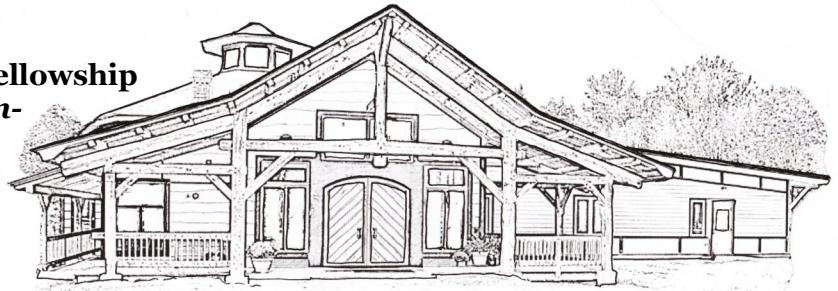


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The Reverend Sarah Stewart, Minister

November 2011

Cindy Spring, DRE

Sunday Services - 9:30 a.m.

November 6: "Suffering and Compassion"

The Rev. Sarah C. Stewart preaching.

November 13: "The Five Points of the New Theology"

The Rev. Sarah C. Stewart preaching.

November 20: "The Real Story of Thanksgiving"

Ms. Whitney Howarth and The Rev. Sarah C. Stewart leading the service.

November 27: "To Be Announced"

Worship and Music

SKUUF Directory 2012

Many thanks to everyone who has sent address, phone and email changes. The 2012 Directory is still a work in progress so there is time to include any recent changes, but the calendar is closing in on November 15, which is the deadline for having the copy ready to go to the printer.

If everyone will make one last check of their personal information for errors, omissions, or changes we'll have a reliable directory to work from during the Fellowship year.

Thanks very much,

Mary Tierney
mtierney3@myfairpoint or
968-9506



Plymouth Community Thanksgiving

The Plymouth Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Tuesday, November 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Senior Center. Join with your neighbors of all faiths and of none in sharing an evening of thanksgiving together. See Rev. Sarah with questions.

In Fellowship
November 2011
Starr King View

You may have seen them on the poster in the Fellowship foyer, or you may have read them on the first pages of our hymnal. You may remember the Sunday when we read them during the service, or your children may have learned the young people's version in religious education. I'm talking about the Seven Unitarian Universalist Principles, adopted by the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) in 1985. Congregations which are members of the UUA, as Starr King Fellowship is, covenant with each other to affirm and promote:

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

These were adopted to replace older statements, adopted when the Unitarians and Universalists merged in 1961, which were more theistic but also had male-centered language. The Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation (UUWF) had begun advocating for women's rights and gender-neutral language in the late 1970s. At that time, women were a tiny minority in the ministry and held few positions of leadership at the UUA. After passing a Women and Religion resolution at the General Assembly, the annual meeting of the UUA, in 1977, the UUWF began to work on drafting gender-neutral language for new principles of the association.

Hence the principles we still use today were born. They are not intended to be a statement of belief for all Unitarian Universalists. Rather, they are meant to be a guide for what we do together as congregations. A great deal of freedom of belief is possible within the Principles. For instance, they say nothing about a god, gods or goddesses; they say nothing about the ultimate disposition of humanity; they allow complete freedom on the nature of evil. They are more about what we do: how our actions, as Unitarian Universalists, can make this world we share a better place.

For more information on our principles, see the *UUWorld* article "Shared Values" by Warren Ross, published in November/December 2000 and available here: <http://www.uuworld.org/ideas/articles/3643.shtml>.

In fellowship,
Rev. Sarah

The View From Where I Sit

November 2011

Earlier this month, an imposter by the name of Rufus Leakus managed to get an early version of this letter and submitted it to the SKUUF office for inclusion in the Starr King View electronic newsletter. It was duly published but he did not get the entire letter so it is presented here in it's entirety.

Roof Status

There is good news about the condition of the roof. It was reported that Hurricane Irene had caused damage. This was correct but the damage was minor and no shingles were blown off. However, as a result of the possible damage and the need for immediate corrective action, Property Management Chairman, Barrie Sawyer contacted three roofing contractors and asked for estimates for a new roof. In addition I went up on the roof looking for damaged or missing shingles. All three reported that the "roof should make it through the winter without a problem." My assessment, after my inspection, agrees with the contractors. I saw no significant difference between its current condition and what I observed early last summer when I was up on the roof.

At the October Board meeting, armed with the information I have presented here, the Board made the decision to postpone the replacement of the roof until 2012. Between now and the next construction season the Board will be researching and coming to a decision on the following questions:

1. Type of roofing
 - a. steel or asphalt.
 - b. strip old roof or lay over.
 - c. quality of replacement shingle, 25, 30 or 40-year shingles warrantee
 - d. recommendations of underlayment.
2. Cost of replacement
3. Funding.

