course
Begins Thursday February 2,
from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
and continues each Thursday evening
through March 8

Location:
Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
101 Fairgrounds Road
Plymouth, NH

Participation Limited to twelve, so register ASAP. Contact Betty Ann Trought at 786-9342 or batrought@gmail.com or George Matthews at geoslack@gmail.com or 786-2366.

Discussion Guides may be borrowed or purchased for \$22. Course guide provided by North West Earth Institute

Cosponsored by D Acres of New Hampshire and Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Facilitators Betty Ann Trought and George Matthews.

Betty Ann Trought

Flowers or Greens Needed for the Sanctuary

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for those who would like to provide flowers for the Sunday services. Please consider volunteering to add flowers or a plant for a service. This could be as a remembrance of a special occasion or person or just as a nice addition to the service.

We need volunteers!

Nancy Dowey
Hospitality Committee

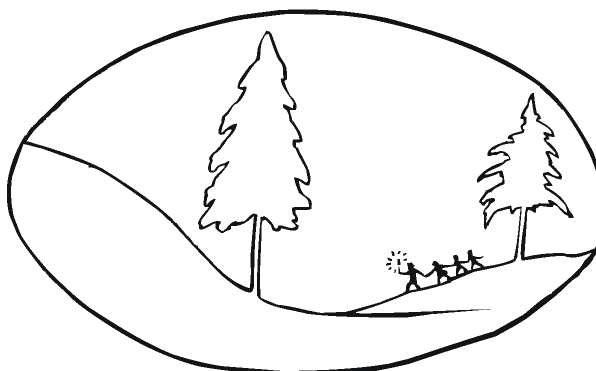


Last Call for Share-a-Book Donations

Margaret Salt and Danni Simon are putting together our Spanish Book order. This year's donations have been light, so if you are planning to support this cause, please let them know, or send your check. Make the check payable to SKUUF and write Share-a-Book in the check legend. We promise to do a book display like we did last year. We will be purchasing more titles by Hispanic authors, and we are happy to share our lists with anyone who is interested. The books will be delivered by the Plymouth State University delegation when they visit Managua. Please help!

For more information see Margaret Salt or Danni Simon.

Margaret Salt



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February 26: Sensory Writing,

Bev Walker

Using your five senses of smell, sight, hearing, taste and touch, you will consider the stimuli around you. What associations do they make you think of? What pictures do they bring to mind? All of this sensory information can be worth writing about. From your notes you may, either during the program or at a later time, use them to craft a poem or story about a remembrance, an immediate situation or something totally from your imagination.

February 26: Path To Membership,

Rev. Sarah Stewart, and Darlene Nadeau

New members and anyone considering membership in our fellowship are welcome to meet for a one-hour overview and discussion. We arrange for child care if needed. There will be an opportunity afterwards, for anyone who is ready, to sign the Membership Book.

Barbara Lambert

The Robert and Sara Rothschild Family Foundation

In 2005, Bob and Sara Rothschild sold their farm and gourmet food business, and were looking around for something to do during their retirement years. They decided to collaborate with friends in South Africa to build an addition to a library in Masiphumelele, near Cape Town. Bob, with his experience as a construction engineer, enjoyed working as foreman on the job. After this experience, they could see how much a library meant to the people living in that community, and so they established The Robert and Sara Rothschild Family Foundation, de-

cidng to spend the years of their retirement on some type of similar project.



Robert and Sara Rothschild

That same year, Sara, a retired community health nursing instructor, joined Habitat for Humanity volunteers to build two houses in Botswana. The village was Matlhako, and the warmth and friendliness of the people made a big impact on her. They decided the project for their Foundation would be building small community libraries in Botswana.

Sara and Bob brought this idea to the Botswana National Library Service. A partnership was created and it was agreed that The Robert and Sara Rothschild Family Foundation would build two libraries per year for the next 10 years. The BNLS would provide the books, staff and maintenance for the libraries, and the Foundation would provide the building and a playground for children.

In addition, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation agreed to use these libraries for

a pilot program where they would provide six computers and computer training for each library.

Each community forms a Library Committee to provide support and community involvement for the library staff. Volunteers, such as retired teachers, are recruited to help with Library activities.

In September of 2007, the first library was completed in Mmankodi. Since that time, Community Libraries have been opened in Kopong, Ramokgonami, Matlhako, Molalatau, Pitsane-Molopo, and the newest one is the Moremaoto Community Library. In 2009, a library was also built for the Botswana Defense Force and their families. The construction begins in January, 2012, for a new library in Shakawe.

