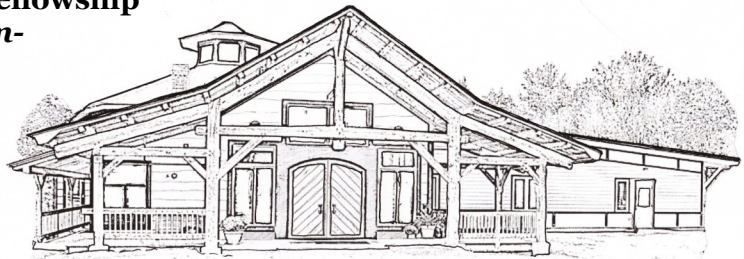


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The Reverend Sarah Stewart, Minister

May 2011

Cindy Spring, DRE

Sunday Services - 9:30 am

May 1: "Holocaust Remembrance vice Holocaust Memorial"

Mr. Paul Tierney and the Rev. Sarah C. Stewart preaching and leading worship.

May 8: "The Mother of Mother's Day"

The Rev. Sarah C. Stewart preaching.

May 15: "Avoiding God All Week"

The Rev. Sarah C. Stewart preaching.

May 22: "How the Bible Got To Be That Way"

The Rev. Sarah C. Stewart preaching.

May 29: "Memorial Day, The True Meaning"

Worship and Music Committee members Whitney Howarth and Paul Tierney

May Adult Ed

May 1— No Adult Ed as SKUUF prepares for the "Tea Party"

Tea time 4:00 to 6:00 pm, tickets \$10 per person, contact George Maloof for more information.

May 8—*FUEL* – The New York Times Critic's Choice

Josh Tickell's stirring, radical and multi-award winning *Fuel* may be known as the "little energy documentary," but in truth, it's a powerful portrait of America's overwhelming addiction to, and reliance on, oil.

May 15 - Rev. Sarah Stewart

"Avoiding God All Week." Come to a discussion about how you find spirituality beyond Sunday morning.

May 22 - SKUUF Annual Meeting

May 29 - No Program Memorial Day Weekend

Save the Dates!

Special May SKUUF Events:

SKUUF Afternoon Tea-Sunday, May 1 at 4:00 pm.

SKUUF Outdoor Cleanup– Saturday, May 7

SKUUF Plant Sharing Fundraiser-Sunday, May 15

SKUUF Annual Meeting-Sunday, May 22 at 11:00 am

In Fellowship
May 2011
Starr King View

I went everywhere for Unitarian Universalism in April. I thought I'd take this space to share with you where I have been, and let you know how you can connect with our larger association.

At the beginning of the month, I attended annual meeting and conference of the Northern New England District of the Unitarian Universalist Association. The UUA is a national organization of which our congregation and most Unitarian Universalist congregations are members. It provides services to us, and is our voice in matters of national importance. The UUA publishes the children's religious education curricula we use, and they credential ministers and religious educators. They stand up for justice movements. Last summer, the UUA organized protests in Arizona against that state's new immigration laws.

The Northern New England district comprises the congregations in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. Representatives from many of these congregations were at the annual meeting (including several from Starr King Fellowship). Most exciting for me was attending, with Nancy Chaddock, a workshop on congregational social justice work. It gave me ideas for reviving Starr King's social justice involvement as a congregation.

The following week in April I went to Boston to sit on the New England Regional Subcommittee on Candidacy, which interviews Unitarian Universalist seminarians as they prepare for the ministry. This is the second year I sat on this committee, and both years it has confirmed my faith in our movement and its future. So many different kinds of people choose to enter the ministry, and they all bring different gifts which will benefit our congregations. When I was where they are, in divinity school, I thought each pastor had to do it all. Now I see that all of us together, pastors and laypeople, do the work of the world together. It's wonderful to meet some of the new people coming into the ministry to take up that work.

The week after that, I attended a retreat of the Unitarian Universalist ministers in Northern New England. We invited a retired minister and writing professor at Dartmouth, Nancy Jay Crumbine, to work with us by offering a writing workshop. It was a wonderful experience, and I'm already bringing some of what I learned into my sermon writing.

