

STARR KING VIEW

Starr King UU Fellowship
-A Welcoming Congregation-
September 2023



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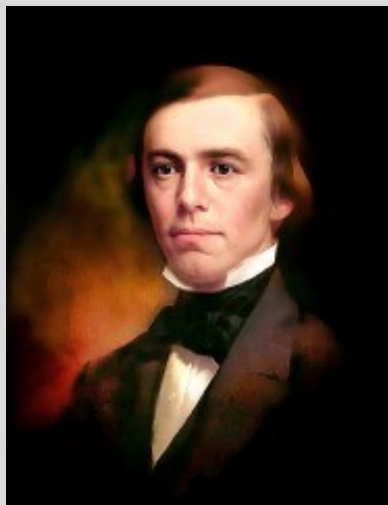
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**SKUUF's Yardsale on
Saturday
September 9, 2023
Come to help, come to buy!!**

Thomas Starr King Revisited

Nancy Chaddock is pleased to share the research she completed this summer on the personal life and accomplishments of Rev. Thomas Starr King. To view the full PDF document which includes many pictures and information related to this remarkable man for whom our Fellowship is named, Please click on the following link:
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Committee on Ministry

Keeping our mission and vision at the heart of what we do and maintaining right relations is the goal of the Committee on Ministry (COM). The COM serves to assess the successes, challenges, and opportunities of all we do within our Fellowship. This committee meets with the minister once per month. In these meetings, we explore the overall function of our Fellowship and bring concerns expressed by members and/or concerns of the minister out into the light of resolution and possibility. Always, we keep our mission at the heart of how we choose to go forward. If you have something you'd like to bring to the attention of the COM, please let our office administrator know at: admin@starrkingfellowship.org or 603-536-8908. She will pass your comments along to Rev. Linda and the committee.

If you have an interest in supporting our mission and working with our minister to resolve conflict, seek solutions, and celebrate success, we invite you to explore that further. We are currently seeking one or two new members. Please contact Rev. Linda, at minister@starrkingfellowship.org, if you'd like to know more.

Sunday Services September 2023

September 10 The Worth of Water

Rev. Linda Barnes

Join us for our annual water communion as we begin again with regular Sunday services. Water is the source of life, the symbol of serenity, and of chaos. We invite you to bring a little water representing the serenity, chaos, tears, raindrops, and (we hope) fun from your summer. We will merge the waters of our varied human experience as we begin this year together again. Whether the well of your life has run dry or overflows, you are welcome here.

September 17 Resistance is Futile: The Practice of Welcoming Change

Rev. Linda Barnes

While resistance to change may be futile, still, change is inevitable. In truth, our struggle with change is part of our common human experience. Join us on this Sunday to explore how we might welcome change openly, how we might easily believe that there is reason to expect our future to bring us beauty, love, and even joy.

September 24 Your Reflection in My Eyes

Rev. Linda Barnes

In many faith traditions, wholly welcoming the stranger is considered a sacred act. This act serves both the welcomer and the welcomed, indeed, it serves all of humanity. Join us as we consider how we can practice seeing ourselves in each other's eyes as we engage in the work of bringing about more love in the world.

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Summer Services - 2023

Thank you to all the folks who led services this summer. Lots of variety this year!

The first two services were recorded. On June 25th we watched the DRU-UMM annual service followed by a lively discussion by those on zoom and in the sanctuary. We followed the same procedure on July 2nd when we watched the General Assembly Sunday Service.

On July 9th **Darlene Nadeau** led us through an hour of Yoga and talked about the benefits. **Forrest Seavey** showed slides from his African Safari trip on the 16th.

Our Music Director, **Sarah Dan**, led the service on the 23rd. Unfortunately, a tree limb had come down in a storm and hit the solar array knocking out our internet access. The next week Bob Clay and others spent hours working with our provider and getting it straightened out.

Grace Kennedy, our Religious Education Director, told us about her week at Star Island on the last Sunday in July. The focus was on Adult UU Religious Education. I'm happy to say that the Internet was again functioning correctly!

The first service in August was led by **Nancy Chaddock**. She had told us quite a bit about Thomas Starr King and his life in NH last summer. This time she talked about all the work he did in California to keep that state slave-free. Starr King served both Unitarian and Universalist Churches. He was an amazing man! I'm glad our Fellowship chose to honor him.