Robert and Sara have two daughters and two sons, and four grandchildren. They have all been to Botswana except the youngest two grandchildren and their sons have helped on the construction of two of the Libraries.

SKUUM

The men's group, affectionately known as SKUUM (Starr King UU Men) usually meets on the first and third Sundays of each month. However, SKUUM will meet only once in February, on Sunday, February 19, in the upstairs conference room at the Fellowship from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Group leaders are Bob Clay, George Maloof, and Bill Trought.

All adult males are invited to join these sometimes informative, always lively discussions covering a wide range of topics

Bill Trought

Wise Women in Training

Wise Women in Training is a women's study group which meets to discuss issues of women and aging. Members share experiences, questions and concerns about improving their lives while optimizing their happiness. Generally this group is recommended for any women over fifty years of age but younger women are welcome. Questions will be researched and discussed by various members. Meetings will be held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., in the upstairs conference room at SKUUF. Members do not need to be members of Starr King Unitarian Ununiversalist Fellowship. For further information, contact Marce Boomer at 726-3999 or Betty Ann Trought 786-9342.

Betty Ann Trought

Health Hint

We are all being inundated with advertising on vitamins and other supplements that are supposed to help us live longer and healthier. How can you determine what is worth even thinking about, never mind spending money on? Check out the new, free Vitamins and Supplements e-newsletter published by Consumer Reports' health division. To register for the free Vitamins and Supplements e-newsletter, go to www.ConsumerReports.org/supplements

Betty Ann Trought

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.



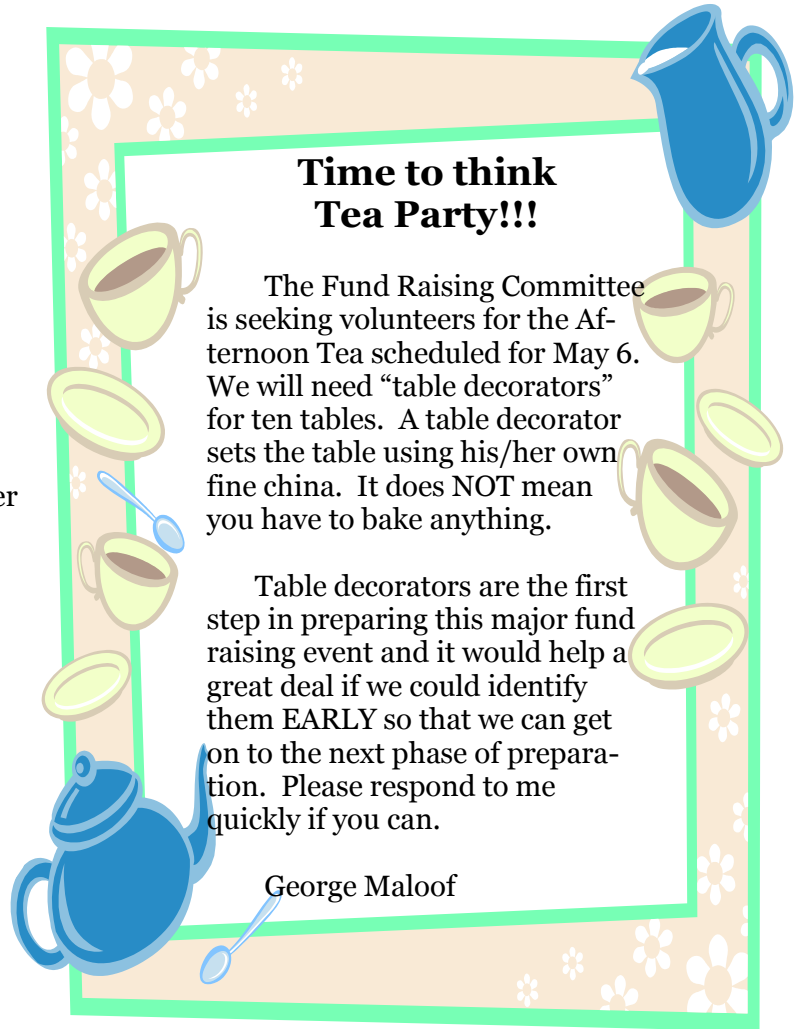
Fundraising

Line Dancing Schedule:

Sundays, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Starr King Fellowship
Mondays, 10:30 to 11:30
Ashland—Booster Club
Tuesdays, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Meredith Community Center
Fridays, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Bristol, Tappley-Thompson Center
Saturdays, 11:00 to Noon
Holderness—Town Hall

Donation fee of \$5.00 goes to
SKUUF.
Never too late to join in. Yeehaw!