Finally, as I write this, I am on study leave, taking some time to go to the library and read and think about congregational life and my sermon topics for next year. I have spent some time with a fellowship member in the hospital. This weekend, I am going to Boston to participate in my niece's baptism as her godmother. It's especially poignant for me because my brother and sister-in-law's priest is an old youth group friend of mine, showing me that the communities we create can remain with us and sustain us far longer than we know. I am looking forward to a wonderful May back with you, my community of faith.

In fellowship,
Rev. Sarah

“From the Prez”...

Hello everyone,

As usual, I have procrastinated writing this month’s message for the Newsletter. Usually this is a good thing because I can normally find some inspiration. However, I just recently heard the sad news about Gail Smith passing on and my thoughts are with George and family. I’m sure all of our thoughts are with them. So I’m afraid that this message will be a little less inspired.

Once again, I enjoyed being the auctioneer for our annual auction. I would like to offer my many thanks to Danni and Barrie Simon along with the rest of the organizing crew (who I won’t list for fear of forgetting someone) for putting together a great event that raised quite a bit of money for SKUUF.

The Governing Board continues to chug along. We did finish up the edits to the Strategic Plan and I hope to have that out to the congregation ASAP (hopefully before you read this). The Board and the committees are gearing up for the Annual meeting of the fellowship (11:00 am on Sunday May 22nd). Please come if you are able as we need at least 30% of the members to attend and conduct the business of the meeting. Of course friends are also welcome to come and contribute to the discourse.

Well, my term as President is winding down and I’ll have just one more “From the Prez...” to write next month. I’ve heard a few friendly “lame duck” comments recently, so I’ll have to think of some clever comebacks.

Eric Hoffman

SKUUF Finances Snapshot as of April 20, 2011

Fiscal Year to Date, Operating:		Change from Last Month
Income	\$ 110,949.30	+ \$ 12,580.23
Expenses	\$ 115,239.40	+ \$ 12,208.98
Important Balances		
Operating Funds	\$ 7,196.14	- \$ 510.87
Building Funds**	\$ 73,178.63	+ \$ 2,495.00
Endowment Funds*	\$ 12,822.41	+\$ 58.12

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.

Accurately submitted,
Mark Becker

Religious Education Notes

Every now and then someone mentions that he or she misses having the children in the Sanctuary at the beginning of the service. When the RE Program was smaller and there was less going on, our children used to begin each Sunday with the adults. There would be a story teller who invited the children up to the front and read or told them a story. Then they would be “dismissed” to go downstairs and into their classes.

This worked well when we had 12 to 15 children coming on a Sunday and a variety of activities for them. Now we have **35 to 40 children** and each age group has a specific curriculum to study for the year. The two younger age groups begin in the Chapel with singing, Chalice lighting and joys and concerns. The older groups start in their classrooms with their own ingathering and joys and concerns. By not starting upstairs, each group has an hour to explore the lesson for the day, hear the designated story and work on the craft or activity.

As your DRE (Director of Religious Education) I am concerned that our adults get to know and enjoy our children and youth. To this end, Sarah and I have planned a number of “multigenerational” services this year. I hope you have attended at least some of these “special” services and have enjoyed the plays. I have also asked **22** of you to be part of our teaching teams, and **8** others to help in the Nursery. Last week we held an Open House in the new RE wing so non-teaching adults could see what is happening in RE. (Thank you to all those who came down and toured through - it’s a pretty exciting place!)

This Spring there will be other opportunities to spend time with the children. On **May 1st** Elizabeth and Mark Becker will once again lead us in the **May Pole Dance**. Extra adults are welcome to join in the fun! On the **8th** (Mother’s Day) our children will be going to **Quincy Bog**. George DeWolf, one of our members, will give a tour - he says there are lots of nesting waterfowl there right now. And on **May 29th** we will be visiting the **Bailey Farm**. Please let me know if you would like to join us for any of these special adventures. We can always use more adults!

These are **your children** and this is **your RE Program**. Even though we no longer begin the morning in the same “space,” we are all part of the same congregation. If you would like to spend time with our kids, give me a call. There are lots of ways to help!

RE Thanks this month go to:

Ruby Weldon, Rosa Bailey, Mckenzie Rowbotham and **Deb Casale** for helping with Child Care during the Teacher Pot Luck.

