

STARR KING VIEW

Starr King UU Fellowship
-A Welcoming Congregation-
November 2021



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AUTUMN GROUNDS CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, November 13, between 9 – 11:30 AM (Rain date: Saturday, November 20)

We plan to:

- Rake, collect and dispose of fallen leaves, tree branches, twigs and other debris on the grounds
- Trim tree branches and shrubs
- Sweep back steps and patio
- Clear leaves and other debris from the labyrinth path
- Weed in and around the shrubs and flower beds
- Clean out the culvert under the entrance to the back driveway and parking lot

Bring: Gloves, rakes, loppers, leaf blowers and tarps for collecting leaves. Please email us to let us know if you plan to join the fun (Jim Hostetler - jimhost@hotmail.com

or Jennifer Gentry - junebug2104@gmail.com). Rumor has it that coffee and donuts will be available for those who attend.

We're looking forward to another good turnout on the 13th.

Jim Hostetler & Jennifer Gentry

[Snowblower for Sale](#)

[Click here for picture and all the details](#)

Minister's Newsletter

History has shown us that courage can be contagious and hope can take on a life of its own.

~ Michelle Obama

When I walk in the forest I spend a fair amount of my time thinking about what the land looked like 100, 200, and 500 years ago. I wonder about the old growth forests, how dark the interior must have been - rich in deep greens, mosses and ferns. Imagine trees so tall that to lie under them and look up would inspire great awe. Imagine felling those trees, the sound that must have made! The forest must have seemed infinite - enough for ship masts and fort building, for houses and barns. When the land was cleared, the forest become pasture. Sheep were brought in to provide wool to the mills south. I imagine this all when I walk through our White Mountain forests and look at how they recovered, how in just a hundred years there is again deep greens, and mosses, and ferns. Nature is resilient and so are we. The history of forest recovery brings me courage and hope.

Our Soul Matters theme for the month of November is Holding History. I find myself thinking about the perspective from which the stories of our history are told. I try to imagine what history will be told of our own time. When I think of this, I consider Michelle Obama's words, "History has shown us that courage can be contagious and hope can take on a life of its own."

We are part of history in the making, remembered or not. I'm excited that we are the people who said yes, and then did the work to bring solar power to our Fellowship. We are a people who said yes, and replaced the oil boilers with electric boilers. We have become a small part of the history that changed the trajectory of the climate crisis. I'm proud to be the minister of a fellowship that proclaimed Black Lives Matter. This is the part of history I want to remember, to tell the stories of. Our story inspires courage and hope.

To celebrate the story and the installation of our solar array, I hope you'll join us for a dedication ceremony at 11:00 on Sunday, Nov. 7. We'll meet in front of the array behind our Fellowship. We'll spend a moment in celebration of the clean energy offered by the sun and the will and generosity of our people to make this project a reality. It is truly an expression of our vision, *to live and model our values, collectively creating social and environmental justice with direct action and financial support.*

I have renewed hope that we will continue to find the best ways to be together. Dealing with the pandemic and technology has been a challenge for us and yet we continue to learn how to make it work. We continue to feel frustration, yes. We are after all, human. And, we continue to act with both hope and courage. Please offer your gratitude to those who make worship available to all every Sunday, they are my heroes. I'm feeling again the creativity that comes from enough sleep, enough fresh air, hope, and courage. I hope you do too.

In Faith and Love,
Rev. Linda

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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 Thursday
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
536-8908

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

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November 7 When There's More to the Story

Rev. Linda Barnes

DNA analysis and data bases can uncover unexpected or untold family stories. Our family histories are being revealed in new and sometimes uncomfortable ways. Join us as we explore how we might have curiosity and appreciation when we rediscover the truth about *who* we come from.