George Maloof



**Time to think
Tea Party!!!**

The Fund Raising Committee is seeking volunteers for the Afternoon Tea scheduled for May 6. We will need “table decorators” for ten tables. A table decorator sets the table using his/her own fine china. It does NOT mean you have to bake anything.

Table decorators are the first step in preparing this major fund raising event and it would help a great deal if we could identify them EARLY so that we can get on to the next phase of preparation. Please respond to me quickly if you can.

George Maloof



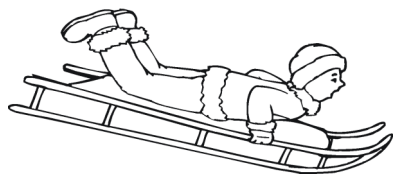
Save the Date!

SKUUF Auction will be on Saturday, April 28

Danni Simon and Betty Ann Trought will head up the auction this year. Check your attics for possible donations to this major fund raising effort.

All inquiries should be directed to Danni, Betty Ann or George Maloof.

Activities Committee



Annual Family Snow Party – Satur-

day, January 28. All ages are welcome to join in outdoor and indoor games. Bring your favorite snow gear/toys, games, and food to share. It all happens from 1:00 p.m. until who knows when, at 148 Page Road, Campton. Please call our hosts Jules and Janet Doner for more information. Think snow!!!

Silver Center PSU – Sunday, January 29 at 2:00 p.m. Plymouth State University's Educational Theatre Collaborative: ***The Wild Swans***. This is a World Premiere performance. Join Eliza as she saves her beloved brothers from enchantment in this bewitching tale of love and sacrifice for the whole family to enjoy together. Hanaway Theatre. Contact the Silver Center for tickets at 603-535-2787 or silver-center@plymouth.edu. If you would like to meet for dinner **after** the performance, please contact Deedie at cdkriebel@gmail.com.

Wentworth Square Dance – Friday, February 3 from 8:00 – 10:30 p.m. Old Wentworth Town Hall. \$7 adults/\$4 children/\$15 family with no advance tickets required. There are polkas, and a variety of square dances. Jeans are fine. Wear comfortable shoes and join Chuck, Deedie, other SKUUFers for some good, old fashioned, country fun!

Our Community, Our Selves - Thursday, February 9 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. *Privilege Walk Exercise*. Plymouth Elementary School. Old Ward Bridge Road, Plymouth. This role playing exercise helps participants become more aware of how economic status impacts our individual interactions and potential for advancement and success.

Second Sunday Hike – Sunday, February 12 at noon. The group will leave from the lower parking lot at SKUUF. All are welcome, including children, who are experienced hikers. The hike is TBA, depending on the conditions at the time, but we are hoping for The Flume followed by food and drinks at The Station. As for all hikes, please let Mitch (mitch@newfoundfarm.org) know that you want to play so that he can advise you by e-mail of any changes.

Sidore Lecture Series – Tuesday, February 14 at 7:00 p.m. **The Gap Between Rich and Poor**. Smith Recital Hall, Silver Center at PSU. “Latin America and its Discontents.” Joseph Tulchin discusses inequality and citizen security in Latin America, the major “tectonic” changes that have taken place in Latin America since the end of the Cold War, and how inequality and insecurity are further exacerbated by these changes. All Sidore lectures are free and open to the public, but reservations are recommended. A reception follows each lecture. For reservations or to arrange special accommodations, call (603) 535 ARTS.

Have Cardigan Weekend – March 2-4 at Cardigan Mountain AMC Lodge. SKUUFers are invited to join the Nashua UU Church for a winter weekend of hiking, skiing, fireplace watching, social hour, and Chef Tom's delightful dinner. Join Deedie and Mitch for part or all of Saturday's activities, outdoor and indoor; we had great fun with our Nashua friends last year and it just gets better. Activities and meal details are not yet final. Please notify Mitch at mitch@newfoundfarm.org, if interested, and he'll update you as details become available.

Mitch Manseau and Deedie Kriebel
Co-chairs

Remembering Warren Priest

Warren Emerson Priest was a longtime member of Starr King Fellowship. He passed away at the age of 89 on December 29, 2011. His family does not wish to have a memorial service. So to remember Warren, our minister Sarah Stewart asked friends of his in the fellowship to share their memories of him in our newsletter. Thanks to Daryl Browne, Sally Davis and Forrest Seavey for sharing their memories of Warren.

