

# STARR KING VIEW

Starr King UU Fellowship  
-A Welcoming Congregation-  
June 2021



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## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE:

The office will be operating on SUMMER HOURS as of June 21st!  
Lisa will be in the office Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays  
from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

If your group or committee continues to meet through the summer months,  
please let Lisa know so she can keep you on the calendar!

## Member News

**Jess Boynton, a member of our Fellowship,** has recently been diagnosed with melanoma. She and her family are doing all they can to take good care of her and each other. We too are looking for all the ways we can help care for them. Jess has set up a page through Caring Bridge where she shares her journey and suggests ways to help - including providing meals, play dates, and opportunities to donate. Check out her site to help send more good vibes, physically and spiritually. <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/jessboynton>

You can also support Jess through her cancer treatment at <https://gofund.me/165e3406>. Even a small donation could help Jessica Boynton reach their fundraising goal. And if you can't make a donation, it would be great if you could share the fundraiser to help spread the word.

**Gather at the River** - Join Starr King members: Mary Hazelton, Gigi Estes, Susan Chadwick, Wes Chadwick, Kathy Hillier, Ed Loranger, Susan Scrimshaw, and Allan Stern at this Summer Solstice Celebration!



## Sunday Services - June 2021

Live STREEM via ZOOM <https://zoom.us/j/567620881>

### **June 6 Prescription-Strength Play**

**Rev. Linda Barnes**

The doctor is in. On this Sunday, Dr. Linda is prescribing prescription-strength *play*. Join us as we explore play for all of us. Play is guaranteed to help you feel more like yourself, treat arthritis, dizziness, rashes and more... wait, no, disregard that...yes to helping you feel more like yourself and fight the blues.

### **June 13 The Depth of Choosing**

**Tara Humphries, Intern Minister**

How might we shift our understandings of kinship, love, and family to more deeply reflect the expansive love that our faith proclaims? This morning we will dive into the story of Ruth and Naomi from the Hebrew scriptures and reflect together on Ruth's radical proclamation "Where you go I will go."

### **June 20 Flower Communion: Sunlight and Flowers**

**Rev. Linda Barnes**

Let there be flowers and sunlight as we come together in person for the first time in more than a year! Bring a flower and a lawn chair to join in the outdoor service or enjoy the comfort of home as we will live-stream the service on Zoom as well. At this time, we will bless our solar panels (or the site on which they will be built) as we look forward to a new beginning.

### **June 27 Sunday Morning Worship - UUA General Assembly**

The good people of the First Universalist of Minneapolis will serve as worship leaders for this most amazing nation-wide shared service. Music will be offered through collaboration with 2021 GA Choir Director Susan Mishiya-ma, the GA virtual choir, and musicians from Frist Universalist.

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## Zoom Etiquette

Starr King Fellowship, like so many other organizations, perhaps even your extended family, have adapted to meetings and gatherings held virtually now more than ever. Zoom and other formats have etiquette suggestions that make the experience better for all.

- Location: background should be clean and tidy. You may use a virtual background as well.
- Lighting: any lighting should be in front of you. Close blinds if window is in background.
- Position: camera device should be at eye level and capture from the chest up.
- Noise: mute yourself, unmute to speak. Background noise from any source is amplified.
- Video: turn on as purpose of this format is to connect with others and visual is preferred.
- Appearance: dress appropriately. If you or your device move, it can be embarrassing for all.
- Screenshots: ask permission of participants first and inform all where it will be posted.
- Speaker or gallery view: speaker view is good to focus, gallery view to see others' reactions.

Smiling, kindness and involvement continues in our fellowship, thanks to a virtual format (and Rev. Linda and many others!) and we are doing as best as we can. With the pandemic and chaos in the world, thank you Zoom.

Jane Clay and the Board

*This list has been edited from <https://www.torontonicity.com>  
Search "zoom etiquette" for more information.*

## Minister's Newsletter

June 2021

Play is the answer to how anything new comes about.

