

# STARR KING VIEW

Starr King UU Fellowship  
-A Welcoming Congregation-  
March 2023



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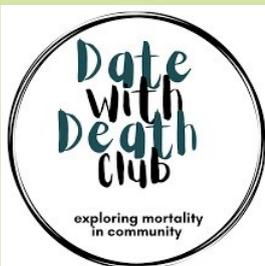
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STARR KING'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AUCTION

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 15TH**  
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## Date with Death Club - starting March 12

Date with Death Club: A Multi-Session Curriculum to Explore Mortality in Community

Developed by Karen G. Johnston, MSW, MDiv

Presented by Rev. Linda Barnes

The Date with Death Club (DwDC) curriculum explores mortality in community. DwDC is an opportunity to learn, share, and deepen your own understanding of what death means to you and how you want to approach death—particularly your own. There will be a total of six sessions starting March 12 - Join us for one session or all six. For more information, and to sign up, please visit: <https://www.starrkingfellowship.org/date-with-death-club>.

## Minister's Newsletter

March 2023

*Vulnerability sounds like truth and feels like courage.  
Truth and courage aren't always comfortable  
but they are never weakness.*  
~ Brene Brown

Welcome to March. I'll be honest, March has historically been my least favorite month. I think of March as the both/and month. It's the month where we can both get amazing amounts of snow and melting begins in earnest. I may find myself thin on patience, with the weather and my routines, and I relish the promise of spring and increase in sunshine. Maybe you do too. I am both hopeful and a bit more vulnerable.

Our Soul Matters theme for March is The Path of Vulnerability, on the surface it's not a path I'm at first inclined to take. Vulnerability can sound like weakness; like we're flawed. In truth we are both flawed and courageous; weak and resilient; imperfect and compassionate. Exploring vulnerability reminds me that we are both/and people. Not so single-dimensional as we might at first imagine. I am a better person when I can remember the complex nature of being human. Recognizing the capacity of vulnerability to bring us closer to truth and courage allows me to pause and assess the possibility of growth, of learning, of forgiveness. Perhaps you find that this is true for you, too. I hope you'll join us for Sunday services this month to explore this more deeply.

I appreciate all the ways we are welcoming one another on Sundays. It's been a joy to witness. Thank you to the Smooth Sunday teams who have made our Fellowship warm and welcoming on Sunday mornings. Your efforts make more of a difference than you might know. On-line we have a team that serves as welcoming too. Genuine community is a much-needed commodity in our times. We continue to be a loving force making the world a better place. Thank you for all the ways, large and small that you make that so.

So much is happening here - Reproductive Justice, Climate Justice conversations, and calls to action. We have worked towards our Welcoming Congregation recertification with the Gender Unicorn workshop. Coming up this month we have an adult religious education offering, Date with Death Club. The auction is returning in April and more. I hope you'll find ways that you can engage here in this remarkable community.

With love and respect,

Linda

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## Soup for the Soul II: POTLUCK



**Friday, March 24, 2023, 5:30—7:00 PM**

**Bring a crockpot of your favorite soup to share.**

**Bread will be served  
Macey Hall, Starr King UU Fellowship**

## Stewardship 2023



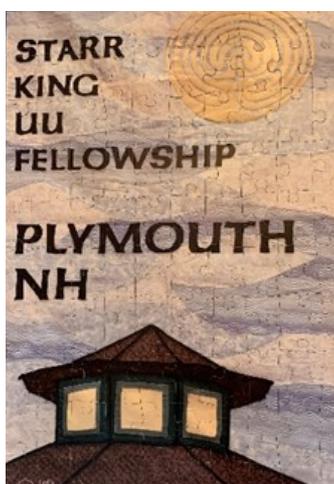
### Stewardship Celebration



How well do you know your Fellowship? Come to our Stewardship celebration on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> and find out. Right after the service, zoomers and in-person attendees are invited to play a game of Jeopardy "Starr King" style. We will play in groups, sharing our knowledge and getting to know a little more about each other and the Fellowship in the process. After the game, we will continue fellowship and sharing over a minestrone soup lunch put on by the high school and middle school youth groups. The youth will be accepting donations for the lunch to raise money for their trip to Costa Rica in April.

### Pledge Drive Ends Sunday, March 5

Thank you to all who have pledged. More than half of you were able to raise your pledge this year. Pledges have come in faster than usual, and for that we are grateful. It means that the board and committee on finance will have realistic figures to work with as they develop the budget. Our drive ends on Sunday with our celebration. If you are planning to make a pledge, help us complete our puzzle and press that blue "submit your pledge button" on the website! Thank you to all for your commitment to our mission to cultivate more love in the world and nurture more love for the world.