Cindy Spring, DRE

SKUUF Religious Education Program

	First Sunday	Second Sunday	Third Sunday	Fourth Sunday	Fifth Sunday
MAY	1 RE Sunday (May Pole)	8 RE Sunday (Quincy Bog)	15 Curriculum	22 Curriculum	29 Family Service
JUNE	5 Curriculum	12 RE Sunday	19 Family Service (RE and Flower Sunday)	26 No RE Program	

Landscape Help Needed

Two major landscape events are coming, so mark your calendars now! We need to groom our grounds after the long winter, so join us on the morning of Saturday, May 7. We will start about 8:30, and work for about 3 hours. You can join us for part or all of that time. Just bring your water bottle, gloves, and favorite tool. We will be raking,



weeding, and mulching as well as cutting a few trees. You can pick your favorite job, so don't be shy!

It's more fun to

work with friends, old and new, but if you can't make it on the 7th, see Margaret Salt for something that could be done on your own schedule. No one has time to do it all, but by joining together, we can be proud of how our building and grounds look! Also, we are saving the following Saturday, May 14 as our rain date if it is very stormy. A light mist will find us working, since that is actually more comfortable than heat.



Our annual fundraiser is a plant-sharing day, Sunday May 15. Save that date! Pot your plants ahead of time, and drop them off on our porch just before the sale. Mark prices yourself, or we will do it for you. We will charge less than the market rate, but try to make a little money for our general fund.



We will have perennials for sun and shade, a few houseplants, and a few small pots for the children! Come and browse! See Margaret or Mary Tierney if you want to help that day, if you need empty pots, or if you



have a plant you want us to look for. We have a source for iris, hosta and day lilies if you can dig your own!

Margaret Salt

From the Stewardship Committee

We are in the last hectic phase of our Stewardship visits. The deadline is April 30. Some of the brief stories that are coming in are by turn funny, charming, insightful, and heartfelt. It has been a fascinating and delightful experience for me to read these little glimpses into the lives of other UUs at SKUUF. I continue to work on formatting them into booklet form for us all to enjoy.

If you haven't received a call to schedule a visit, please contact the office at SKUUF or send an e-mail to Bev Walker .

Beverly Walker, Chair
Stewardship Committee

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.

2011 Directory

In order to keep our SKUUF Directory current, we need your help.

If you change your name, mailing address, phone number, email address do let us know.

Please send changes to the Church Office at admin@starrkingfellowship.org or 53608908 , or Mary Tierney, so that we can keep the data base current.

Thank you.

Mary Tierney

Announcements

Gathering, a half-hour opportunity for reflection and meditation, meets at 4:00 pm every Thursday in the Fellowship Hall. Join Rev. Sarah any Thursday for a mid-week moment of spirituality.

The minister, Sarah Stewart, is usually in her office from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. You are welcome to drop by to see her; however, if you have a particular need, it is best to call to make an appointment.

The Starr King Fellowship office is open Thursday and Friday, from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Stew Weldon will be managing the office in Cheryl's absence.

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

Hospitality Committee



In an attempt to simplify and to clarify, the Hospitality Committee plans to assign hosting duties to members and friends for the year. If you want to volunteer for a specific week, or if you are unable to host on a specific week or at all, please notify a member of the committee by May 1, 2011. The list for the year will be published in the newsletter and posted in the foyer. If you find that the week assigned to you is not convenient, you will be responsible for finding a replacement. We will continue to have a separate signup sheet for flowers posted in the foyer at SKUUF.

The idea of fellowship time is to provide an opportunity for people to gather after the service. It is supposed to be a light snack and a beverage. We want this to be as enjoyable as possible for members, friends, guests, and hosts. A comprehensive list of host duties is posted in the kitchen. In addition, this list will be attached to the reminder e-mail message that each host receives the week prior to hosting. If you happen to arrive at SKUUF early on Sunday mornings, you might want to check with the hosts to see if they need any help. Help with cleanup after fellowship time is also appreciated. The Hospitality Committee will assist in any way possible.

We hope that this new system will give more people in the congregation the opportunity to share in the hospitality responsibilities.