~ Jean Piaget

Well look at us, we've made it to June, the month that marks the end of the regular worship calendar year. We expect to open our sanctuary next fall to be together in person. I can't wait. I can't wait. Have I told you that I can't wait? An unintended, but positive, consequence of the pandemic is that we now know how to live-stream our services from the sanctuary. So, in the future, we will continue to provide live-streamed and in-person worship services simultaneously.

We're all just figuring out how best to move out of the Covid restrictions that were so important to keeping each other safe. Many of us might find ourselves feeling unsure, I know I am. Initially, our Soul Matters theme for June, which is play, felt out of place. Honestly, I had to think for a bit to see if I was on board with that. Could I see play as a spiritual theme? Initially it was hard to imagine relaxing and finding joy especially if that involved being with other people, dare I say, being social! But as Jean Piaget offers, "Play is the answer to how anything new comes about." If we are to move towards post-pandemic life, play might be just the thing to invite us to move into what is new. No doubt many of us could all use a chance to lighten up a bit.

This Summer we'll have a handful of our regular summer services and we'll be offering services with the theme of *UU at the Movies* from other UU congregations. It will be a great time to play around watching different approaches to worship and to hear other Unitarian Universalist voices. Stay tuned as we choose which services we'll offer from the 15 different UU congregations participating in this shared worship experience. Our offering was the service exploring the movie *Tootsie*. I am most grateful to Sarah Dan Jones for suggesting it and for being my conversation partner. Later in June we'll publish the full schedule of summer services.

Please join us for our Flower Communion on June 20<sup>th</sup>. We are holding our service outside so please bring a flower and a lawn chair or blanket then come look at the beautiful faces of those whom we've not been able to visit for so very long. This service will also be live-streamed.

Dear ones, take some time to play. Let us remember the value of living life well, now. I hope we can all take the opportunity to set worries free like dandelion seeds on the wind and find ourselves fully present in this moment. What better time than this? Take a breath, remember all that is good and right, and know that love still lives here.

In faith and Love,  
Rev. Linda

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### 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. The recent Spiritual Journey service was especially soulful and well worth a view.

## President's letter

The look and feel of summer is in the air. The bright green, the humidity, the flowers, the black flies! All part of the fun of living here in NH. With the coming of summer comes the winding down of the church year and what a year it has been!

It has been a year like no other, but you showed up. For Sunday services, Committee meetings, the work that needed to be done to keep the Fellowship going, the stewardship campaign. So much gratitude for all of you staying with us. We are so fortunate as many Congregations have really struggled this past 14 months. It hasn't been easy but you stayed with us. I especially want to thank the Board for continuing to do the work this past year through it all.

Thank you to all who attended the annual meeting this past month. We were able to get through the business at hand with only minor glitches! I so look forward to having our 2022 meeting in person. Of course, one of the changes will be that you can attend virtually if that is easier. We have learned so much this year.

September will bring many changes. We will be opening up for those who wish to attend in person but we will still be live streaming services for those who prefer to attend that way. The Children's Learning Center will be leaving at the end of September as they move into their new space. The solar panels and new electric boiler will be installed and fully functionally. So much to be grateful for.

The Board has one more meeting this year in June and will be taking the month of July off, a well-deserved break. Thank-you to Mike Randall for his last three years serving as a Trustee. Enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Mary Crowell

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## Board's Bulletin

- Updating Minister's Contract
- Minister's Sabbatical Spring 2022
- Assembling Reopening Task Force
- \$25,000 Restricted Gift Accepted to purchase lobby and office furniture
- In Process Building Updates:
  - Solar array
  - New boiler
  - Sanctuary & fellowship floors
  - Exploring possible air filtration system for sanctuary

Reach out to any board member if you have questions or just to discuss further.

## Office Hours

The Reverend 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.

Fellowship Office is open Tuesday through Friday  
8:00 AM to 1:30 PM  
536-8908

*[Click here for Summer Hours beginning on June 21](#)*

## From your Community Minister

Hello, Starr King members and friends,

It has been a great joy to be the Community Minister for Starr King UU Fellowship the past two years. I will be gone for two weeks in mid-June to be the minister of the Monhegan Community Church on Monhegan Island off the coast of Maine. When I return it will be summer and I will consider myself retired, so this is my last *View* item.