On August 13th **Jane Clay** facilitated a Soul Matters process of defining your values and then talking about them with others. It was nice to see the lively-looking conversations, but hard not to be able to hear or take part...

Margaret Reiser, our ministerial intern, led the August 20th service using a poem by Mary Oliver. Even though I was watching virtually, I was able to be one of the readers and to take part in the discussion. Thanks, Margaret!

We all loved listening to the "**Red Shedders**" (Babe DeRaymond, Brian Haskins and Jon Maatta) on August 27th. I'm glad that one was recorded!!

Our final service of the summer was led by **Suellen Skinner**. She talked about the ongoing discussion around revising/updating our UU Principles.

I also want to thank **Bob Clay**, **Mary Crowell** and **Susan Jacobs** for keeping the virtual folks "connected."

Cindy Spring

Minister's Newsletter September 2023

There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about. ~ Margaret Wheatley

Our kind of community grows increasingly rare in the world. Recently, several of you have sent me links to recent articles in the New York Times¹ and the Washington Post² that address what has been lost with the *demise of church*, church as our country knew it twenty or thirty years ago. Perhaps you've seen these articles too. They lament the loss of caring communities who share a common interest in the wellbeing of each other and the wider world. The articles also speak to a need for a theology that invites us to consider kindness and tolerance. Churches help us navigate hard times, together. One article went so far as to mention Unitarian Universalism, as a possible antidote to the loss of community that churches used to provide. Well, yeah. We knew that! For me, this is a reminder of all we already have. We are a people of all ages, of varied occupations, interests, fears, beliefs, and loves. Sure, we can do better but the foundations on which we rest, are solid and worthy of appreciation. I warmly welcome you back to regular Sunday services that start again in September. I have missed being with you in community.

You know how you get the house ready when you're planning for guests? How you straighten things up, plan the food, and imagine the conversations you might have? Well, that's what's happening here at our Fellowship. The staff have met. The worship associates have met. The board has held its retreat, as has the choir. Our Fellowship is well served by these people. We (the staff and committed volunteers) are putting everything in order in anticipation of your return. We are ready to welcome those who find this place very familiar and those who find this place very new. In truth, until we gather together again for worship, my work here feels incomplete. We are a special place indeed.

Writer and teacher Margaret Wheatley invites us to remember, "there is no power greater than a community discovering what it cares about." We need look no further than our Mission Statement to know just what that is. We cultivate more love in the world and more love for the world. This is what we care about.

In love and faith,

Rev. Linda

¹Where Should Agnostics Go on Sundays by Ross Douthat, Opinion Columnist, New York Times Sept. 1, 2023

²Opinion: I Left the Church – and Now Long for a 'Church for the Nones' by Perry Bacon, Jr. Washington Post, Aug. 21, 2023

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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 the bottom of this page [Sunday Services | Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship | Plymouth, NH \(starrkingfellowship.org\)](#) on our website

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

President's Letter September 2023

Welcome [back] to Starr King Fellowship and the “official” start of our 2023-2024 year! I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer full of many favorites - like family, foods, fun, activities and more. For many of us, we also enjoyed interesting informal summer services offered by some of our members and friends. Many thanks to Nancy Chaddock, Suellen Skinner, Grace Kennedy, Sarah Dan Jones, Margaret Rieser, Darlene Nadeau, Forrest Seavey, and the Red Shedd-ers (Jon Maatta, Ray DeRaymond, and Brian Haskins).

The board reconvened in August for a dinner/retreat/meeting and will meet monthly on the third Tuesday. We will be working together with the congregation in rebuilding/recreating committees, creating a congregational covenant, and improving communication with board liaisons in areas as follows: Welcoming, Internal Communication, Education, Community Outreach, and Operations. More information will be coming!

Our fellowship is a busy organization with a variety of offerings: Soul Matters, activities including Second Sunday Hikes and Breakfast Club, book group, meditation, Opening Lines, Climate action, Religious Education, Youth groups, Vespers, choir, worship associates, membership, and more. We are also so fortunate to have such a strong staff working together.

I look forward to seeing many of you (in-person or via Zoom) Sunday, September 10, to gather with our outstanding worship team: Reverend Linda Barnes, Sarah Dan Jones, Music Director, Grace Kennedy Director of Religious Education, and Margaret Rieser, ministerial intern. It will be great to be together again.

And don't forget the Yard Sale this Saturday as well! Several volunteers are working many hours - Join in the fun!