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### Donating from the Starr King website.

The Donate button on the website is found at the top right of the Starr King UU Fellowship homepage. It is very simple to use, and only requires you to register the first time you use it.

The donation form allows you to select the amount you wish to deposit to our virtual collection and you can choose to donate to the Sunday offering or to any of our other Special Collection outreach or regular Starr King funds. You can also designate if you would like your gift to be a recurring donation, or not.

The funds you designate can be drawn from your bank account or paid by credit card. Either way, please consider helping to cover the cost of processing electronic donations by clicking on the "Cover Fees" box when submitting your donation.



## Sunday Services

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**March 5 In Everyone's Story is Our Story:  
Reflections on the Spiritual Journey  
Quentin Blaine, Stephanie Halter, Nancy Dowey,  
and Rev. Linda Barnes**

Let's try this again! Join us on this Sunday for one of our favorite Sunday services, *Spiritual Journeys*. We will hear stories from three of our Fellowship members. Each will offer us a glimpse into their spiritual experiences and learnings.

**March 12 The Beautiful Mess Effect  
Rev. Linda Barnes**

When someone shows us something they are afraid of or embarrassed by, we tend to take a far more positive view of it than we do our own weaknesses. This is known as the Beautiful Mess Effect. Join us as we take a fresh look at our collective *beautiful mess* with compassionate eyes.

**March 19 Tender Gifts  
Margaret Rieser**

How do we come to know our own tender sufferings as gifts? At times in our lives, being vulnerable is a hard reality that we don't get to choose. This can lead to pain, anxiety and shame. This morning we will explore how our own experiences of vulnerability can help us identify and be more compassionate regarding the vulnerability of others.

**March 26 Dark Night's Gift  
Rev. Linda Barnes.**

The Dark Night of the Soul has been used for centuries to describe the meeting of our fears with our true desires, that is, with our soul. On this Sunday, we'll explore the Dark Night's gift to our Unitarian Universalist understanding of spiritual awakening.

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On Friday, March 3, we will hold a vespers service in our sanctuary at 6:00 PM.

This will not be available on Zoom.

Pizza will be served after the service for those who'd like to stay and "break bread."



### Nursery Care

If you have a child three years or younger, you are welcome to use the nursery to care for your child. Please know that children of any age are always welcome to remain in our services.

### Do You Wish You Could See a Service You Missed?

Did you know that most Sunday Services are recorded and posted to Vimeo - a cloud-based video platform similar to YouTube?

You can view any past service by navigating to our home page [www.starrkingfellowship.org](http://www.starrkingfellowship.org) and scrolling down to the section called "Sundays at Starr King."

You can see the most recent Sunday or any past services.

## President's Letter

Everyone sees our Mission and Vision Statement printed in various places. This is used as the focus of so much of the work we do. By "we" I mean the board, staff, committees, choir, Smooth Sunday teams, tech crew, i.e. "we" means ALL OF US. This doesn't guarantee things always run smoothly, peacefully, correctly, as has been witnessed in recent weeks. Technology has not been responding the ideal way (we are well aware and working to find solutions), feelings of disappointment in self and others, lack of communication between all involved, and therefore, struggling trying to make sense of what is happening.

Our mission statement says "At Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, we cultivate more love in the world and nurture more love for the world." I feel we can agree our community is based on relationships, where people know and trust each other. Cultivating positive relationships is essential for our mental and physical health, we feel connected and supported, without feeling judged or misunderstood. This takes time and energy by every one of us.

A quick search\* provided nine tips to cultivating healthy relationships:

1. Be genuine and authentic. (think: honesty is the best policy)
2. Be present.
3. Be thoughtful, considerate.
4. Show empathy-understand how they feel and why.
5. Be reliable and consistent-build trust.
6. Communicate openly.
7. Be willing to compromise.
8. Set boundaries.
9. Appreciate the good times.

\*www.aldohappy.com

The second part of our mission statement-"nurture more love in the world"- includes the education, enrichment, inspiration, improvement, sustaining, strengthening, fortifying, replenishing, feeding, renewing, serving, growing, all with kindness and patience, and more! Relationships within our community require nurturing to allow us to live our vision: welcome and care for all ages and identities, create a more loving world, offer diverse experiences through worship, events and the use of our building, create social and environmental justice, i.e. living and modeling our values.