Warren was born in Haverhill, Massachusetts on April 6, 1922. He graduated from Haverhill High School in 1940, and shortly thereafter joined the U.S. Army at the start of World War II. The war was to form one of the defining experiences of Warren's life. He was a medic with the 120th Evacuation Hospital, which was assigned to open medical facilities at Buchenwald and Dachau Concentration Camps for released prisoners. The death and suffering which Warren witnessed haunted him forever.

This experience of the worst of which humanity is capable also inspired him to dedicate his life to the best. After the war, Warren became a teacher. He taught high school and junior high for 33 years. He was active throughout his life in social justice efforts, and taught thousands of students. One of his proudest moments in recent years was when one of his former students, having become a teacher himself, received a Disney Teacher Award.

Warren brought his passion for social justice with him to New Hampshire. He was a strong supporter of New Hampshire's recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. New Hampshire was the last state in the union to adopt the recognition, in 1999. Warren always wanted to remember Dr. King, as a state and as a fellowship, on the anniversary of Dr. King's birth. He was also active in efforts to resist expanded gambling in

New Hampshire, and many other social justice initiatives.

Warren's experiences during the war haunted him forever. Despite the pain he felt at sharing his memories, he did so (online, in video and in person) in order to teach what is possible if we ignore the rights, liberties and basic dignities of other human beings. He wrote of himself, "I believe firmly that everyone has an infinite capacity to grow intellectually throughout his lifetime."

Warren was a Unitarian Universalist in Haverhill and in Plymouth. He remembered fondly the fellowship's meeting in his living room during its early years. He sang in the choir and served on the Social Justice and Worship and Music Committees. His donations of the carved table in the foyer and the organ in the sanctuary were generous contributions to our meeting house.

In his last years, Warren was homebound. Friends still visited him and sat with him on his porch, looking out at the woods. His liberality and work for justice inspired many, and we will miss him and his good works.



News Notes for February

by Beverly Walker

Polly Parker broke her leg a month ago. Sarah has talked with her and says she is healing nicely and is in good spirits. Get well soon, Polly.

SKUUF singers went to a log cabin in the woods in Newbury on Sunday afternoon, January 15, to serenade Marcia VanderMast with songs from their repertoire. Marcia also chose some of her favorite hymns from the hymnal for the choir to sing. Her sisters graciously served hot chocolate and cookies to fortify us for the ride home. Bev almost got stuck in a snow bank while turning around to head out the narrow driveway, but her superior driving skills successfully met the challenge.

Betty Ann Trought sends well-deserved kudos to Mary Tierney, Danni Simon and Forrest Seavey for a wonderful new SKUUF Directory. Mary did yeoman's work collecting correct information, Forrest spent weeks of Sundays taking wonderful photos of SKUUFers, and Danni did outstanding work crafting the layout. Betty Ann says they sure have made her life easier as she tries to remember new member's names (and some old) and who goes with which children. The directories are available in the foyer at SKUUF.

Winter Farmer's Markets are popping up like mushrooms around the area. Our own Phyllis Rockwell has a booth at the Danbury Winter Farmers Market, which is open at 9:00 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month. It is located in the old Grange building near the intersection of Rts 104 and 4 in Danbury. There is a good assortment of wares there from cheese to veggies and hand made goods. They serve breakfast and lunch. I bought the warmest hat of felted wool that I have ever owned! It has a picture of a chicken head on the side and yellow felt legs with feet to tie under my chin. Gary says

that it is appropriate for the big chicken in charge. Now wait a minute. What does he really mean by that? Hey, Gary....

Another new Winter Farmer's Market is open every Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in Tilton. I understand that on the first Saturday they were open a thousand people showed up. I might take a ride down for a look this weekend. Take exit 20 off I-93, then turn right. Look for it a short ways down on the left. (I think that's correct.)

Stay warm while you're planning your garden and thinking of spring. There are lots of edible plants available for color and beauty that are good to eat, too.

Our Favorite Books



(From our annual Book Sharing service held at the end of 2011)

Lost in Translation by Nicole Mones

The key to the novel's success is Mone's in-depth knowledge of China's culture, history, and politics. She skillfully weaves various aspects of Chinese life—from ancestor worship to the Cultural Revolution—into the personal relationships of her characters.

The English Is Coming: how one language is sweeping the World by Leslie Dunton-Downer

Through the fascinating stories of thirty English words used and understood in nearly all corners of the globe, *The English Is Coming!* takes readers on an eye-opening journey across culture and commerce, war and peace, and time and space.

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The deadline for the March Newsletter is Friday, February 17.

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

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