Jane Clay

Board President

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Intern Update by Margaret Rieser

Our denomination expects congregations to be important teaching sources for ministers in formation. Indeed, you have served me well in this regard. I am excited about embarking on my second year as a ministerial intern at the Fellowship. I'm so glad I have another year of learning and practicing with you.

I have learned, over the past year, so much about what it means to be a minister in a church setting, as opposed to being a hardworking, enthusiastic lay leader. Through working with Linda and all of you it is becoming clearer to me what ministers can do to strengthen and deepen church functioning. I understand better how much of our work depends on having a congregation that is willing and able to work as a team with the minister. I am also building my skills and confidence as a preacher and worship leader. I am told that the secret is “practice, practice, practice,” so that's a big thing I'll be doing this year!

The Intern Committee at Starr King meets monthly to help guide me. Serving on it are Mary Crowell, Nancy Dowey, Joe Kelaghan, Paul Phillips and Suellen Skinner. Feel free to speak with them, or even better, directly with me with any questions or thoughts about my formation as a minister.

While the internship is a critical piece of my training to become a minister, it is not the only piece. I have also been attending seminary for the last 4 years, and will graduate with my Master of Divinity in May. As part of my training, I worked as a chaplain intern at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center for over a year. As a former clinician and director at a community mental health center I have extensive experience in pastoral care and supervision of staff.

Serving as an intern in a congregation is a two-way street. While I learn from you, my hope is that I'm also able to give, or minister, to you. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me if there's a way that I might be helpful to you.

Faithfully yours,

Margaret

Soundbites

Welcome, Welcome! Let us all rejoice today!

It is with great joy that I start my second decade as the Director of Music at Starr King UU Fellowship! The summer was full of rest, fun and learning. I attended General Assembly in June in Pittsburgh and was so blessed to honor the end of the Presidency of Rev. Susan Frederick Gray and welcome the tenure of Rev. Sofia Betancourt as UUA President. I also attended the AUUMM (Music's Network) virtually in July, where a major focus was on a new online hymnal that will be launched and supported by the UUA in collaboration with the Musicians. Very exciting times!

The end of August featured Starr King's annual Choir Retreat, held at the Hazelton Farm in Hebron. We had a great turnout of singers, where we learned some new music and talked about the role of the choir in the worship life of the Fellowship. If you have any interest in joining our group, please consider this your invitation! We meet Thursdays in the Sanctuary from 6:00-7:30pm.

The staff of Starr King held a beginning of the year meeting in late August as well. What an amazing group of colleagues and creators! We tossed around ideas for creative worship and ways that we can support one another in the goal of carrying out the Mission of Starr King. I feel so blessed!

I look forward to another year of worship, commitment and joy at Starr King!

See y'all in church!

Sarah Dan



September Calendar

Choir meets every Thursday in September at 6:00pm.

Choir will sing on September 10 and 24. Sarah Dan will be present at every Sunday in September.

Office Hours

Fellowship Office is open Tuesday through Friday
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
536-8908

Great way to support SKUUF

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





Religious Education and Youth Groups

As we begin to gather again this Fall, we are excited about the many Religious Education opportunities for children and people of all ages at Starr King Fellowship! We've taken the summer to gather new ideas and inspiration, and we look forward to a full year of joyful learning and connection. The RE rooms downstairs in the Fellowship are being set up for lessons on Sunday mornings, where we will have a variety of activity stations available with options for kids to choose from. Our

Middle and High School Youth Groups will also begin meeting again on the first and third Sunday of each month, with their first meeting on Sunday, Sep. 17th. We are also excited about the newly reinstated Religious Education Committee that will meet on a monthly basis to support the kids and youth programs at SKUUF. Thank you to everyone who has dedicated their time and energy to making these offerings possible!