Our fellowship is wonderful in so many ways but we can always improve. The work isn't always easy. Sometimes a bit more flexibility, understanding, patience and kindness may be needed. Please work with each other to focus on cultivating healthy positive relationships and continue to nurture more love for all.

Jane Clay

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## Soundbites

“With our mind and our hearts and our hands, may we choose to bless the world”

This short chant was written by Elizabeth Norton, Director of music at First Parish UU in Concord, Mass. It is a phrase from a much longer reading by Rev. Rebecca Parker, who was the President of Starr King School for the Ministry for many years. The opening line of Rev Parker’s reading is : “Your gifts – whatever you discover them to be – can be used to bless or curse the world.” I think about this for myself and for our community at Starr King UU Fellowship.

The short piece of music has special significance for the Starr King Choir. It is a lovely four part chant that builds with the addition of each voice. It also is special because it has been sung at the bedside of dying beloved members of the Fellowship, and at memorial services which follow. It also fits in with the adult Religious Education session that will be led by Rev. Barnes this month in the “Date with Death” series. How will each of us use our gifts? Will they be used to bless or curse the world in which we live? How will these gifts impact our Fellowship and the wider community?

As we contemplate the theme of Vulnerability for the month of March, may we be brave in the sharing of our individual gifts towards a better space for us all. May we choose to bless the world.

See yall in church,

Sarah Dan



### SCHEDULE:

Choir meets in the sanctuary every Thursday at 6 pm

Sunday, March 5 – Sarah Dan

Sunday, March 12 – Will Gunn, musician

Sunday, March 19 – Sarah Dan and Choir

Sunday, March 26 – Sarah Dan and Choir

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## ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT ATTENDING THE 2023 UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY?

**Funds are available from the Endowment Fund to pay for the registration fee for GA:**

*Dates: June 21-25, 2023*

*Location: Pittsburgh, PA*

*Cost: Full Virtual Registration - \$300*

*In-Person ranges from \$350-\$600 (check the UUA website for more details)*

**Apply for reimbursement on the Starr King UU website by selecting select “Endowment Request” from the drop down under the Members tab.**

## From Your DRE

### Religious Education

We have had a wonderful time this past month in Religious Education focusing on the theme of Love. The children spent a few weeks working with the concept of love languages, learning and reflecting on the many different ways love can be given and received. They also had the chance to make valentine's cards and paper heart chains to give to loved ones. To finish this theme, the children thought about the idea of embodying love and how that might look as individuals and in our community. To show this, they created a community of pipe-cleaner people skiing, sledding, and climbing in the snow together - "Love in the snow". We are so grateful to the many volunteers who have allowed religious education to continue each Sunday at SKUFF! If you are interested in getting involved more with RE, please feel free to email the Director of Religious Education, Grace Kennedy, at: [dre@starringfellowship.org](mailto:dre@starringfellowship.org)



Both our Middle and High School Youth Groups have continued to meet regularly. Attendance has been steady, and we are so thrilled to be able to consistently offer this space of connection and reflection to over a dozen young members of our community. We hope this number keeps growing and we are excited to see how these groups evolve. Planning continues for a trip to Costa Rica this April for several members and the leaders of our High School Youth Group. The goal of this trip is to give these youth the opportunity to experience the unique culture and biodiversity of another part of the world. Thank you to the incredible leaders of both our youth groups who make them possible and to everyone who continues to help support these youth!

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### Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to fill positions on the Board and on the Nominating and Endowment Committees that will be open next year. If you have an interest in serving our Fellowship in a leadership role, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee. This is an opportunity to get more deeply involved with the inner workings of our Fellowship. The following positions are open:

#### Governing Board

Vice President (1 year term)  
Trustee (1 year term, 2023-2024)  
Trustee (3 year term, 2023-2026)  
Trustee (3 year term, 2023-2026)

#### Nominating Committee

Committee Member (3 years, 2023-2026)

#### Endowment Committee

Committee Member (3 year term, 2023-2026)

#### Nominating Committee

Deedie Kriebel, Chair  
Bill Trought  
Mary Crowell

### Howling Monkey Nicaraguan Coffee Still Available

Shade-grown, organic Howling Monkey Nicaraguan coffee can still be purchased to support both the Starr King Youth group and Compas de Nicaragua.

It is available either whole bean or ground, \$15.00 per pound. Please Contact Bob and Jane Clay, 603-996-1207 or [jhclay@roadrunner.com](mailto:jhclay@roadrunner.com), to make arrangements for pick-up or delivery.



