

STARR KING VIEW

Starr King UU Fellowship
-A Welcoming Congregation-
April 2023



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*Who will you be on April 15th?**



Follow the yellow brick road...to our Wizard of Oz Auction!



**... and join us for bidding, food, and fun
at the annual auction fundraiser! (Bring your friends!)**

**We'll have something for everyone –
dinners, pies, hikes, events, lessons, jewelry, services - and so
much more!**

Doors open at 5:30 pm for the Silent Auction and to start enjoying delicious hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer (cash by donation), while bidding high & often.

The Starr King Talent Show begins at approximately 6:30 pm with a dozen entertaining acts that will have you applauding, laughing and singing along.

The Live Auction will occur midway of the Talent Show with some great items and several surprises!

So many great items—and we need lots of attendees to make this a real success!

**Costumes are always encouraged*

Silent auction items will be online for bidding as of April 5th (but NOT before) at this URL: <http://fundraiser.bid/StarrKingUU>

Minister's Newsletter
April 2023

Resistance is the first step to change.

~ Louise Hay

Welcome to April my friends! A season of true transition to spring, a true shifting of the weather, the sun's intensity, and, frankly, my spirits. COVID did finally make a lingering visit to my household. Mark and I are just fine, we weathered it well. Thank you to all who - from a distance - offered their good wishes. I know many of you have been through similar circumstances.

Our Soul Matters theme for April is The Path of Resistance. This quote, "Resistance is the first step to change," is so very true. True, whether you're trying to change yourself, your relationships, an organization, or the world. Resistance is the first step to change. It's especially true when we're suffering changes we did not want or expect - resistance is typically our first response.

Even when change is a thing we might want, we're cautious. Wisdom, when it comes to us, offers trust that we can navigate change and that on the other side there might be good things we have yet to imagine. I believe that is true for our community. We are weathering changes we did not expect, with grace. We had to make changes in technology to be viable during the pandemic. Because of that we now offer our Sunday services to people who cannot come to the meeting house. On average, 15 members of our community attend remotely every week. We made changes in the way we engage with our Director of Religious Education, Grace Kennedy - from a distance. Because of this, we are now sending our youth group on a trip to encounter the people and rainforests of Costa Rica. Who knew that this would even happen! This month we're welcoming new members to sign our membership book. These good changes were brought about because you welcomed them and made them part of this community. Good things, unexpected things, can come from change.

This is my invitation to you and to myself to use resistance wisely. I know that resistance is the first response to change but let us not let it be our only response. Change is inevitable, our response, be it resistance or acceptance, is our choice. Welcome to spring, welcome this change. Welcome to new things possible. See you on Sunday!

In faith and love,
Rev. Linda

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New Member Sunday

During the Sunday service on April 9th, we will welcome new members to our Fellowship. Signing the membership book is symbolic of our commitment to this community but, it is engagement that makes membership real. Please join us on this Sunday to welcome new members to our community. If you would like to join Starr King UU Fellowship, please let Rev. Linda know at minister@starrkingfellowship.org so that she can include you in the ceremony.

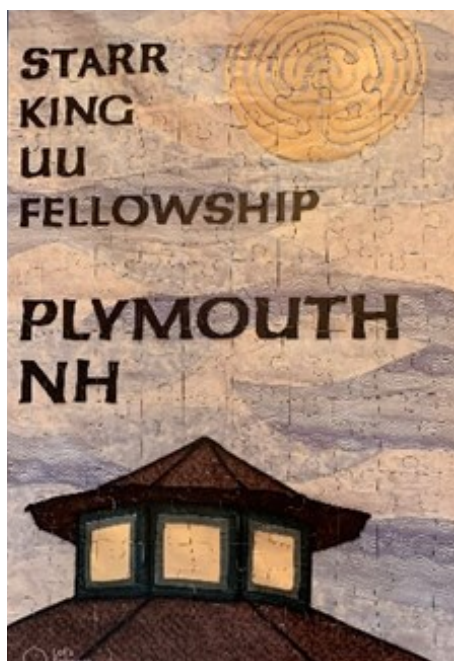
Stewardship 2023

On March 5th we celebrated the end of our Stewardship drive with a “How Well do You Know Your Fellowship” Jeopardy game, followed by a delicious meal put on by our youth and their leaders. Fun and fellowship was had by all.