The Board will use the following process to determine answers to those questions. First, seek recommendations of architects. Second, prepare a set of specifications for the roof replacement. Third, issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to contractors for the work.

Funding the replacement project will make use of monies from several possible sources; Capital Reserve, funds left from the Building Fund, contributions and possible grants.

The Board will keep the congregation informed as the process goes forward and, as always, we welcome your input.

Sincerely,
Paul Tierney

SKUUF Finances Snapshot as of October 19, 2011

Fiscal Year to Date, Operating:	Change from Last Month	
Income	\$ 34,996.46	+\$ 11,738.06
Expenses	\$ 38,094.74	+\$ 10,042.02
Important Balances		
Operating Funds	\$ 7,991.78	- \$ 2,404.71
Building Funds**	\$ 4,701.01	+\$ 3,883.56
Endowment Funds*	\$ 12,747.71	+\$ 255.84

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

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the December Newsletter is Wednesday, November 16.

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

Office Hours

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

The Starr King Office will be closed from Wednesday, November 23, through Friday, November 25 in observation of Thanksgiving. Normal hours resume the following week.

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 !
Andrea Sutherland

Religious Education Notes

On September 25, Barbara Lambert showed the video “Mother Nature’s Child - Growing Outdoors in the Media Age.” I was unable to attend so borrowed the video from her to watch at home. From the cover - *“Mother Nature’s Child explores the essential ways nature experience promotes children’s well-being, contributes to the future of the planet and nourishes the human spirit.”* The video shows children and youth playing outdoors, learning about trees, flowers and insects, and challenging themselves. (Please ask Barbara if you would like to borrow it.)

I am happy to say that at SKUUF we understand the importance of nature and the natural world. (The seventh UU Principle promotes: *Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.*)

Our younger children use class time to learn about trees, leaves, animals and the four seasons. On October 9, twelve of them walked to Rainbow Falls at the Walter-Newton Nature Center. Thank you to **Stew Weldon, Amy MacDonald, Jim and Diana Pamplin, Nattalka Sywenskyj, Shonna Perrin, Ashley Maxner and Ryan McQueeney** for accompanying our children on this fun adventure.

That same weekend **Bob Clay, Paul and Gigi Estes and Bill Dowey** took our Coming of Age students on an overnight camping trip in Waterville Valley. The youth learned about “nature’s challenges” because half of their trail had been washed out by Hurricane Irene. As Bill wrote in his report to me: *The trail provided unexpected adversities, which were met and managed well by all.*

The RE Committee has been talking about having a “floating snow day” this winter - choosing a lovely Sunday morning in January or February to suspend classes and let the children play out in the snow together. Sound like fun? Please let me know if you would like to be on the list to join us.

Cindy Spring, your Religious Education Director (**Dre Spring** on Facebook!)

Circle Dinners

Mitch Manseau and Phyllis Rockwell are again hosting Christmas dinner at their home this year. A sign up sheet will be placed in the foyer with time details. They will host for eight guests so if you are interested it will be good to sign up as soon as possible.

We are also looking for hosts for future months. If interested or if you have questions on what is involved to host an event in your home please call Sue Appleton at 744-8897.

Suzanne Appleton

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.

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

November 6—Rev. Sarah Stewart Sermon Discussion

Rev. Sarah will lead a discussion of the sermon, ***Suffering and Compassion***: how we experience suffering and the religious task of making meaning of this suffering.

November 13—Nancy Chaddock Seeing Nature through the Eyes of Edwin Way Teale

This summer Nancy led a very successful program using the writings of the Pulitzer prize-winning, mid-twentieth century nature writer Edwin Way Teale. She has agreed to share additional writings of Teale's for this Adult Ed program. The group will be given several opportunities to share their own experiences in response to these selections.

Also on November 13—Rev. Sarah Stewart, Danni Simon, Darlene Nadeau Path to Membership

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

November 20—Darlene Nadeau Compassion

A short film on compassion and discussion afterwards from the program Spirituality and Practice

November 27—No Program (Thanksgiving Day Weekend)

Barbara Lambert

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

Hospitality Coffee Hour Schedule

Here is the list of those responsible for coffee hour in November and early December. 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.