You are a wonderful congregation, and I will stay connected to the Fellowship through lunches with your delightful minister, Linda, and visits on Sunday morning every now and then.

You have several members who know the local and state political scene. Watch Announcements and the *View*. They will keep you informed and involved in social justice and help you live your UU values.

Again, thank you for your warm welcome and your interest in my concerns.

Namaste,

Emily

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# ACTION NH

## Report on 2021 Spring Summit and Annual Meeting

Unitarian Universalist Action New Hampshire, our statewide UU action network, held its 2021 Spring Summit and Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 21st. Although the meeting was held on Zoom, the tech crew, led by **Babe DeRaymond**, hosted the summit from the Starr King sanctuary. The music worship was performed by our own **Sarah Dan Jones**.

The theme of this year's summit was "**Crossing Borders in a Warming World.**" The meeting brought together UUs from across New Hampshire to hear and report on social justice activities in our state.

**Robin Schnell** from South Church in Portsmouth offered opening words during the chalice lighting. **Rev. Lyn Marshall** from UU Concord led the morning worship.

Executive Director **Tristan Husby** of UU Nashua then provided an overview of UU Action NH's 2020 activities in the areas of immigrant rights, racial justice, livable wages and workers' rights, and UU Action NH's major project organizing statewide actions for Climate Justice.

UU Action NH's President **Curt Smith** from UU Manchester introduced the good works of our member congregations, including UU Milford, UU Laconia, and Starr King UU Fellowship. **Cindy Spring** described the activities of Starr King's Black Lives Matter Committee, while **Rev. Emily Burr** described her activities as our Community Minister.



Finally, Summit attendees heard from the keynote speaker, **Rev. Ranwa Hammamy**, the Executive Director of UU Justice Ministry of California, which educates, agitates and organizes for immigrant and climate justice. Rev. Hammamy shared their personal stories of confronting ICE and CBP at the southern border. They described the harrowing journey that climate migrants and those seeking asylum must take to reach the U.S. border, as well as the deplorable conditions they face when they arrive.

UU Action NH thanks Starr King for being a member congregation, for its active support for social justice action in New Hampshire, and for its financial support of UU Action NH.

## Soundbites

**8 years.** When we gather in September, I will be celebrating the beginning of my 8<sup>th</sup> year with the Starr King Community. What a great ride, and to quote the Grateful Dead “What a Long Strange Trip it’s been”.

In the past month, the change in guidance from the CDC has altered our rehearsal as a choir on Thursdays. I am most grateful for the Pandemic Response Team of Susan Schrimshaw, Joe Kelehan and Sue Ellen Skinner for their guidance and flexibility as we all navigate the waters in which we swim. Because of their diligence, it was decided that the choir could meet indoors at the fellowship for abbreviated rehearsals on Thursday nights. This decision was not made lightly, and we have been masked for much of our gatherings. As a choir community, we made the collective decision that based on the science and in agreement that all present had been vaccinated and willing, we would sing for a bit mask less. It was both liberating and scary. Risks were made and every available precaution was taken. It was a reminder of “what was” and “what needs to be.”

In that same vein, we are planning our end of the season church service focused around the Flower Communion to be one we hold outdoors. There are many logistical challenges to inclusion (Zoom for all), and in person (sound, lights, camera, etc) but I feel confident it will work. So blessed are we with a dedicated, volunteer Tech Team. It will be a good test of transition for the potential of gathering in person in the Fall.

Speaking of the Tech Team, I want to extend my sincere gratitude to Raymond De Raymond and Judi Hall for their support on May 22<sup>nd</sup> of the UU Action New Hampshire Annual Meeting. They agreed to broadcast from our sanctuary, and it was most successful. And, another example of how we have shifted our community commitment to meet the times. It was a great way to share resources and ideas with other UU NH congregations.

As this goes to press I head to my home state of Georgia to attend a many times postponed wedding. As with the choir rehearsals, I am both nervous and excited. I am so grateful to the Board and Rev. Linda for allowing me two Sundays off in a row to participate in the connection with my roots. And grateful to all of yall for your support of the ever changing, ongoing music ministry at Starr King.