We are grateful to you, our members and friends, for your generosity. The goal of our drive was to encourage everyone to financially support our mission to cultivate more love in the world and nurture more love for the world. We worked to create a culture of gratitude and generosity in the Fellowship. We asked folks to increase their pledges if at all possible and 58% of you did just that. However, we have fallen short of what we need to meet our financial obligations. You will be hearing more about this from our board.

Stewardship is not only about financial contributions, but also about committing our time and our talents to the Fellowship. We are grateful to the individuals who contributed to our drive in this way: Larry and Sarah Wylie, Lauren Therriault and Deedie Kriebel for their video testimonials and Forrest Seavey for editing them; Quentin Blaine, Stephanie Halter, and Nancy Dowey for sharing their spiritual journeys; Margaret Rieser for contributing her encouragement and enthusiasm to our Stewardship meetings; Bob and Jane Clay and helpers for providing the meal for our Stewardship celebration. More opportunities to contribute our time and talent are right around the corner in the form of our Auction. Each of us is unique and we all have something to contribute. In working together our individual pieces interconnect and we create a complete and beautiful picture!



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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.



April 2023 Sunday Services

April 2 April Fools Return to Hilaria Rev. Binda Larnes et al.

Wear your most ridiculous outfit and bring your sense of humor (or curiosity) to this Starr King UU Fellowship April Fool's service tradition. Come with us to a place of nonsense and comicality! If we can't laugh at ourselves, we can't laugh at all.

April 9 Love's Power to Save Rev. Linda Barnes

On this Easter morning we'll explore a bit of the historical Jesus and his resistance to the Roman Empire. We'll use this story to understand the human relationship to power and the means of love to transform the world, to resurrect the world even now. We will also have a New Members Ceremony!

April 16 The Rhetoric of Resistance Rev. Linda Barnes

Words matter; they hold power. Part of being an open and welcoming congregation means that we are aware that our actions and our words matter. Join us as we explore the power of words to manipulate, persuade, include, or exclude others.

April 23 Living Our Love for the World Fellowship Members

Our Fellowship is gifted with committed, loving people who strive to make the world a better place, be it working for equity or saving the planet. Come be inspired by their actions and their stories.

April 30 For Earth Day, Practice Resurrection Rev. Linda Barnes

These words, *Practice Resurrection* are from Wendell Berry's poem Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front. It's an invitation to revisit how we live our lives. On this Sunday we'll explore how we might resurrect our connections, in these difficult times, to this phenomenally beautiful planet.

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On Friday, April 7, 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 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—April 2023

Spring has arrived: snow is melting, crocuses have appeared in my front yard, milder daytime temperatures and days are longer. Many of us begin to think of projects to do "in the spring." Starr King Fellowship's Furnishing Task force projects are close to finished—new furniture in the entry foyer, new flooring on the lower level, with new furniture and bookshelves, and new easy-to-read name tags that fit neatly in the rack. Many thanks for the anonymous and generous donations that made this possible.

Spring also means the focus must turn to the budget process for next year. The Stewardship pledge drive revealed that some families (referred to as pledging units) increased the amount of their pledges, but the number of pledging units AND membership total have dropped significantly. Your generosity and pledging to support the Fellowship is greatly appreciated as always. Pledges and donations are the primary source of income for our programs, staffing, building/maintenance, operating expenses, etc.

Expenses have risen for everyone, and the fellowship is feeling the strain as well. We have no mortgage on our building and take excellent care of it, but costs for utilities and maintenance continue to rise no matter what. Operating expenses, such as office and cleaning supplies, computers/technology, and more continue to rise. We value our wonderful staff, but this value comes with additional expenses beyond our control.

The finance committee has worked diligently to reduce expenses to balance with projected income and presented a deficit budget, for a third consecutive year, for the board to review at our most recent meeting. The board strongly feels this information needs to be provided to you prior to our annual meeting on May 21, 2023, following the worship service. We want you to be informed NOW.

We are hosting an open discussion Sunday, April 30, following the worship service, for an informational presentation on the budget and to ask for your help—perhaps make an additional donation, increase your pledges, whatever you can do will help. I hope you can plan to attend and continue to support the work of the fellowship like you have so generously done thus far. This will be held both in-person and via Zoom.

Sincerely,
Jane Clay, President Starr King Board

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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, \$15.00 per pound. Please Contact Bob and Jane Clay, 603-996-1207 or jhclay@roadrunner.com, to make arrangements for pick-up or delivery.



Soundbites

Resistance. When Rev. Linda and I were planning for the month of April, we talked about this theme and what it could mean in worship. Initially, I was actively “resistant” to the challenge, to say the least.