Hospitality Committee Members:

- Beverly Seavey
- Elizabeth Becker
- Nancy Dowey
- Deedie Kriebel

Hospitality Schedule

Month	Food	Flowers
May		
1	Eric and Darcy Hoffman	Crowell Family
8	Barrie Sawyer and Danni Simon	Margaret Salt
15	The Becker Family	Elizabeth Becker
22	Mary and Don Crowell	Mark Becker
29	Connie and Jon Maatta	Mary Hazelton
June		
5	SKUUF choir	Nancy Chaddock
12	Marcia and Quentin Blaine	Marcia and Quentin Blaine
17		
24		

Social Justice

Community Outreach for May – Sustainable Harvest International

The need: In Central America, **malnutrition contributes directly to increased poverty.** The devastating cycle of **slash & burn farming** does not allow families to meet their basic nutritional needs. Destroying forests contributes to global warming.

The solution: Sustainable Harvest International (SHI) has worked with families in rural farming communities in Belize, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama since 1997. Using organic vegetable gardens, wood-conserving stoves, biogas digesters and a host of other projects, SHI's local field trainers work together with families, individuals and communities to preserve our planet's tropical forests while overcoming poverty.

SHI understands that effective development and ecological solutions come from the grassroots level. SHI works to empower local individuals and promote cooperative sharing of knowledge and resources. This allows local individuals and families to learn from each other and become more independent, rather than rely on outside aid, an unfortunate but common occurrence in international development.

Participating communities take responsibility for the projects themselves and look to SHI for technical training, and limited material assistance. SHI works with farmers for five years to ensure the projects actually take root in the communities. Rather than contributing to rainforest destruction, SHI participants are preserving forests and planting trees on degraded land. They are taking control of their environmental and economic destinies.

SHI was founded by Florence Reed in 1997, after she returned to New Hampshire from serving in Panama in the Peace Corp. Flo is a UU, and the program embodies several of the

UU principles: respect for the interdependent web of all existence; the goal of world community; use of the democratic process; the inherent worth and dignity of every person; and justice, equity and compassion in human relations.

Much more info about SHI is available at <http://www.sustainableharvest.org>.

The collection for SHI will be taken on May 22. If you will not be present on that Sunday and wish to contribute, you may put a check made payable to SKUUF, with SHI in the memo line, in the basket on any Sunday.

Martha Copithorne

Outreach Update

Since last September the members and friends of SKUUF contributed the following amounts to the monthly special collections for organizations helping others in our community and beyond:

Genesis	\$ 952
Compas de Nicaragua	883
Plymouth Area Community Closet	900
UUA Guest at your Table	1,132
Pemi Baker Community Health	538
Whole Village	504
Bridge House	<u>740</u>
Total	\$ 5,649

Thank you!

Nancy Chaddock
for the Social Justice Committee

Help the Children of our Community

CASA of New Hampshire trains concerned citizens to advocate for abused and neglected children in the courts. There are children waiting for someone to speak on their behalf. Your common sense, commitment to children, and a contribution of 8 to 10 hours a month will help ensure a child grows up in a safe, permanent home. To become a CASA/GAL volunteer and help the children in your community, please call 800-626-0622 or visit casanh.org. More information is posted in the foyer.

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.

Help the Grafton County Senior Citizens Council

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council needs YOUR vote (you can vote daily until May 18). They have the opportunity to receive **\$22,000** from The Ledyard Bank which is giving back to the community in support of a local non-profit organization.

Go to www.ledyardbank.com and vote for the **Grafton County Senior Citizens Council DAILY**. Right now the Senior Center is in third place. They need all of us and all of our friends to help them receive this financial support so please send this on to your contacts. Thanks.

Summer Is upon Us

As most of you know, during the summer we don't hold formal services. For many, the summer provides a well-earned respite from busy volunteer schedules. Others of us, including many returning summer folks, appreciate a time to be together on Sunday mornings through the summer. Relaxed and informal, our summer services are a great way to stay connected, to become better acquainted, and to learn what interests your fellow SKUUFers. In the sanctuary there is a corner set up with toys and books for any children who might come. Their presence is welcomed and enjoyed.

The services are lay led and have covered many subjects over the years - music appreciation, friendship, drumming, environmental concerns, travelogues. The list is long and varied. If you have a life-long interest or a consuming passion, or perhaps, knowledge of a subject that would interest others, please consider offering a summer service. Contact Marcia VanderMast by phone or email, or on Sunday morning for more information, and look for the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

Marcia VanderMast

Remember to Recycle Cans

Remember to bring your aluminum cans to SKUUF. Let us continue to recycle for the good of SKUUF and the planet. Those cans SKUUF collects and recycles help the work of our Fellowship.