Much Love,  
Sarah Dan



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## Online Member/Friend Directory

Need to reach your Starr King Friends? All members and active friends have access to our online directory. The link is on the Member menu item of the [starrkingfellowship.org](http://starrkingfellowship.org) web page or you can simply go to the url [skuuf.simplechurchcrm.com](http://skuuf.simplechurchcrm.com). Your username is your first name and last name separated with a period such as mickey.mouse. If you have never logged in before, simply click on Forgot Password and one will be emailed to you. If you like using your mobile device, you can download the app for Simple Church. To setup, type in the domain name “skuuf”.

Here’s what you can do there:

- Change your contact information
- Find contact information of SKUUF members
- See what groups you belong to (e.g. Soul Matters, Smooth Sundays)

Questions? Contact [kmkelsey@gmail.com](mailto:kmkelsey@gmail.com).

## From Your Climate Action Team—

PLASTICS: Thirteen ways to lower plastic in our environments

1. Buy milk, juice and other liquids in cardboard cartons, glass bottles, and/or aluminum cans
2. Take water with you in metal or glass reusable bottles
3. Avoid using plastic cutlery and straws; carry reusable cutlery & paper straws (or metal fold-ups)
4. Store food at home in glass, silicone, or metal containers
5. Try reusable beeswax wraps instead of cling wrap and plastic sandwich bags; stretchy silicone lids are great for bowls of all sizes (zerowasteoutlet.com)
6. Use cloth reusable bags to bring groceries home; avoid using flimsy, one-time-use plastic bags!
7. Buy vegetables that aren't bagged; bring your own mesh reusable bags for fresh vegetable purchases
8. Heat food on the stove or microwave in glass – avoid microwaving anything in plastic
9. Avoid buying shampoos, conditioners and soaps in plastic bottles; solid bars are available
10. Buy biodegradable garbage bags
11. Use powdered laundry detergent instead of liquid; you can even make your own (1 bar Fels- Naptha laundry soap [or a castile, ivory, or Dr. Bronner's], 1 C washing soda, 1 C borax)
12. How about trying bamboo toothbrushes? (nearly every plastic toothbrush made is still hanging around, somewhere...)
13. Vacuum & dust often... those micro particles are everywhere...

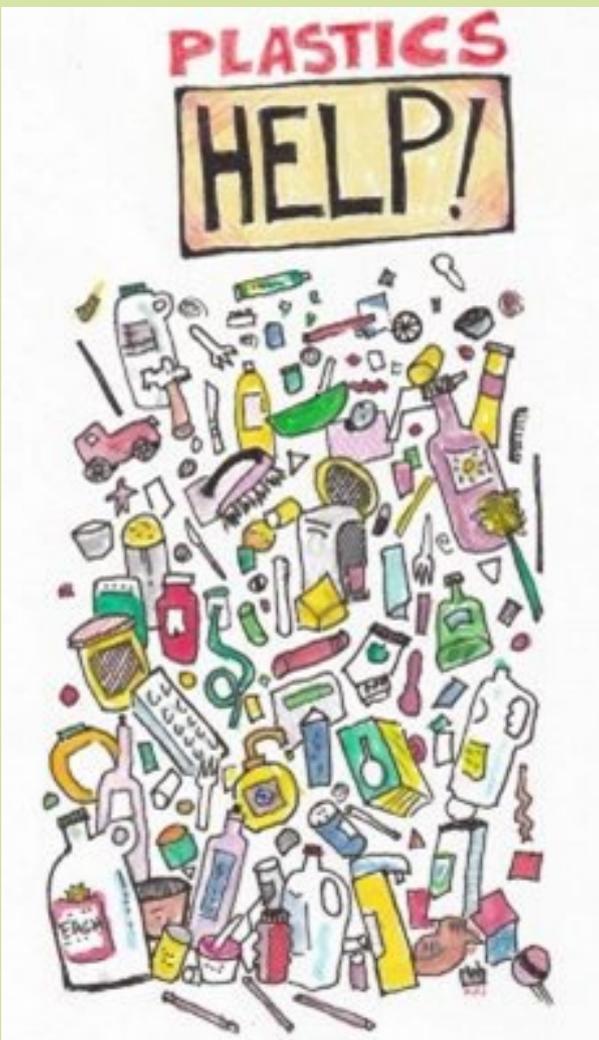


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## Report from the Study Group on

### ***Widening the Circle of Concern***

May 25, 2021

Our topic for the May meeting was "Restoration and Reparations," not an easy one to talk about!