November 14 (Returning to) The Call

Amanda Schuber

As Unitarian Universalists, we are called to act for justice and equality, and while we have championed the cause of physical accessibility we have a long way to go in treating mental health as the social justice issue it is. What more can we do to make our denomination more accessible for caregivers and those living with mental health concerns? Join us as we explore and reflect on the growing mental health crisis in our country, and our call to seek justice and compassion for individuals and families navigating this system.

November 21 Sankofa – Using the Past to Move Forward

Rev. Linda Barnes

Sankofa is a word in the Fante and Akan Twi languages of Ghana. It translates *to go back and take* and to *return*. Sankofa symbolizes that we can only move forward when we return to our history and bring back the truth of our past. We are in a unique, painful, and exciting time in our nation's history - one that has invited us to awaken to the truth of the founding of our country. We can do this and we can be better for it when we practice sankofa.

November 28 Question Box Service

Rev. Linda Barnes

This is the service to ask Rev. Linda questions. Questions about life, ministry, Starr King UU Fellowship, our response to the pandemic or anything else that is on your heart and mind. She will entertain questions for what would be the duration of a sermon. Feel free to send her questions before the service.

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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 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

November is here, although I am not quite sure where October went, and it is time to get ready for the upcoming holidays. The one thing I truly appreciate about this busy time of year is family and the time to just enjoy being together. As I write this I am getting prepared to head to Colorado to spend Thanksgiving with my daughter and son-in-law. A trip that has been put off for quite a while. I will miss not being at Starr King on Sundays but so grateful that I will still be able to attend via Zoom. Thank you to the many volunteers who make that happen.

Our Sunday services are well attended. We average between 60-70 people each Sunday and approximately 1/3 of those in attendance are online. It is so wonderful to see so many attending. Last year we operated with a small and dedicated crew to bring Sunday Services to you. This year we are expanding the workforce. There are many moving parts but We have Cindy Spring, Marcia & Quentin Blaine who are helping with the Zoom piece from home! We have Babe DeRaymond and Bob Gannett who operate the camera, Sandy Mucci who oversees Zoom. I am still on the projector computer but have help from Sue Chadwick and Suzan Gannett. I am sure there are others who I have forgotten to mention but I am thankful for those who are agreeing to step up and help out.

Coffee, Flowers, Religious Education are also places where people are stepping up. Richard Odman, Susan Jacobs, Sue Ellen Skinner and Linda Haskins helping out with coffee for those of us in person. Stephanie Halter, Nancy Dowey, Jessica Boynton helping out with our children. It has been a long 18 months but it is nice to see people getting engaged again in person.

Our solar panels and new boilers are completely installed and working. Be sure to read Ted Vansant's article in this newsletter about the Solar Panels and how Starr King is now a NET ZERO building! There is or will be an article in the upcoming Record Enterprise about the Solar Panels. Sally Gove interviewed Ted and wrote a wonderful article for the community. We will be dedicating the solar panels this Sunday, November 7th after the service. We hope to see you there.

We will continue to be asking that those in attendance wear masks and those that are able be fully vaccinated. The Pandemic Response team is keeping up with the ever changing landscape known as COVID. My thanks go to them as well as all who are stepping up. Be safe and may you have a wonderful November. We have much to be grateful for.

Mary Crowell

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Board's Bulletin

- Ministers' spring sabbatical
- Managing & recruiting volunteers
- Website & sign updates in the works
- Solar array & boiler

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

Soundbites

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History.

That is our theme for the month of November, and I find that interesting as a topic of reflection. My first college degree is in History, received from Georgia College in 1983. My focus was on women's studies, but I also had a keen interest in Civil War history since the town where the university is located – Milledgeville, Georgia – was the Antebellum Capital of Georgia. Some of my professors taught that the War was NOT over slavery rights, but freedom for the south to be its own existence regarding growth and capitalism. Looking at that now from my work toward dismantling White Supremacy, I see that those two ideas are very much related, and no matter how one paints the picture, it still is the same. I came from this system of Supremacy, as did many of us, and to acknowledge and grow away from this past is the goal. I am grateful to Starr King for the work we have done in advancing the Black Live Matter movement, even in an geographical area where it seems to be irrelevant.