Annual Meeting May 22 at 11:00 a.m.

At our Annual Meeting we will be voting on the following slate of officers for Fiscal Year 2012.

Nominations

Governing Board

Mitch Manseau - Vice President
Margaret Salt - Secretary
Belinda Phillips - Trustee 2014

Nominating Committee

Kelli Thompson	2012
Anna Wilken	2013
Marcia VanderMast	2014
Sally Davis	2014

Endowment Committee

Ed Loranger	2014
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Biographies

Mitch Manseau

When Mitch and Phyllis relocated to the area several years ago, Phyllis, a forty-year UU member from Nashua, began attending SKUUF services and invited Mitch, decades-long unchurched, to come by and meet the congregation. Mitch loved the people, coffee hour, and congregational dynamics. He liked the lack of dogma in UUism. He is also quite interested in international relations and appreciates SKUUF's social justice perspective. He and Phyllis signed the book together and soon found the opportunity for involvement by chairing the Activities Committee.

Mitch is also active in the New Hampshire Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club, Hebron Planning Board, and the New Hampshire Friendship Chorus. He generally prefers to be outdoors, and to work the land, but appreciates the opportunity to work with fellow SKUUFers toward the continued health and vitality of the Fellowship. "It may get bigger," he thinks, "but it's got to stay family."

Margaret Salt

Margaret Salt has been spending time at SKUUF since 1989 when her daughter dragged her here to share the wonderful atmosphere. She has coordinated several committees, including the Welcoming Congregation start-up group with Cindy Spring, helped with covenant groups, Share-a-Book, Religious Education and the Landscape Committee. A long time Reading Specialist and resident of Plymouth, she does other volunteer work with Pemi-Baker Literacy and the New England Reading Association. Visiting Nicaragua and Women in Action was a past highlight, and she is hoping to do more travel and service trips in future years.

Belinda Phillips

Belinda Phillips retired ten years ago and moved from Connecticut to this area, leaving behind (she thought) her career in school psychology, teaching and religious education. Those interests, however, followed her here to Thornton, where she lives and has a yoga studio. She continued to work locally for several more years in school psychology, and at PSU at Bagley House and then teaching English to international students in the ELS program there.

She also found SKUUF where she has taught RE and helped Cindy Spring lead the youth group. This year she has been enjoying teaching OWL. With these experiences as well as her past experience as an ordained

elder in the Presbyterian church, Belinda hopes she can be helpful in supporting SKUUF's Board in its work and mission.

Kelli Thompson

Kelli Thompson has been attending SKUUF since January, 2008. She recently became a member in November, 2010. She was involved in the church community as an RE teacher for two years. Currently she is on the Music and Worship Committee. Kelli works as a graphic designer for Scholastic, and she recently designed the 2011-2012 Stewardship brochure. Her most inspiring experience at SKUUF was developing and leading the Creativity Service in January.

Marcia VanderMast

Since becoming a member of SKUUF in 1990 Marcia has worked with RE, promoted, designed and coordinated the building of our labyrinth, co-chaired the Worship and Music Committee, created and/or led a number of worship services, facilitated Small Group Ministry (now Covenant Group), served on the Search Committee and the Committee on Ministry, served on the Board for two separate terms, founded the Uncommittee, and is presently co-chair of the Extending Family Committee as well as an ad-hoc member of the Social Justice Committee. To Marcia, Unitarian Universalism's open, accepting and welcoming views, as well as its concern for social justice are what the world needs. She is dedicated to its principles and enjoys all her interactions with our SKUUF community.

Anna Wilken

Anna has been a member of SKUUF for three years. She has been on the membership committee for two years, organizing the Sunday greeters. She has also helped with

the yard sale and has catered the lunch for "Path to Membership". She joined the Landscape Committee in 2010. Finally she has been organizing Thursday afternoon's bridge for about two years. She is good at short term involvements and will give a helping hand when needed.