Then, I started to think about my love of Sci-Fi movies and what resistance means in different context. In the Star Trek movies, the evil Borg take over the bodies of humans and the catch line is “resistance is futile”. In my beloved Star Wars series, The “good guys”, the “light side of the Force” are known as “The Resistance” as they battle against the Empire and the Dark Side of the Force. In the Christian calendar, we are in the season of Lent, whereby Jesus wandered in the desert for 40 days and nights, all the while practicing resistance against temptation by the “Devil”. Those who give up something for Lent are practicing resistance against a chosen food, or language or whatever seems to be a weakness or a challenge.

In music, there are times when the composer will write in a suspension that usually resolves into the key of the piece. This tension could be seen as a resistance to stay in the given tone, yet it almost always moves into the ease of what it “should be” musically.

The choir is working on a difficult choral piece by Maine composer Malcolm Dalglish based on the famous poem by Wendell Berry. Musically, the piece starts in one key and ends in an entirely different key, thus never resolving to the original tone. No resistance (though plenty of dissonances); only change. The text begins; “When despair for the world flows in me , and I wake in the night at the least sound, in fear of what my life and my children’s lives may be. I go and lie down where the wood drake rests.....and am free.”

Maybe resistance is simply taking oneself out of the noise of the world in order to just ‘be’. For me, I am looking forward to exploring this with all of you at Starr King, and will be trying not to balk!

See yall in Church,
Sarah Dan

Calendar for April 2023

Sundays

April 2 – Sarah Dan

April 9 – Sarah Dan and choir

April 16 – Will Gunn, musician

April 23 – Sarah Dan

April 30 – Sarah Dan and choir



Thursdays

Choir meets every Thursday in the sanctuary at 6pm. Note:
NO REHEARSAL THURSDAY April 13.

From Your DRE

This month in Religious Education we explored the theme of *vulnerability*. We talked about how it can be hard to share with others when we are struggling, but sharing how we feel can often be the best thing we can do to feel better. To help practice this, the children learned about and made their own 'Worry Dolls', a small doll/object to share their worries with before sleeping each night. The children also learned about the history of St. Patrick's Day and celebrated the Spring Equinox by making leprechauns and fairies to help spread magic throughout the sanctuary. We are so grateful to our RE teachers who have made these lessons and activities possible!



Both our Middle and High School Youth Groups continue to meet regularly. We are so thrilled to see so many young people coming together and connecting at SKUUF. The Middle School group has been exploring the idea of spirit animals, with each person reflecting on their unique personality and how that might be represented in the animal world. Several members and the leaders of the High School group are busy getting ready for their upcoming trip to Costa Rica, which will take place the last week of April. They will be traveling to the towns of Monteverde and Samara, Costa Rica, with Grace Kennedy (Director of Religious Education) serving as their travel companion and guide. After their trip, on Sunday, April 30, we will share a recap of their experience during the service.

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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

April Outreach Collection:

COMMON MAN FOR UKRAINE



Our April outreach collection will offer a unique opportunity to support and assist Ukrainian refugee children who have faced displacement and trauma.

Your contribution will help provide and maintain:

- Counseling services for traumatized children
- A bloodmobile which is deployed in eastern Ukraine to distribute blood to field hospitals
- Funds to feed Ukrainian orphans and displaced children
- Clothing for children

In 2022, following a trip abroad to create connections, nearly \$ 2.5 million was raised locally and sent to partners abroad to purchase and deliver the above resources.

The goal for this year is to raise \$10 million.

Commonmanforukraine.org was created in 2022 and works with Rotary organizations, both local and international. It was organized by Alex Ray and Lisa Mure (Common Man) and Steve Rand and Susan Mathieson (Rand's Hardware).

The funds we raise will be sent locally to commonmanforukraine.org. Donations may be made by using the donate button on Starr King's home page, placing a check in the collection plate any week in April (and be sure to write Ukraine in the memo field), or placing cash in the collection plate on the designated Sunday (to be announced...). Checks may also be mailed to Starr King UU Fellowship, PO Box 337, Plymouth 03254.

Questions? Contact Nancy Doweey or Katherine Hillier, Outreach Coordinators

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*Thanks to your Generosity to
Our Outreach Collections:*

In February 2023

We sent \$1,514 to

Pemi Youth Center

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.

Our first in-person Annual Meeting since 2019!