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

Flowers or Other Greens Needed

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



Activities Committee

Silver Center PSU – Friday, October 28 at 8:00 p.m. Preservation Hall Jazz Band. This group from New Orleans has been preserving America's music for over half a century and is experiencing quite a revival. They provide a multigenerational mix with appeal to a range of musical constituencies. "If people don't walk out with a smile on their faces, then we haven't done our job. Our music is to inspire joy." 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

Vaudeville at the Danbury Grange – Saturday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m. for refreshments and tours. Show at 7:30 p.m. In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Danbury Grange Hall, Blazing Star Grange will sponsor a fun-filled evening of vaudeville entertainment. In the spirit of 1911, the year in which the Danbury Grange was built, several talented local actors will provide hilarious entertainment that will once again have the hall ringing with laughter. Linda and Jay Lambert will have the audience rolling on the floor with their rendition of George Burns and Gracie Allen, and Judy Lowe will put everyone in stitches as she portrays the outrageous Mother Quinlan. Tom Tuthill, choir director and organist of the Kearsarge Presbyterian Church, will team up with Bud Dick, an experienced thespian, to perform an old-time vaudeville number, while Wally Borgen will belt out her rendition of "A Good Man is Hard to Find." And as a special treat, Nina Rogers will come down and serenade some lucky gentleman from the audience. The grand finale is a hoot and a holler. Don't miss it. \$5 per person will buy a fabulous evening of fun and fancy. And amid the howling ghouls and broom-riding witches that evening, Grange members will be there to greet their guests and provide delicious homemade goodies and local apple cider. Danbury Grange hall is situated just

off routes 4 and 104 on North Road just across from the fire station.

If you would like to carpool, contact Phyllis at Phyllis@newfoundfarm.org.

Halloween Potluck Supper and Treats for Goblins – Monday, October 31 at 4:00 p.m. at SKUUF.

- * 4:00 p.m. Pumpkin carving
- * 5:30 p.m. Potluck Supper - Bring your favorite covered dish to share and your own eating utensils
- * 5:30-7:30 p.m. Treats for the neighborhood kids & SKUUF kids go out into the neighborhood

This year Halloween is on a Monday evening. Neighborhood trick or treaters will come to the lower rear door of the Fellowship. Come early to prepare jack-o-lanterns to light the way, then enjoy good food and good company while we await the arrival of the spooky big and little creatures.

Goblins will come from the neighborhood and from among our SKUUF community. Dress in costume or come-as-you-are as your usual scary self to celebrate the holiday.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

Come in costume if you wish, but come for fun. Park in back and enter through the downstairs rear door.

See you there.

Bev Walker

Wentworth Square Dance – Friday, November 4 from 8:00 – 10:30 p.m. Old Wentworth Town Hall. The price is \$7 per person, no advance tickets required. There are polkas, and a variety of square dances. Jeans are fine. Wear comfortable shoes and prepare to have some good, old fashioned, country fun!

Second Sunday Hike – Sunday, November 13 at noon. The group will leave from the lower parking lot at SKUUF. This hike will be in the Squam Range. Hares will enjoy

a 5.4 mile, 1,550', loop over Mountains Morgan and Percival; turtles a 1.8 mile, 450', hike up and down the Bridle Path. Both hikes depart from the same parking lot and have awesome Squam Lake views for lunch. Only in excellent weather. 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.

Silver Center PSU – Saturday, November 19 at 8:00 p.m. *The Watercress* by Professor Paul Mroczka. Studio Theatre. For adult audiences. Set in 1904, twelve years after the murders of Andrew and Abbie Borden in Fall River, Massachusetts. *The Watercress* examines the lives of sisters, Lizzie and Emma Borden, who had been acquitted of the murders. When Lizzie meets the love of her life, her relationship with Emma is changed forever. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors, and \$10 for youth at the Silver Center Box Office, (603) 535-2728 or (800) 779-3869. Contact: Professor Elizabeth Cox, ecox@plymouth.edu. Seats are general admission.

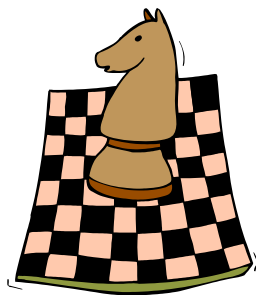
If you would like to meet for dinner at the Thai Smile before the show, please contact Deedie at cdkriebel@gmail.com,

Mitch Manseau and Deedie Kriebel
Co-chairs

Chess Club

Chess Club meets every Thursday in the Fellowship Hall from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. If you know of chess players who might benefit from joining, please let them know. All ages welcome.

George Maloof



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. Please use new side entry. Contact Marce Boomer at 726-3999 or Betty Ann Trought 786-9342 if you have questions.

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.



SKUUM

The men's group, affectionately known as SKUUM (Starr King UU Men) meets on the first and third Sundays of each month. Meetings on November 7 and 21 are held 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.

On November 7 the group will be watching the 2011 Ware Lecture by Karen Armstrong with discussion to follow. All adult males are invited to join these sometimes informative, always lively discussions covering a wide range of topics

Bill Trought

Social Justice

Community Outreach for November

Plymouth Area Community Closet

The Outreach Program for November is Plymouth Area Community Closet. PACC is a non-profit organization which is supported through private donations and the profits of the Thrift Shop, our second hand store. The PACC general mission is to assist those in need by providing (limited) emergency funds, food, and clothing.