Sally Davis

Sally was introduced to Unitarianism by her roommate during her sophomore year at college, and she joined her first church in Texas. As part of an Air Force family, she moved often and found churches or fellowships of various sizes in California and Kentucky where she was active in RE, choir and Social Justice. In Kentucky she served as chair of Social Justice and also as president of the fellowship. She has been a member and has held leadership positions in League of Women Voters in all of these places and, since moving to New Hampshire, has served as state president three terms. She joined SKUUF immediately after moving here in 1999 and worked as office manager for a couple of years so is pretty familiar with committee structure. She has also sung in the choir and worked on Social Justice projects. Her goal serving on the Nominating Committee is to increase participation and encourage creative leadership opportunities in every aspect of SKUUF life.

Ed Loranger

Ed has had a career involving accounting, budget work, and management. He has worked with hospital and defense contractors. He more recently worked as an adjunct professor at White Mountains Community College where he has taught business and accounting. While in the U.S. Army Reserve, he taught Leadership, Management and Field Tactics. As a member of SKUUF, he has been active in fundraising, stewardship, and Committee on Ministry. He ran the Christmas Tree sales for ten years.

Fundraising

Auction

The SKUUF Auction on April 16 was a lot of fun. Better still, financially it was a great success. So far the income from the event is \$4,948! Thanks to all who worked on this event, and all who purchased items. Great Job!

Afternoon Tea

Skuuf will host an afternoon tea on May 1 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. A gentleman skuffer will greet you at the door in his tuxedo and you will be directed to your designated table where you will be feted with all the scrumptious delights of an English tea.

Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased after service on Sunday. Price is \$10.00 per ticket.

Line Dancing

Line dancing continues 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!

New Ideas?

Have any ideas for fund raising? Let's talk.

George Maloof

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.



Activities

Second Sunday Hike - May 8 - Mount Israel

Mount Israel (2630 feet tall) is a moderate hike located near Squam Lake in Sandwich, New Hampshire with different routes suitable for both turtles and hares. Hike is subject to trail conditions. We will depart from SKUUF lower lot at high noon. Please register with Mitch for any necessary weather updates.

Games Night at SKUUF

Friday, May 13 at 7:00 pm

Come join in the fun. Bring a game and dessert to share. Games start at 7:00 pm in our fellowship hall. Elizabeth Becker is your host; please call her at 744-3757 for more details. You'll love it, so plan on coming the second Friday of every month, same time and place.

Square Dance at Old Wentworth Town Hall on Rte. 25 in Wentworth

Friday, May 06 at 8:00 - 10:30 pm

The April dance was cancelled due to the impending snowstorm. So get ready to do-si-do this month. The price is \$7 per person, no advance tickets required. There are waltzes, polkas, and a variety of square dances. With all of the dancing, it heats up quickly, so dress accordingly. Jeans are fine. Wear comfortable shoes and prepare to have some good, old fashioned, country fun!

The Mill Fudge Factory (2 Central St., Bristol) - Friday, May 20 at 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Open Mic Poetry Night is the third Thursday every month. Sign up ahead of time to participate. It is requested that new, previously unread work be presented. **On May 20, our very own Bev Walker will be presenting!** The evening will end with a featured, published poet(s). Very casual. Bev says, "The Fudge Factory makes great sandwiches, terrific ice cream, and

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some concoctions as you wait. Their coffee is very good. They're located in a neat, old building with wood floors that really squeak like the old 5 and 10 cent stores."

Here are some activities that you might want to consider at PSU. Please make your own ticket reservations. *For tickets to any of these, call the Box Office Monday - Friday, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm, at 603-535-2787.*

If you would like to meet before the event for dinner at the Thai Smile in Plymouth. Contact Mitch at mitch@newfoundfarm.org.

**Sidore Lecture Series at PSU Silver Center Smith Recital Hall
Monday, May 2 at 7:00 pm**

Integral Ecology: Things are Simultaneously Getting Worse, Getting Better, and Are Already Perfect. How can we come to agreement to solve our toughest environmental problems? Integral ecology unites valuable insights from multiple perspectives into a comprehensive pragmatic framework. *Call 603-535-ARTS for free tickets.*

Pemi Choral Society: A Choral Celebration at the Silver Center Hanaway Theatre

Sunday, May 8 at 3:00 pm

The traditional Mother's Day Concert presented by the 130-voice Pemigewasset Choral Society and featured guest artists. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors and youth at the **Silver Center Box Office**. *Call the Box office at 603-536-2551.*

**Student Concert Guitar Ensemble at the Silver Center Studio Theatre
Monday, May 9 at 7:00 pm.**

Free.