We are always looking for more ways to connect our kids and youth with the rest of the congregation. Keep an eye out for some fun multi-generational events in the upcoming months! We are in need of volunteers to assist downstairs on Sunday mornings - all materials and lesson plans are provided ahead of time, and volunteers need only to show up ready to spend an hour with the kids. We are also looking for folks interested in becoming OWL (Our Whole Lives) facilitators. Our goal is to be able to offer the complete OWL curriculums in 2024. To do that we need more teachers, and we hope to support several congregation members in attending a nearby facilitator training this Fall. If you have any interest in getting more involved with our youth programs please reach out to Grace Kennedy, the Director of Religious Education, either in person on Sundays or via email at: dre@starringfellowship.org

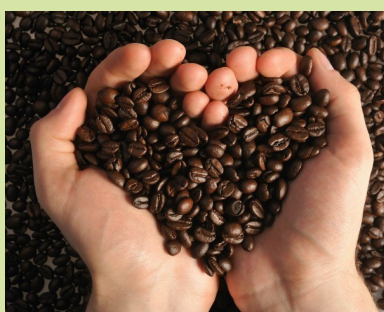
Grace Kennedy
Director of Religious Education

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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.



Climate Action Committee

On August 12th Nancy Chaddock attended an incredible climate Summit held in a large barn at Prescott Farm in Laconia. Incredible because about 70 people from all over our entire State came together for three hours on a sunny Saturday in this pleasant barn space to discuss the issues of climate change and what might be done together to make positive change here in New Hampshire. This large group of people represented a significant number of different organizations working on climate issues, including six State Representatives in the New Hampshire House. The networking opportunity this Summit provided will be valuable to the work going forward by your Climate Action Committee.

The first hour of the Summit was spent going around the circle for introductions. Then the attendees broke up into separate group discussions based on their stated interests, coming back together as a whole for the final hour, to share what was learned and how acting together could bring progress to our State.

Unitarian Universalists who were there made themselves and their interests known. Among those present was the Executive Director of Unitarian Universalist Action New Hampshire, Mo Baxley, with whom Nancy had a good conversation. A half dozen or so UU folks from around the State were in attendance. UU's were the only folks present who were representing a religious organization. The UU presence became so repetitive during introductions that one of the last individuals who introduced himself and his particular interest jokingly added as he sat down, "And *I'm* not a Unitarian Universalist."

Among the specific interests represented by those attending: single use plastic waste, environmental health, overhaul of the State Department of Environmental Services, water quality, elimination of greenhouse gas emissions, the fight to stop a privately owned giant landfill collecting waste from both NH and other states in Dalton NH, protection and restoration of old growth forests, and taking action on what is available to benefit municipalities directly as incentives for solar projects and energy efficiency for those municipalities that have not yet done so.

It was noted by many of those present at the Summit that climate change legislation is unfortunately stymied in New Hampshire, with the result that our State is far behind the progress being made elsewhere. One State Representative in the House emphasized, for example, that we don't yet have a carbon plan in place that would allow our state to be eligible for federal climate change funding. However, on the positive side it was also noted that some climate-related issues do have bipartisan support.

One participant sums up what was gained from the Summit: "I think when you are involved in one of these fights, you get very focused on your own issue. We can learn from each other and maybe empower each other and maybe accelerate some of the progress we need to make."

Here at our Fellowship in Plymouth your Climate Action Committee is looking forward to presenting its first major effort in this new fiscal year to generate interest and discussion relating to how we might act to help progress on climate issues in our State: on October 15 two major leaders of the Citizens' Climate Lobby in New Hampshire will speak to us (and to some other folks, hopefully, from our wider Plymouth community), following the Sunday service that day. Mark your calendar!

Nancy Chaddock for the Climate Action Committee

Soul Matters Something Familiar and Something New

Soul Matters Sharing Circle (Soul Matters) is the program we use to provide themes and material for worship, religious education, and small group gatherings. Soul Matters invites us to explore and to reflect upon a different spiritual theme each month. This year's themes are: *The Gift of...*

September: Welcome

October: Heritage

November: Generosity

December: Mystery

January: Liberating Love

February: Justice & Equity

March: Transformation

April: Interdependence

May: Pluralism

June: Renewal

We currently have two Soul Matters sharing circles with a few openings yet remaining. These groups (of no more than 10 people) meet to explore the material provided in the monthly packets. Both groups meet online, via Zoom. One meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 2:30 pm until 4:30 pm, and the second meets on the 4th Wednesday from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. If you'd like to join one of these groups, please let Taphi know at admin@starringfellowship.org. There are a limited number of spots available. If we have the interest, we'll look to open another group.

This year we're introducing another way to engage with the Soul Matters material. Each month we'll provide a Fellowship-wide spiritual practice related to our theme. You'll find this on our website as well as in the newsletter. Then, on the 4th Sunday of each month, at 11:00, you're invited to join others for *Soulful Sundays* a gathering for those who wish for further reflection and companionship around the spiritual practice. Give it a try!