On a different note, it has been good to be with one another on Sundays, be it in person or online. There is a sense of "normalcy" during worship, and yet that sense also reflects the times we are in with the pandemic. I appreciate all of the singers who have helped me – one or two at a time – and those of you who have developed your humming skills to perfection! For now, it is good to be together regardless of the platform, though I have to say I miss the community singing.

And, I appreciate the dedication of the choir and their willingness to put themselves out there on video as an offering for Sunday services. Such a gifted, gracious group of which I am proud to be a part.

So, I offer up hope, grace and gratitude this month – and every month – as I reflect on our histories and how they shape our futures.

See yall in church,
Sarah Dan

Choir Meets every Thursday, masked,
in the sanctuary at 6:00 PM.
No choir on thanksgiving Thursday.

Will Gunn is our guest musician for
Sunday, November 28.



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SEX!

Now that we have your attention, here's an invitation from your minister and director of religious education. We have youth who are seeking to participate in OWL classes. Our Whole Lives sexuality (OWL) is one of the most important and transforming educational experiences our faith has to offer. We hope you can help. We cannot offer OWL without trained facilitators. The UUA is now offering digital OWL training in January.

What's OWL?

Our Whole Lives, better known as OWL, is a comprehensive, lifespan sexuality education curricula for use in both secular settings and faith communities. OWL offers accurate information presented in developmentally appropriate ways, a social justice approach to inclusive sexuality education, and a safe and supportive peer group. It recognizes and respects the diversity of participants with respect to biological sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, and disability status in addition to cultural and racial background.

In other words, it's absolutely awesome. It is of the utmost importance that our Fellowship can continue to offer OWL classes. Synchronous meetings offering training will be held from 6-8:30 pm in both ET and PT time zones on Mondays Jan 10, 17, and 24 and Thursdays Jan 13, 20, and 27. In addition, there is a mandatory session Saturday, Jan 29 from 10 to 3 pm. We need both men and women to consider this important work!

Please email Linda (minister@starrkingfellowship.org) or Tatum (dre20@starrkingfellowship.org) for more information, or to sign up.

Message from the Director of Religious Education

Dear Starr King Fellowship,

Religious Education at SKUUF is in full swing, due to the overwhelming support from volunteers! Thank you so much to those that have stepped up and hung out with me and the little ones. If you haven't volunteered yet, there are still spots available in the coming weeks and months.

We've played games and started a great conversation about inclusion. Check out our nature tapestry that includes all the colors we could find!



This month we'll be exploring the theme of History - who came before us? Why do we bother to remember?

In other news, I encourage families to explore with the Starr King hiking group! Hikes are family friendly, accessible, and a great way to get moving with the kiddos. Find more information in the newsletter, or email Deedie Kriebel.

Youth Group will meet this month on November 14th. Stay tuned for a future announcement about a later meeting, as it may conflict with holiday plans!

Until next time,

Tatum Barnes

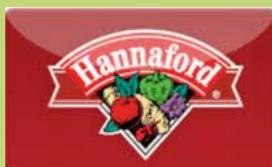
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JUST A REMINDER~

**Hannaford Cards are always available to
purchase during office hours.**

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

8:00 AM to 1:00 PM



November 2021 Outreach : Plymouth Area Community Closet

Food. Clothing. Shelter. I believe I was in 4th grade when we learned about the three basic needs for survival. We read about Pimwe who lived in the Amazon, and Ali in the Sahara – and we saw pictures of their homes and clothing and the food they ate. It was a wonderful introduction to other cultures. But what I didn't learn until I was a Girl Scout was that there was not always enough for everyone at home or abroad -- and that there were ways we could help those in need. And so began the awareness that we could donate cans of food to our local food pantry - or donate clothing for "jumble sales" or give-aways. Each year our Girl Scout Troop raised funds or collected items to assist others.