## March Outreach Collection: CASA—NH

CASA - NH (Court Appointed Special Advocates) was founded in the late 1980s to provide a voice for abused and neglected children and youth. It relies on a statewide network of trained volunteers who advocate in New Hampshire's court system on behalf of the children.



CASA volunteers spend time getting to know the child or children they are working with and to gather information from the important adults in each child's life, ultimately allowing them to make qualified, unbiased recommendations to a judge about what they believe to be in the best interests of the child. They are someone the child can depend on when living arrangements, school placements and other people in their lives are changing.

It is sobering. In 2022 there were 946 cases statewide, with 1,538 children being served by 642 volunteers who spent 89,866 hours developing consistent and stable relationships with their appointed children, and advocating within the court system on their behalf. CASA – NH's goal is to provide an advocate for 100% of NH's children in need.

Our donations will help support CASA's programs, including recruiting and training volunteers. Donations may be made online by using the donate button on the Starr King UU Fellowship homepage, by mailing a check to the Fellowship at PO Box 337, Plymouth 03264, or by placing your contribution in the collection basket at a Sunday service. Please note "CASA" on the memo line of your check.

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### *Thanks to your Generosity to Our Outreach Collections:*



*Here is what we have given recently:*

*October 2022—NH Food Bank—  
\$1,128.00*

*November 2022—PACC—\$1,956*

*December 2022—UU Action NH  
Bail & Bond Fund—\$725.00*

*January 2023—PAREI—\$1,227.00*

## COVID POLICY

Starr King Fellowship no longer requires vaccinations and masks for those entering the building.

We always welcome those who choose to wear masks and will continue to supply masks at entrances to the building.

If you test positive, please stay home until you test negative or for 10 days.

As always, if you do not feel well or remain uncomfortable in group settings, join us on Zoom.

# ACTION NH

**SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023**

## UU Action NH 2023 Annual Meeting

Saturday, April 29, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

UU Church of Concord, NH

***“Equity and Justice in a Changing Climate”***

Join UUs from across New Hampshire for our first in-person annual meeting since 2019!

- Keynote speaker
- Workshops
- Congregational Showcase

### Who We Are

UU Action NH is the statewide action network of Unitarian Universalists bringing our voices together to make change happen in New Hampshire.

Learn more about us and our social justice work in New Hampshire by visiting <https://www.uuactionnh.com>.

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**After you've saved the date, it's time to...**

#### ***Donate goods, services and experiences:***

Our goal is to offer something for everyone, so it's time to get creative! Contact Deedie Kriebel, [cdkriebel@gmail.com](mailto:cdkriebel@gmail.com) or Janet Englund, [janetenglund76@gmail.com](mailto:janetenglund76@gmail.com) and we'll help you transform your ideas and enthusiasm. Or check out suggestions and how to submit your donation electronically on our [Auction webpage](#).

#### ***Donate talent:***

Our first ever "Starr King Talent Show" needs your talent! Get in touch with Kathy Kelsey, [kmkelsey@gmail.com](mailto:kmkelsey@gmail.com) or Deedie Kriebel about lending your talents to the festivities.

#### ***Donate food:***

Delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts are always a wonderful part of the Auction evening. Reach out to Susan Jacobs, [sjacobs0704@verizon.com](mailto:sjacobs0704@verizon.com) about contributing your specialties.

The Auction Committee

## Climate Action News

### The fight to close New England's last operating coal-fired power plant continues

That power plant, the Merrimack Generating Station, is located alongside the Merrimack River in Bow, New Hampshire, just south of Concord. On February 15<sup>th</sup> Carolyn Erickson and Nancy Chaddock attended an online discussion led by Kendra Ford and Dominic Osmond, climate organizers for 350NH.org. Kendra is known to some in the Fellowship—she left a 20-year ministry with the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Exeter NH to join the 350NH staff. Her dedicated activism for the closing of the Bow plant began years ago, during her ministry.

The 350NH organization, by the way, is completely separate from the now international 350.org which is also dedicated to climate action, founded by Bill McKibben. "350" refers to 350 parts per million of carbon dioxide, considered the safe concentration limit in the atmosphere. We have exceeded that safe level.

Coal is shipped to Bow in open train cars from mines in West Virginia. When the plant is in operation it pollutes the Merrimack River and puts people living nearby in Bow, and those living in the poorer towns of Pembroke and Allenstown, at risk of serious health problems. The plant also contributes to the greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. In 2012 the plant received scrubbers to reduce mercury and sulfur output, at a cost to New England electric rate payers of hundreds of millions of dollars which we are still paying for. It is part of the "stranded cost charge" included in our electric bills. The plant is currently owned by Atlas Holdings, a private equity firm based in Greenwich, Connecticut.