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 as we learn how to mobilize and organize to put our UU values into action!

- Morning worship service led by Rev. Dr. Linda Barnes
- Keynote speaker
- Workshops
- Congregational Showcase

Register now at www.uuactionnh.org

UU Action NH is New Hampshire’s statewide action network of Unitarian Universalist congregations bringing UU voices together to make change happen in the Granite State.

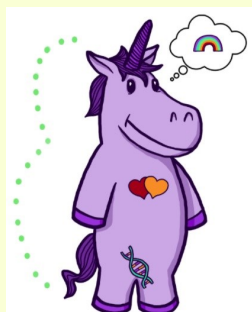
Learn more about us and our social justice work in New Hampshire by visiting <https://www.uuactionnh.org>. (Don’t forget to click the DONATE tab!)

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Gender Unicorn Workshop on Zoom

Grace Kennedy and Margaret Rieser will be doing a Gender Unicorn presentation on Zoom, on Tuesday, April 4, at 6:30 pm. We will be talking about gender identity, sexual orientation and how to be more comfortable with unfamiliar terms and use of pronouns. Our goal is to help each other to be more comfortable and therefore more loving towards people in the LGBTQIA+ community. Please bring your questions, or feel free to email questions to one of us beforehand, so we can make sure we address what you want to learn.

All are welcome to attend this one-hour program.



Margaret Rieser, intern@starrkingfellowship.org
Grace Kennedy, dre@starrkingfellowship.org
Zoom link available [here](#) and on the website

Climate Action News

Lots Happening here in NH in April for Climate!

"By Degrees Climate Summit" in NH

Perhaps you wanted to attend this event in Durham on April 13th but missed the early registration required. An important state-wide event, organized by NH Public Radio in collaboration with NH PBS. Well, as might be expected, it will be shown on NH PBS on Thursday, April 20th at 9 pm and again on the NH PBS Explore channel on Saturday, April 22nd at 9 pm. Probably repeated at other times in April as well.

Earth Day, April 22nd and Arbor Day, April 28th

Events celebrating Earth Day will be happening somewhere near you. For Arbor Day we can all consider planting a tree on our property, or perhaps we can remember to help a few of those soon-to-fall acorns beneath our feet in the woods find a better spot to sprout.

At our Meetinghouse on Monday, April 24th 6:30-8 pm: the NH Saves Button Up Workshop

Your Climate Action Committee is pleased to have worked with PA-REI in Plymouth to arrange this public workshop to be held in our Meetinghouse. Come learn the latest information and currently available incentives to save electricity, increase the insulation, and improve the living conditions within your home. For more details in this newsletter...

Annual Meeting of UU Action NH on Saturday, April 29th 9 am – 2:30 pm at the UU Church in Concord. Climate action is expected to be among the issues addressed, along with others of interest and action by Unitarian Universalists. Come meet and learn from UU's in action in our State. Carpooling can be arranged by contacting Nancy Chad-dock.

Plastics

The Climate Action Committee will be meeting on two Friday mornings in April (10 am in the Foyer of our Meetinghouse on April 7 and 21) to discuss and finalize plans for at least a couple of actions aimed at reducing some of the plastic we all find coming into our lives, despite our efforts to lessen that inflow. Plan on coming to one of these April meetings if you can!

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Reproductive Rights Group

Since January we've been holding monthly meetings after the Sunday service. We are pleased that both men and women have been present at our meetings as we discuss actions now and in the future that we may want to take as developments in New Hampshire and across the country take place concerning the many issues of reproductive health.

Actions so far have involved tracking the bills under debate at the State House in Concord and getting the word out on how individuals can voice their opinions on these bills before they are subject to a vote by our representatives.

We are an informal group in terms of overall attendance at our monthly meetings. *Please consider joining us when you can!*

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.

Improve the energy efficiency of your home.

FREE Home Energy Workshop



NHSaves Button Up Workshop

is a 1½ hour presentation about improving the energy efficiency of your home. It covers energy saving tips and NHSaves energy efficiency programs. Learn about saving electricity, insulation and air sealing, energy audit and weatherization programs, rebates on electric and gas appliances, and other incentives from NH's energy utilities. New Hampshire residents that want to use energy wisely and save money will find the information very useful.



PRESENTATION:

Join us for a **NHSaves** Button Up Workshop

WHEN:

Monday, April 24, 2023, 6:30–8:00 P.M.
Light refreshments will be served.