Our November collection will go to the Plymouth Area Community Closet – our local emergency assistance organization, serving 15 towns in our area. Your contributions will provide gift cards for food and fuel assistance. Donations may be made by placing checks or cash in the collection basket (please note they are for PACC), by using the 'donate' button on the Starr King's homepage, or by mail to Starr King UU Fellowship, PO Box 337, Plymouth 03264.

As always, your generous support is greatly appreciated.

And by the way -- Plymouth has facilities for each of the three basic needs:

Food - Community Closet

Clothing – thrift shops

Shelter – Bridge House

Questions? Please contact Katherine Hillier (Outreach Coordinator) or Bob Gannett (Board member – Plymouth Area Community Closet)

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*Thanks to your generosity
To our September Outreach
We were able to Collect
\$1505.00
for
Aid to Haiti*

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.*



Black Lives Matter Service - October 10, 2021

Joseph Lascaze, a smart justice organizer for the ACLU in Concord, NH, gave the sermon at the Fellowship in mid October. Rev. Linda led the service, DRE Tatum brought us a rhyming narrative on justice-making and our Director of Music, Sarah Dan, chose appropriate music to enhance the theme.

After the service Joseph spent time answering questions and sharing more information about what he does to help Youth avoid and survive the NH prison system.

Both the service and the discussion that followed were taped and are available on our website under "Ministries/Black Lives Matter".

Following the discussion session, the members of the Black Lives Matter Committee took Joseph out to lunch and continued the rich conversation. (The person you may not recognize is Scott Merrill, the editor-in-chief of the NH Bar News. Scott attended the service and wanted to learn more about prison reform in our state.)



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Black Lives Matter Virtual Workshop Sunday, November 21, 2021, 2:00-3:00 pm

I just finished reading [Nice Racism](#) by Robin DiAngelo. She coined the term "white fragility" to explain why white people may be reluctant to talk together about the effects of racism.

Here is her list of reasons why this is true:

Causes of White Fragility:

1. Ideology of individualism - we claim ourselves as unique exceptions to all socio-political patterns and ignore the water in which we swim
2. We also see ourselves as objective representatives of humanity, capable of speaking for everyone and determining the validity of their claims
3. Our guilt about centuries of discrimination
4. Our resentment that white advantages put the lie to the myth of meritocracy
5. The taboo on talking about race, especially in mixed company
6. The idea that only "bad" people can be racist
7. Ignorance about systemic racism
8. Arrogance about the value of our uninformed opinions
9. Lack of humility when studying racism
10. The belief, internalized from childhood, that we deserve what we have

At our November virtual workshop the BLM Committee members will be talking about these reasons and which ones resonate with us. Racism isn't easy to talk about. We have to be humble and open to new ways of thinking. I know that I am quick to feel defensive when someone questions my comments or intent. But in doing anti-racism work, I have recognized that I need to "get comfortable being uncomfortable."

This workshop isn't about "calling out" others, but about really facing our own ideas and understandings. Unlike our other workshops, this one will not be recorded so those attending can be more comfortable talking openly about their concerns.

Please join us. The Zoom link will be posted in the View ~

Cindy Spring

Climate Action

Reducing Our Carbon Footprint, Then and Now

The "Then" refers to an effort this Fellowship made during 2008 and 2009 to collectively reduce our carbon footprint. It was initially called the Energy *Starr* Project and later on we called it the 100,000 lb. Carbon Reduction Club. We made the project fun for the many in our Fellowship who joined the effort, but it did involve a lot of work for the few of us who studied to find the best sources of information and kept track of the progress being made. Lots of unanswerable questions were involved. For starters:

Which of the numerous carbon calculator methods should we use?
How scientifically based and relevant were these calculators?
What daily tasks and variable ways of living might we be overlooking?