The various PACC programs are: Food Pantry, Financial Assistance, Thrift Shop, Meals for Many and Holiday Baskets. PACC serves the towns of Alexandria, Ashland, Bridgewater, Campton, Dorchester, Ellsworth, Groton, Hebron, Holderness, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton, Warren, Waterville Valley and Wentworth.

As many other not for profit organizations like PACC, we are suffering from money difficulties. Our Financial Assistance Office has been closed since April. It was our decision that keeping the Food Pantry open and providing Meals for Many was the most important for the folks in need. We are hoping to begin giving limited financial assistance again December 1.

Incidentally, if you have one Thursday morning a month for volunteering, Financial Assistance office can use your help.

Our Fellowship has been extremely generous to PACC over the years! The folks at PACC are very grateful.

Thank you,
Mimi Ford
Outreach, Social Justice Committee



Whole Village Christmas Angels & Elves

A Social Justice ad hoc committee has formed to assist Whole Village for the Holiday season. One of the particular difficulties is meeting the requests of folks who find themselves, at the last minute, unable to provide anything for their children and family at Christmas time. Many services are available to those in need but the deadlines for signing up are often in October or early November. These folks either are focused on making ends meet with low paying part time jobs or were recently laid off or dealing with illness and didn't think about Christmas. So when they call for assistance and are turned down by other agencies they are referred to Whole Village.

This ad hoc committee, of Angels & Elves, was formed to fill this need for last minute efforts to provide for request of Christmas gifts made after December 15. Several at SKUUF agreed to assist Whole Village by doing last minute shopping. It's difficult to know in advance what the greatest need will be. It might be soft, washable toys for little ones, a toy truck, a doll, Legos, art supplies, a warm winter coat, snow pants, boots, and for teenagers items that have to do with skateboarding, or certain items of clothing. Then, of course, there are always requests for basics like shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream and razors, toothpaste or body washes.

Giving ranges for contributions or to be on a list for shopping range from \$20-30 to \$75 and up. If you would like to participate or know more, a sign-up sheet will be posted in the hallway by the SKUUF conference room. Your help would be greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact Beverly Walker at walkerb@nhcwb.com.

Beverly Walker

News Notes for November

From Bev Walker

About a month ago, Walt Mayshark, with her daughter Mary, attended a special tribute to her husband Jim at Northfield Mount Herman School. Years ago, Jim was a student at Northfield School, a prep school in Northfield, Massachusetts, before attending Lehigh University in Pennsylvania. At the time Mount Herman was the nearby girl's school and they have since merged.

Jim, and all the other students at Northfield School, had jobs at the school as well as their studies. His job was to take care of the cows—take them out in the morning and bring them back to the barn in the afternoon for milking. He loved working with the animals, Walt says.

Whenever improvements are made at the school, a special tribute is made to a former student. Work was recently done on the restoration of the barn and a cupola added on the roof and dedicated to Jim Mayshark. Walt's daughter, Mary, accepted the honor for her Dad and made a little speech. Walt enjoyed the event and recalled happy memories of attending reunions at the school with Jim.

Joe Kelaghan is home in Washington, D.C. recovering from back surgery. That says he is doing well.

Suzanne Appleton is recovering after recent knee surgery and is now at home where she is doing physical therapy.

Directory Changes

email changes:

Susan Jacobs
sjacobs0704@verizon.net

New Address:
Ardesh Sassan
55 Essex Street, Apt 304
Cambridge, MA 02139

Fundraising

New SKUUF Fundraiser:

Alternative Gift Fair **(Arts, Crafts, Baked Goods, Services)**

December 10, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Methodist Church
334 Fairgrounds Road
SKUUF will have a display table.

All, or a percentage, of proceeds may be donated to SKUUF. Please sign up on the activities bulletin board in the hallway, or contact George Maloof at 536-1179 or Maloof@mail.plymouth.edu.

Line Dancing

Note: the line dancing schedule for November and December has changed! Line Dancing will be on the following Sundays from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

- * November 13
- * November 20
- * December 11
- * December 18

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

George Maloof

Activities/Fund Raising

The Leaf Peeper Square Dance, held on October 1, was an overwhelming success! We met our goals of providing an activity, covering expenses, and raising money for SKUUF. We had fifty-nine people in attendance. There were some children, who danced and had fun. There were adults, who couldn't dance, but wanted to support the event, socialize, and listen to the music. There were people who didn't think that they would dance, but did and enjoyed it. Thank you to all who supported the event so enthusiastically!

Deedie Kriebel

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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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.