In 2019 360NH activists got themselves arrested during a peaceful demonstration and hoped their actions would be considered self defense, but the court would not allow this argument. The group has continued to courageously put their own bodies on the train tracks, on seven occasions so far, successfully blocking and delaying trains for hours, at considerable cost to the plant.

All this, and coal provides less than 1% of the electric power for New England. So why are we still burning coal in NH? Unfortunately money and influence flows from big utilities, corrupting legislators to inaction on this issue. As Kendra Ford stated in her closing words at the meeting, "Systems of power resist change."

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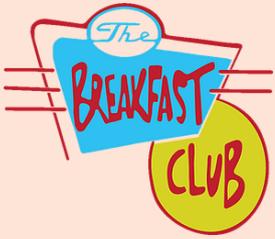
## Office Hours

The Rev. Dr. Linda Barnes is in her office  
Tuesday and Wednesday,  
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM,  
Thursday 10:00 AM. to 3:00 PM  
or by appointment, 536-8908

## Great way to support SKUUF!

The purchase of a Hannaford card to use for grocery shopping costs you no additional money but helps SKUUF raise funds. In addition, purchase of Hannaford gift cards is always in good taste and you can use the SKUUF Hannaford program to purchase gift cards to give as thoughtful gifts. Denominations \$25, \$100, \$500. See Taphi Janell during office hours or Linda Haskins after services. Cash or Checks, sorry no credit cards as fees remove our profit. Remember all checks are made out to SKUUF with Hannaford in memo line.





## **Breakfast Club - Friday, 3/3/23**

Join us on the first Friday of each month. This month we will meet at Annie's Overflow Restaurant in Plymouth at 8:45 AM for breakfast and conversation.

Then we will travel to the Museum of the White Mountains at 10 AM, where Gallery Director, Meghan Doherty, will give us an introduction to the exhibit - Emerging: Annual PSU Student Art Exhibition 2023. *This exhibition celebrates the multitude of talent, work, and passion of PSU student artists and the total spectrum of PSU's Art and Design program. Every year, students are invited to submit their best work, no matter where they are in their development. The external jurors are asked to make selections from three levels: Foundational, Emerging, and Advanced.* Please contact Deedie Kriebel at [cdkriebel@gmail.com](mailto:cdkriebel@gmail.com), if you are interested in joining us, and if you would like to be put on the email list.



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## **"Second" Sunday Hike - March 12**

We were unable to do the Flume hike in February, so we will be trying again in March! On March 12, we will take our annual hike to the Flume in Franconia. This is a fun hike for all ages. There are

opportunities for those who are young (or young at heart) to do some sliding, so dress in appropriate clothing and bring an adventurous spirit! We usually get to see some ice climbers as well. Our plan is to go to the Woodstock Station for refreshments after the hike. We will leave the Fellowship after the service at 11:30 AM from the lower parking lot.

If you plan to join us, RSVP to Deedie at [cdkriebel@gmail.com](mailto:cdkriebel@gmail.com) for updates.



## **Meditation Group, Mondays at 6 p.m.**

Our meditation group meets every Monday from 6 to 7 pm in the upstairs foyer. We are a small informal group that shares an abiding interest in meditation. Usually, we have between 5 and 10 participants. We are not affiliated with any sect or religion, however we often follow meditations in the Buddhist tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh, Jack Kornfield, Pema Chodron and the like. We generally get together at 6 for brief hellos and pertinent comments. Then a facilitator for the week will offer a short reading or discussion on a meditation topic, followed by a guided meditation, related to the topic. The meditation can be anywhere between 20 and 40 minutes. Afterward we have a short debriefing and discussion of the experience. We adjourn at 7. There is no designated leader of the group and there is no effort to persuade anyone to any point of view.

We welcome newcomers to our group. This group is free and requires no dues or contributions. No previous meditation experience necessary.

## Book Group News

Join us every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. for a lively book discussion. Email [kmkelsey@gmail.com](mailto:kmkelsey@gmail.com) if you'd like to be added to the email list to receive the monthly zoom link.