The questions started immediately: "Who would the money go to? How would it be divided? Who would make these decisions? And what is our responsibility as white people to black and indigenous people? What if our ancestors came on the Mayflower? What if they arrived here in the early 1900's? Does that make a difference?"

And perhaps the biggest question - "In this divided country, with so many issues, is there any chance we could come together on this one?"

We talked about setting up scholarship funds for black and indigenous students and the possibility to returning land to Native tribes. One person mentioned that some of the colleges and universities that were created by wealth accumulated through slavery are acknowledging that history and taking steps to make amends.

According to the UUA Report, "Restoration requires truth telling, accountability and the willingness to feel with others." We talked about parts of our country's history that we never learned in school. One example was that the war between Texas and Mexico came about because Mexico had declared slavery illegal and white Europeans wanted to grow cotton which takes an enslaved population. So "Remember the Alamo" was a glorious victory for the right to own slaves. Certainly not what I was taught in school...

We ended with the words of Ta-Nehisi Coates from his book [The Case for Reparations](#): "What I'm talking about is a national reckoning that would lead to spiritual renewal." Hard to imagine - and worth working for!!

Our final gathering as a Study Group will be on Tuesday, June 29th. Our topics will be "Accountability" and "Final Thoughts" ~

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## **Sunday collections from the Starr King website.**

The [Donate Here](#) button on the website is found at the top right of the [Starr King UU Fellowship page](#). It is very simple to use, and only requires you to register the first time you use the online donate form. After your registration is submitted, you will receive a welcome email from Simple Church Giving, which also includes a link to our donation page. You are also able to donate directly from the Simple Church app that many of you have on your smart phones.

The donation page form allows you to select the amount you wish to deposit into our virtual collection bowl, and to designate if you would like it to be a recurring donation, or not.

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



## Notes from the BLM Workshop - May 23, 2021

This workshop topic was on **Critical Race Theory & Whiteness Studies**. We began with a Land Acknowledgement and individual check-ins. **Dr. Suzanne Gaulocher** led us through a power point explaining the origins and development of Critical Race Theory. **Paul Phillips** provided context for the current political debate around CRT.

Suzanne introduced the history of CRT in the United States. It grew from Critical Legal Studies which showed that **American laws are not objective**. Instead, they can (and have been!) complicit in maintaining an unjust social order. For years our legal system has been the primary structure for maintaining our white supremacy culture.

"Critical" means a "deep exploration of the theory" and a theory is a hypothesis that has been tested and proved. (Too many people understand theories as "untruths".)

Critical Race Theory **places race at the center** of the analysis. CRT's main tenants are that race is socially constructed and not biological, which has been used throughout our history to build and reinforce a dominant power structure. "Reverse racism" doesn't exist because racism is "systematic oppression by a dominant group" and in the US white people are the dominant group.

Paul reminded us that President Trump attempted to **ban the teaching of "divisive topics"** such as implicit bias and systemic racism. His executive order was halted by a federal court and later rescinded by President Biden. But **21 states** have now introduced bills banning the teaching of divisive topics. In NH that wording has now been included in the budget bill (HB 2) and has been passed by the NH House. HB 2 is now before the NH Senate. If it passes into law, it will make any diversity training illegal. **(Please call your State Senators and ask them not to pass the budget with this "divisive topics" language intact!)**

The Power Point from this workshop and the discussion that followed can be found on our Web Page (<https://www.starrkingfellowship.org/social-justice>).