**Student Concert Jazz Ensembles at the Silver Center Studio Theatre
Tuesday, May 10 at 7:00 pm**

PSU Jazz Combos and Jazz Band per-

form a mix of small group and big band jazz from classic to contemporary. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors and youth at the Silver Center Box Office.

Mitch Manseau and Deedie Kriebel, co-chairs

Wise Women in Training

Wise Women in Training (WWIT) is a flexible group of senior women (over 50) 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.

Meetings this month are scheduled for May 11 and 25. If you would like to be on mailing list for WWIT please contact Betty Ann Trought .

Betty Ann Trought

SKUUM

The men's group, SKUUM, will not meet on Sunday, May 1. We will be tea'd out and tired from the May Day celebrations. We will meet again on Sunday, May 15 to continue the DVD series, "The Power of Myth," part 5—"Love and the Goddess."

SKUUM meets from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. in the upstairs conference room at SKUUF. Any interested male is invited to attend these lively and entertaining discussions which cover a wide range of topics.

The co-leaders are Bob Clay, George Maloof and Bill Trought. Contact any of them for further information.

Bill Trought

Greeter Schedule May – August 2011

If your name is on the list please make a note in your calendar. We are still in need of a Greeter for July and August. If you are not able to be a Greeter when scheduled, there is a list of substitutes on the bulletin board in the foyer. If you have questions contact Anna Wilken.

Month	Upstairs Greeter 1	Upstairs Greeter 2	Downstairs Greeter
May	Marceline Boomer	Joe Kelaghan	Thad DeFauw
June	Janet Doner	Jules Doner	George DeWolf
July			
August			

Anna Wilken

Life Hint

How can I exclude my name from nationwide consumer credit reporting company lists for unsolicited credit and insurance offers?

You may request that consumer credit reporting companies exclude your name from lists for pre-approved, unsolicited credit and insurance offers. To find out more, please call 1-888-5OPTOUT (1-888-567-8688).

Betty Ann Trought

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

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the June Newsletter is Wednesday, May 18.

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

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.”

Our Favorite Books



(From our annual Book Sharing service held at the end of 2010)

The Help

by Kathryn Stockett
(an excellent book to listen to)

Virus of the Mind:

the new science of the meme
by Richard Brodie

Empire of the Summer Moon:
Quanah Parker and the rise and fall of the Comanches, the most powerful Indian tribe in American history
by S.C. Gwynne

Snow in August

by Pete Hamill

The Anthologist

by Nicholson Baker

Check Out the Starr King Fellowship Website!

Go to the Starr King website—
www.starrkingfellowship.org . Here you can

- Click on “Minister’s Blog;”
- Click on “Newsletters” where you can read, or print out, the current, or any of several past issues
- Click on “Podcast” and enjoy listening to sermons you have missed, or just want to hear again.
- Click on the “Events Calendar” to find out what is going on in our Fellowship.

Governing Board Meeting

The Governing Board will meet on Tuesday, May 10 at 5:00 pm.

Committee Chairs Meeting

Committee Chairs will meet on Wednesday, May 18 at 6:00 pm.

UU Bed and Breakfast

Do you dream of inexpensive vacation travel to interesting destinations where you can stay in the homes of friendly people who share your ideals and are happy to provide directions and advice for their area?

The UU bed and breakfast directory, *UU're Home*, can fulfill your dream. For thirty years, we've provided a network of hosts in the United States (and a few abroad) who enjoy meeting new friends and who are happy to open their home to like-minded people.

You can also become a host and be listed in the directory. Contact us at info@uurehome.com, and we will gladly send you information about listing your accommodations.

Host listings on the *UU're Home* website at www.UUreHome.com are updated whenever changes are made or new hosts are added. The last paper edition will be published in April 2011, since most members now use the website exclusively, at a cost of only \$10 for a year's access to the current listings. For a copy of the 2011 paper directory plus a year's access to the website listings, please click on “become a member” to pay by credit card or send a check for \$25 and your e-mail address to UU're Home, 43 Vermont Court, Asheville, NC 28806.

Vance and Jean Reese, publishers

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

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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.