WHERE:

Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
101 Fairgrounds Road
Plymouth, New Hampshire

PRESENTER:

Andy Duncan, *Energy Trainer*

QUESTIONS:

sskin9405@yahoo.com

SPONSORED BY:

NHSaves: www.nhsaves.com

LOCAL PARTNERS:

Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Plymouth Area Renewable Energy Initiative
Plymouth Climate Emergency Coalition
Plymouth Energy Commission
Campton Forward
Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

Visit https://nhsaves.com/learn/?resource_type=event
for dates and locations of all Button Ups.

Workshops are organized by **Plymouth Area Renewable Energy Initiative**, (PAREI)
www.PlymouthEnergy.org • 603-536-5030

The workshops are FREE thanks to funding provided by



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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



Have you even wondered what the UUA GA is all about (or even what the letters stand for?...)

Here is a short description: **GENERAL ASSEMBLY** is the annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists, where we conduct the business of the Association, explore the theological underpinnings of our faith, and lean fully into our mission and principles. Over a 5-day immersive experience that can be either in-person or virtual, we will participate in inspirational worship services and informative workshops, reconvene with friends and colleagues, and experience our vibrant exhibit hall. GA is an unforgettable experience for the thousands of UUs who attend. Join us in Pittsburgh or online, and you'll leave with renewed energy and innovative ideas to share with your congregation and community-at-large!

I have been attending the Annual Assembly for the last 20 years, first in-person and now virtually. For the last few years I have served as one of your delegates and have "voted my conscience" at the business meetings. Although the business meetings are interesting and certainly important, I prefer the workshops and worship services. Even on line, it is exciting to "meet" UUs from across the country and to worship with well over 1000!

I have already registered for this year's GA - June 21st to the 25th - and our Endowment Committee is once again paying my registration fee. I hope a few of you might decide to travel down to Pittsburgh and experience it for yourselves. (I'm sure the Endowment Committee will help with your costs as well.) To register, go to UUA/GA on the internet.

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns about attending. It really is an inspiring experience!!

Cindy Spring

**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

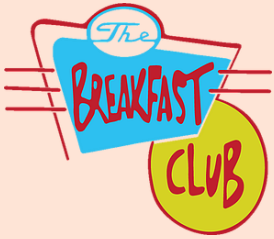
Cost: Full Virtual Registration - \$300

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.



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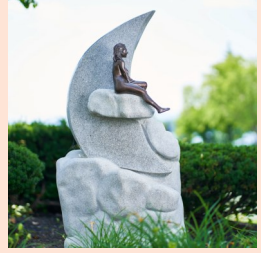


Breakfast Club - Friday, April 7

Join us on the first Friday of each month. This month we will meet at Annie's Overflow Restaurant in Plymouth at 8:30 AM for breakfast and conversation.

Then we will travel to Meredith for a self-guided tour of the Meredith Sculpture Walk. We will carpool, when possible. If you want to meet us in Meredith, we will meet outside the Innisfree Bookshop at 10 AM for the tour.

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.



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"Second" Sunday Hike -

Sunday, April 2 (first Sunday), as the second Sunday is Easter. Gigi will guide us on a hike to Arethusa Falls, the highest waterfall in the White Mountains.

The trail to the waterfall is 1.5 miles. There is not much of an elevation gain. We will need micro-spikes and poles. Drive time to the trailhead is 1 hour. The whole trip should take under 5 hours. I'd suggest bringing a lunch, and we can stop for refreshments on the way home.

We will leave from the rear parking lot of Starr King at 11:30 AM. Dogs are allowed on the trail but must be kept on a leash.

If you plan to join us, RSVP to Deedie at 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 if you'd like to be added to the email list to receive the monthly zoom link.

The books for the coming year are:

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



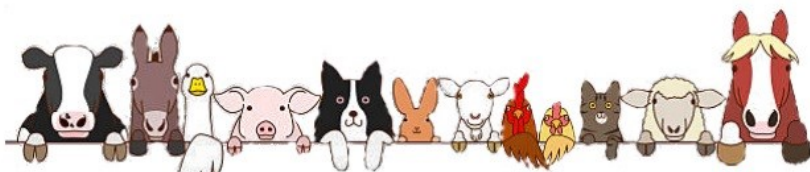
More Activities...

Click here to:

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

- Climate Action—1st and 3rd Fridays at 10:00 AM, contact Nancy Chaddock 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

Ideas? Content Host Sue Ellen Tuttle 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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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.