Please join us for our **next BLM workshop** on **June 13th at 2:00**. Michael Kim Cuddihy, co-founder and co-director of the **Plymouth Area Network To Help End Racism (PANTHER)**, will be our speaker. Michael will share his experience with anti-Asian violence in the Plymouth Area. (Note - We have agreed to **expand the session to 90 minutes**. An hour doesn't include enough time to reflect together on the issues.)

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## Attend 2021 UU Virtual General Assembly

### REGISTER NOW!

If you haven't registered for Virtual GA 2021 already, there is no better time than right now! Registered attendees are among the first to hear program announcements, such as the Ware Lecturer and featured speakers, and only registered attendees will have access to the **NEW!** GA app (coming soon). So register early to join online discussions, familiarize yourself with the GA schedule, and find your place in our community of communities.

Click here to

[Register Now!](#)

Registration is \$200 per person (and our Endowment Committee is happy to support this!) Last year eleven of us "attended" the first virtual GA. Two sang in the GA Choir and one volunteered as a chat-room monitor. A very different experience than attending in person, but a lot less expensive so accessible to more people and easier on the earth ~

Interested? Want more information? Contact Betty Trought or Cindy Spring

## COVID-19 Prevention for our Fellowship Building:

### June 2021 update

As of May 26, 41.4% of New Hampshire residents are fully vaccinated with a COVID prevention vaccine, and 64.6% have received at least one dose. We are seeing a drop in new infections and hospitalizations. The CDC has recently stated that if you are fully vaccinated “you can resume activities that you did prior to the pandemic... except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.”

For our Fellowship, this means that groups such as the Board, the Choir and committees consisting of fully vaccinated people can meet in person without masks.

Your Pandemic safety committee is now planning for our church year beginning in September. We are evaluating air quality and air circulation in our building and how to improve these. We are looking at ways to involve our children under 12 safely if they have not yet been vaccinated. By September, everyone age 12 and over will have had access to the vaccine. Unless there is a serious medical issue preventing this, we urge you to get vaccinated, for your safety, and for that of our entire church family.

Our most difficult decision for September is how to ensure safety for anyone not vaccinated during gatherings. At a minimum, masks and distancing will continue to be necessary for those who have not been vaccinated.

**Vaccines are now available in NH to everyone over age 12.** Go to [vaccines.nh.gov](https://vaccines.nh.gov) for more information on when you will qualify, and to register. Sites are scattered around the state, so you can choose one near you.

We are in the process of **updating the Starr King website** to reflect the new CDC guidelines for the use of Fellowship Building and Fellowship Gatherings away from the Building. As noted above, we have to consider the complexities of a mix of unvaccinated and vaccinated individuals, including children under the age of 12. Also, the guidelines will likely continue to change based on vaccination rates and mutations of the COVID 19 virus.

The posted guidelines cover use of the Starr King Fellowship building and grounds, as well as gatherings of Starr King entities (e.g. choir, committees, small group ministries) off the property. They address activities of 1) staff, 2) committees and small group ministries, 3) choir, 4) religious education, 5) rituals (e.g. memorial services), and 6) use by outside groups.

Certain areas of the Fellowship building are restricted to use by the Children's Learning Center and Fellowship staff. **ANY BUILDING USE MUST BE SCHEDULED THROUGH THE ADMINSTRATOR**, Lisa Olech.

Ad Hoc Committee members: Reverend Linda Barnes, Mary Crowell, Joe Kelaghan, Susan Scrimshaw and Susan Skinner.

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## 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, \$14 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.



## Yard Clean Up Day

THANK YOU to the following people for coming to our Yard Clean Up Day on Saturday May 22nd. Lots of mulch was moved, leaves raked, sticks picked up and wood split and stacked; as well as hanging out with our UU friends!

### Adult Crew:

Mimi and Bob Chandler, Bob Clay, Jennifer Gentry, Brian and Linda Haskins, Mary and Paul Hazelton, Jim Hostetler, Deedie and Chuck Kriebel, Richard Odman, Mike and Louise Randall, Margaret Salt, Allan Stern, Bill and Betty Ann Trought

### Youth Crew:

Samantha Barnsley, Reese Hall, Caleb and Noah Dutile, Evelyn Smith, and Rachel Pamplin

You all are the best!!  
Jenn Gentry (B&G Chair)



Jenn and Jim



Linda and Chuck



Bill, Richard and Mary



Mike and Louise



Deedie, Margaret, Betty Ann and Louise

[For more Yard Clean Up, plus the Log Cutting Crew click here...](#)

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Alan and Bob

A BIG THANK YOU to the B&G team seen below who showed up on May 17 and 18 to cut up and stack the logs from the trees that had been cut down to make room for the Solar Panels.