The books for the coming year are:

March 13 - **The Verifiers** by Jane Pek

April 10 - **My Beloved World** by Sonia Sotomayer

May 8 - **Parable of the Sower** by Octavia Butler

June 12 - **The Fixed Stars** by Molly Wizenberg

July 10 - **Tattooist of Auschwitz** by Heather Morris

August 14 - **The Bible** by Karen Armstrong



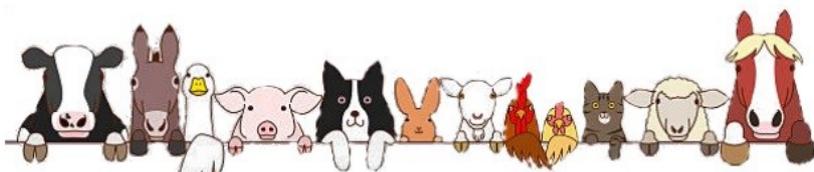
## More Activities...

Click here to:

[Check out the Calendar on the website for other activities...](#)

- Morning Men's Meeting—1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 10:00 AM, contact Bill Trought for more info
- Climate Action—1st and 3rd Fridays at 10:00 AM, contact Nancy Chaddock for more info
- Scrabble—Wednesdays at 10:00 AM, contact Danni Simon for more info
- Bridge—Thursdays at 12:30 PM, contact Anna Wilken for more info
- GentleYoga—Tuesdays at 5:00 PM and Saturdays at 8:30 AM, contact Darlene Nadeau for more info

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# WE'VE GOT OPENINGS!

**OPENING LINES\*** is an experimental new Zoom play group\* for adults at Starr King Fellowship.

If you've never paid much attention to the first line of the book you are reading, you will now.

Come have fun with "opening lines" of books via (loose) adaptations of Jeopardy, 20 Questions, Inspiration, Author Author (where you will rarely write more than 3 sentences), and more. All you need is a pencil and paper and a Zoom connection.

Five sessions of **Opening**

**Lines** are scheduled

2:00—3:30 p.m. EST

on these Thursdays:

March 30

May 25

July 27

September 28

November 30

In November we will check in to determine continued interest.

**Curious?** Ask Sally Gove, Mary Hazelton or Deedie Kriebel about their experiences participating in the Opening Lines trial run.

**Interested?** Let Zoom Host Cindy Spring know and she will include you in the email containing the link. [cspring2@icloud.com](mailto:cspring2@icloud.com)

**Ideas?** Content Host Sue Ellen Tuttle [sueellentuttle@hotmail.com](mailto:sueellentuttle@hotmail.com)

\*or, as Minister Linda Barnes puts it, a "social endeavor."

*"James Osborne is on the precipice, barely holding on to the frayed rope of advanced life support."*

Opening line in  
*The Last Traverse*  
by Ty Gagne



*"When the shoe dropped into her lap, the foot was still in it."*

Opening line in  
*Falling*, a novel  
by T. J. Newman



*"When the temp agency called, I was struggling to make the math work."*

Opening line  
in Natalie Zina  
Walshots SciFi  
novel *Hench*

INTERESTING OPENING LINES

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Diana Pamplin

## **Mission and Vision statement**

### **Mission:**

At Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, we cultivate more love in the world and nurture more love for the world.

### **Vision:**

Our Fellowship welcomes and cares for people of all ages and varied identities. We experience joy as we build community and use our relationships with each other to create a more loving world.

Our Fellowship embraces what is meaningful and beautiful. We offer diverse experiences in worship, music, and the arts through our services, events, and the use of our building.

We live and model our values, collectively creating social and environmental justice with direct action and financial support.

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## **About Membership in Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**

### **What it Means to be a Member**

Membership is open to all individuals sixteen years and older regardless of race, creed, national origin, gender or sexual orientation who are in harmony with the visions, goals and principles of Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

You are invited to become a member by participating in a Path to Membership orientation or by meeting with the Minister to review the benefits and responsibilities of membership. All new members sign the official Membership Record book witnessed by the Minister or a Membership Committee Chair.

Members are entitled to the services of the Minister and the use of the sanctuary for Rites of Passage (weddings, dedications, memorial services, etc.) at no cost. Members are eligible to serve in elected officer positions and serve as committee chairs. Members have the privilege of full voting rights.

Membership is maintained by active participation in the Fellowship, by supporting the annual Stewardship Drive and/or contributing service toward the Fellowship.

### **What it Means to be a Friend**

A Friend of Starr King UU Fellowship is an individual in harmony with the visions, goals and principles of our Fellowship who chooses not to sign the Membership Record Book. A Friend may participate in any and all Fellowship activities but does not receive Rites of Passage services without a fee, is not eligible to vote or serve as an elected officer or committee chair.