We discussed these and many other issues, but did not let any of these unknowns deter us. When our project ended in 2009, we believed we had a basis for knowing that we had exceeded our 100,000 lb. goal. And whether we did or not exceed that goal, the project helped many of us to focus on changes we could individually and collectively complete that would make a difference in our community and carry on in endless expanded ways long after our project ended.

We are **now** exploring a new computer-based platform that other UU congregations have found to be both engaging and fun for all who participate. A new and easier way for each of us to choose what we want to do to reduce carbon and have that measured for us in a more scientific manner than we were able to provide a dozen years ago. Watch for a brief description of this new resource in November. It will be included in a collection of articles your Climate Team will make available for the members and friends of our Fellowship.

Green Tip of the Month

(This tip was a good one in 2009 and remains so now)

Drive a bit under the speed limit whenever it is safe to do so

Your Climate Action Team members are Nancy Chaddock, Kathy Hillier, Margaret Salt, Suellen Skinner, and Stew Weldon.

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SNOWBLOWER for SALE

SKUUF no longer has use for their snowblower. Therefore we would like to sell it to help raise funds to buy other tools for the Fellowship.

Information:

Price \$600 or best offer (approx \$1,200 new)

Make Craftsman

Size 30" wide

Engine Stratton OHV, 2 stage with electric start

Year 2018 (approximate)

Condition Good

Contact Babe DeRaymond at 603-219-2104 if you are interested or have any questions.



Sabbatical News

Do you understand what a sabbatical is? The definition is “a break from work,” when employees can pursue various interests and remain employed by their organization, but don’t need to perform normal job duties or report to work. (resources.workable.com) The benefits for the employee are many; they get to take their mind off the stress of their jobs and focus on what they love, outside of work. This allows the individual to develop personal and professional skills, old and new. The employee returns rejuvenated, energized with new ideas, motivated to share with us...Win-win for all!

As per the contract with Reverend Linda Barnes the board has approved time for sabbatical leave, originally planned for winter/spring 2020. The time was postponed because of the pandemic and has been granted now for mid-February through mid-May 2022. Sabbatical leave accrues at the rate of one month per year of service, with leave to be taken after four but before seven years of service. Reverend Linda is currently in her sixth year with us.

The minister uses sabbatical leave for study, education, writing, meditation, and other forms of profession, religious, spiritual, or personal growth. The congregation continues full salary, housing allowance, and benefits during sabbatical leave. As Linda said Sunday morning, “this is needed by both you [meaning the fellowship] and me.”

A committee has been established as follows: Jane Clay, chair/board representative, Connie Maatta, Bill Trought, Stephanie Halter, and Joe Kelaghan. If you have any questions, please reach out to me at any time, via email (jhclay@roadrunner.com or call 603-996-1206). During the sabbatical, we will serve as contacts for all matters. The work and worship of our fellowship will continue as always; guest ministers and speakers are being confirmed and in-person/Zoom will continue. More information will be coming as details are finalized.

Jane Clay, chair

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Net Zero

Did you know that our Fellowship building is now Net Zero? This means that we produce as much energy as we use on an annual basis. How did we do this? In simple terms we converted our heating system from oil to electric and we produce all of the electricity that the building will use in a year through our new solar array. This is quite an accomplishment for a “commercial” scale building, there are not many houses of worship that can say this, we should be very proud. But more importantly we should use this experience to let others know that they can do this with their home, business, church or school.

There are two main projects that were recently completed that allow us to produce all of the energy that we use for the building. First, we are now hosting a 34.4 kW solar photovoltaic (PV) energy system on our property. This system is estimated to produce about 41,000 kWh annually. Starr King does not own the solar equipment but instead we have a contract with a NH based company, Barrington Power, to buy all of the electricity produced by the system through a power purchase agreement (PPA). We estimate that we will either save money by purchasing our electricity supply through a PPA or at least pay no more than we would from NH Electric Coop. It should be noted that most companies that offer PPA’s in NH have a minimum size of about 100kW (3 times the size of our system) but since one of the Barrington Power founders is a UU they were eager to help out and do this relatively small project.