Ray/Babe DeRaymond  
Jennifer Gentry  
Brian Haskins  
Jim Hostetler  
Richard Odman

Note: Richard is working on his chainsaw and not being carried in the wheelbarrow by Jim.



Richard

**Join us for a "Log Splitting Day" on June 5th**

**beginning at 9:00 AM,**

**anyone is welcome to help split or stack wood.**

For more, [Click here for pictures of our youth workers](#)

Our Youth Crew on  
Yard Clean Up Day



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## Message from the Director of Religious Education

Dear Starr King Fellowship,

Just like that, June is upon us. I am as grateful for the warm weather as I am grateful for the chance to reflect on a strange and wonderful year for Religious Education at SKUUF. We've been flexible, persevered, and had a lot of fun.

The Youth Group has continued to be productive raising money for our 2022 service trip to Nicaragua! On May 22nd, many youth participated in the fellowship's Yard Clean Up Day. Mulch was moved, logs were stacked, a good time was had by all. If you're interested in supporting our endeavors, consider reaching out to Bob Clay ([bobclay@roadrunner.com](mailto:bobclay@roadrunner.com)) to buy some quality Nicaraguan coffee - all proceeds go to the youth group. We will be having their final meeting on June 13th.

RE will continue to meet digitally unless the sun decides to cooperate. Email reminders about weekly offerings will continue to go out on Friday evenings! I'm continually grateful for the opportunity to serve this community as DRE, and I'm so excited to see what the future holds.

Ever Forward,  
Tatum Barnes

## Book Group News

Join us via Zoom to discuss these selections. All sessions are via zoom at 3:30 PM.

June 8- *What We Talk about When We Talk about Love* by Raymond Carver

July 13- *The Big Burn* by Timothy Egan

Click this link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82964373699pwd=N1FrVE45VTFUeDYzVWhEeHF5K1VYQT09>

## Wise Women

Wise Women in Training is a women's study group which meets at least monthly to discuss issues related to 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 55 years of age but younger women are welcome. Now meeting by Zoom, we will be discussing ideas presented randomly (from our question jar) or suggested by a member. Next meeting is on Wednesday June 9 at 10:30 AM. We will begin with check-in and then invited member Darlene Nadeau will provide continuing direction on Senior Yoga. Be prepared to ask Darlene for direction or questions regarding your at home Yoga.

Although Betty Ann will no longer take charge of meeting topics she will coordinate publicity and meeting notices. Please, to be added to the mailing list or direct suggestion for topics or questions, contact Betty Ann Trought 786-9342 or [batrought@gmail.com](mailto:batrought@gmail.com).

Join Zoom Meetings posted on Starr King on line calendar.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81208321511?pwd=bE8wQTdtR2NKS2VKbGtocUdmc29kUT09>

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## Monday Morning Men

The Monday Morning Men's Meetings will be on the first and third Mondays, June 7 and 21, from 10:00 AM to noon either by ZOOM, or in person outside on the back patio at SKUUF.

## HANNAFORD CARDS ARE BACK!!

Here's all you need to do to get yours...

- ◆ Email Lisa at [admin@starrkingfellowship.org](mailto:admin@starrkingfellowship.org) with your card request before noon on Thursdays.
- ◆ Every Friday, from 9:00 AM to Noon, you may stop by the Fellowship to drop off your check and pick up your cards! Everything will be done safely and "distantly."

*(If you can't stop by the Fellowship,  
please contact Lisa for possible alternatives.)*

*While we are on Summer Hours, starting June 21,  
call Lisa to arrange for check drop off and card pickup.*

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#### **Governing Board**

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## **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.