The other recently completed project is the removal of our two aging oil boilers and oil tank and replacement with two new small and quiet electric boilers. This completes the conversion to heating with electricity that we started last year by installing air to air heat pumps (mini splits) in the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and upstairs foyer. And the bonus for installing heat pumps is that we now have air conditioning in these three main rooms of our building. The two new boilers will provide heat to the rest of the building.

The benefits of being net zero include: saving money, removing all fossil fuels from the building, no longer emitting emissions from burning oil to heat our building, helping reduce the amount of fossil fuel produced-electricity with our electric grid, lower maintenance cost for heating and perhaps most importantly the smiles on all of our faces from knowing that we are being climate leaders and walking the talk with our energy use.

Ted Vasant

unitarian universalist

ACTION NH

UU Action NH's Storyslam is back!

WHEN: Saturday, November 13, 2021, 6:00-7:30 pm

WHERE: UU Church of Manchester (and streamed online)

2021 UU Action NH StorySlam!

Saturday, November 13
6-7:30PM

UU Church of Manchester and
streamed live online.

Reserve your tickets now! <https://bit.ly/2021storyslam>

For those attending in person: proof of
vaccination required.



*True, moving, stories, told in front of a live
audience: you!*

*Enjoy food, stories and fellowship while
supporting UU justice organizing in New
Hampshire.*

This year's theme: Self-Portrait

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ACTION NH

Our Storytellers:

- **Anthony Harris**, co-founder of Felon to Freeman and American Friends Service Committee decarceration intern
- **Brenna Woods**, award-winning teacher, singer and President of the UU Church of Nashua
- **Rep. María Pérez**, NH State Representative (Milford) and organizer with Rights and Democracy NH
- **Rev. Lyn Marshall**, Minister at the UU Church of Concord

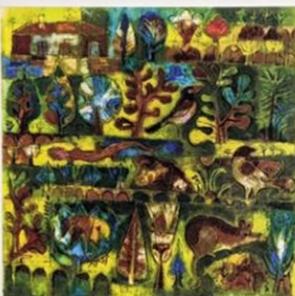
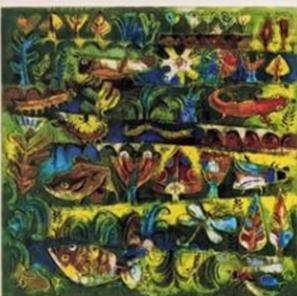
Reserve your tickets today:

<https://uuactionnh.salsalabs.org/2021uuactionnhstoryslam>

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New Art in Foyer

The next time you are at the Fellowship, take a look at the new piece of art recently found behind the office file cabinet! It is a print from renowned artist Karl Drerup. He started the art department at Plymouth State University and taught there between 1948 and 1968. Karl was a painter, most well-known for using enamel on steel, ceramics and canvas. The print in the foyer is from one of his enameled pieces. He even has a piece in the Metropolitan Museum of Art. We are very grateful to the donor of this beautiful work, whoever you are! You can read more about Karl Drerup here: <https://www.plymouth.edu/mwm/exhibition/karl-drerup-art-collection/>



Book Group News

The SKUUF book group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom. If you'd like to be on the email list for the zoom link and book group announcements, please email either admin@starrkingfellowship.org or kmkelsey@gmail.com or call the office at (603) 536-8908. The group has chosen the following to discuss.

November 9 - ***Murder in Old Bombay*** by Nev March

December 14 - ***The Accidental President, Harry Truman and the four months that changed the world*** by A. J. Baize

January 11 - ***Where the Crawdads Sing*** by Delia Owens

February 8 - ***Lab Girl*** by Hope Jahren

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Breakfast Club

Join us for conversation and food on the first Friday of each month. This month we will meet on 11/05/21 at Annie's Overflow Restaurant in Plymouth at 8:30 AM. At 10 AM, Co-Curator Suzan Gannett will give us a tour of the timely art exhibit, "From Isolation to Community," currently at PSU's Silver Center. Please contact Deedie Kriebel at cdkriebel@gmail.com, if you are interested in joining us and if you would like to be put on the email list.

Starr King Hiking Group



Welcome, hikers of all ages! Our newly resurrected hiking group plans to hike twice a month. We will continue the Second Sunday Hike tradition with the focus on easy to moderate hikes that will be family friendly. Our Waterfall Wednesdays Group will select a good weather Wednesday to hike to one of the many amazing waterfalls in our area. We'll have more time on a weekday to drive farther and maybe hike longer.

Second Sunday Hike - Sunday, 11/14/21 to Paradise Point Nature Center, which is located on the north shore of Newfound Lake in Hebron. It includes 43 acres with 3,500 feet of rocky, unspoiled lake shore. Sorry, no pets allowed on this one. We will leave after the service at 11 AM (wear your hiking clothes!) from the lower parking lot. There will be plenty of time to chat on the hike. This is an easy to moderate hike with great views and a "Giraffe Tree!" If you plan to join us, RSVP to Deedie at cdkriebel@gmail.com for updates.

Waterfall Wednesdays- On 11/10/21, we will hike to Bridle Veil Falls (not to be confused with Bridal Veil Falls in Franconia), which is located within the Castle in the Clouds Conservation Area in Moultonboro. They have opened a 0.8 mile trail called Brook Walk near the Fall of Song and passing many other waterfalls, including Bridle Veil Falls as well as, Roaring Falls, Twin Falls, and Whittier Falls. This is a short, scenic hike that includes multiple falls. If you plan to join us, RSVP to Deedie at cdkriebel@gmail.com for updates, including a meeting place.

Guidelines for worship services and meetings for children and youth during the COVID-19 Pandemic: November 2021

Thank you for respecting the guidelines below which are based on the currently available scientific information and updated UUA guidelines. They take risk into account, while maximizing our opportunities to gather in person and to both include and protect our children and youth.

Some of you have asked why we can't sing, since we are masked. In addition to following UUA guidelines, we need to take protecting our children into account, since they are not vaccinated. Even as our 5-11 year-olds get vaccinated, our under 5 little ones are still vulnerable. Also, much as we all have enjoyed our outdoor coffee hour, we can't move that indoors when the weather gets colder since we would have to remove our masks to drink coffee, thus negating our careful masking during the worship service.

Guidelines:

- **Please join us in person if you are vaccinated and willing to wear a well-fitting mask.** This is to protect all of us, but most particularly, to protect our children under 5 who do not yet have access to the vaccine by reducing risk for them and for their parents.
- If you are not vaccinated or vaccinated and not comfortable wearing a mask, or just not comfortable with in-person gatherings at this time, please join us remotely. We will continue using Zoom so those who cannot join us in person can participate in our services.
- Physical distancing will be in place. Of course, couples and families can sit together.
- Our children will meet downstairs, wearing masks and observing distancing guidelines, in a room with an air purifier, once it is too cold to gather outdoors.
- Our youth group members who are vaccinated will meet in the Sanctuary, distanced and masked.
- **The second Sunday of every month will be Family Sunday.** For that service, we will welcome our children and youth to join us in the sanctuary. The children, youth and parents will need to wear masks along with the rest of us.
- All adults who work with children and youth must be vaccinated and wear masks.
- No coffee hour (sigh) until further notice. While the weather permits, we can socialize outdoors after the service. The UUA recommends masks even outdoors, and we agree.
- Expect that anyone speaking from the pulpit or the piano will remove their mask while speaking.
- The UUA recommends no singing. Sarah Dan is creatively finding ways the choir can participate safely.

Please refer to our website at starringfellowship.org for building use guidelines for committees and groups.

Starr King Ad Hoc Committee on Safety during the Pandemic: 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, to make arrangements for pick-up or delivery.



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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.