September's Spiritual Practice:

Welcoming Gratefulness & The Present Moment

Welcoming the present moment is one of the most important of all spiritual practices. Yet, it's also one of the hardest. So, to make it a bit easier, we've put together a list of videos to help you. Plan some time to start your day by listening to one of these videos. You can journal after listening or just sit quietly with what the video opens for you. Think of this as a morning meditation. Be sure to give some thought to your surroundings. Listen while sitting at your kitchen table sipping your first cup of coffee or listen while sitting on your back porch looking out as the world wakes up. As you watch, pay attention to how beginning your day this way alters the way you travel through it. Consider journaling to capture your thoughts. Come to your group ready to share 2-3 examples of the difference the videos made.

- "A Good Day" with Brother David Steindl-Rast: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Zl9puhwiyw>
- THE MEANING OF LIFE, SAM HARRIS: [HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=2UJE2A1HE58](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2UJE2A1HE58)
- This is what was bequeathed us, Gregory Orr: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BrvMpAavaAw>
- Grateful Voices - James: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FFi-LzWHH98>
- THE POWER IS HERE NOW, ALEXIA CHELLUN: [HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=7RJFU1A6CXS](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7RJFU1A6CXS)
- Live Fully Now, Alan Watts: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HdqVF7-8wng>
- Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude, Ross Gay: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uURnrX-v6o&t=416s>
- Gratitude, Mary Oliver: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1XKg514_K3s&t=65s
- This is Water, David Foster Wallace: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eC7xzavzEKY>
- We Are Going to Die, Richard Dawkins: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOXMjCnKwb4&t=11s>

September's Soulful Sunday gathering will be on September 24th at 11:00.



Date with Death Club Returns!

Developed by Karen G. Johnston, MSW,
MDiv

Presented by Rev. Linda Barnes

Date with Death Club (DwDC) returns Sunday, September 17th!

As a reminder, the DwDC curriculum explores mortality in community. Each session is an opportunity to learn, share, and deepen your own understanding of what death means to you and how you want to approach it—particularly your own. The classes are non-secular and open to anyone high school age or older. Join us for one session or all, and please feel free to invite friends and family!

Classes will meet from 1:00 until 3:00 PM on Sunday afternoons.

Dates:	Topics
September 17	Getting Comfortable with Death Talk*
October 8	What to do with a Dead Body
October 22	Writing Your Own Obituary
November 19	Planning Your Own Funeral, Memorial, or Celebration of Life Service*
December 17	Afterlife/Afterlives
January 21	Owning Your Own Dying*
February 18	Good Life & Good Death
March 17	Hospice, Palliative Care, & End of Life Documents, Oh My! *
April 21	Grief: Loving & Losing, Learning & Living*
May 19	Medical Aid in Dying/Death with Dignity
June 9	Aging: Better than the Alternative

*these sessions were offered previously

To sign up, email us at admin@starrkingfellowship.org and let us know what dates you'd like to attend. Taphi has flyers available if you know someone who would like one or have a place to distribute them. You can direct questions to Rev. Linda at ministerarrkingfellowship.org.

Hope to see you there 'cause we all got a date with death.

Rev. Linda

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Donating from the Starr King website.

The Donate button on the website (www.starrkingfellowship.org) 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.

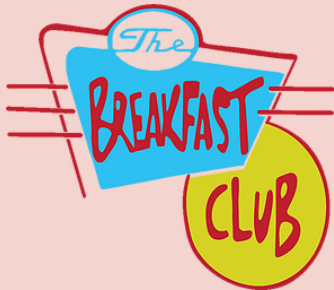


Second Sunday Hike September 10, 2023

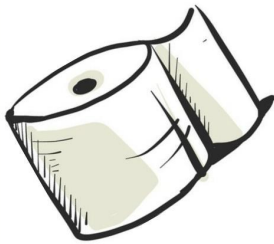
Join us as we hike the **Ramblin' Vewe Farm** in Gilford, which is a 3 mile loop and is generally considered an easy, multi-use trail for hikers of all ages! Dogs are welcome on leash, and there appear to be some places where they can be off-leash. We should complete the loop within 2 hours. We will leave from the lower parking lot at Starr King after the service at noon. It's a 40 minute drive to the trailhead. Bring a lunch to eat on the trail and join us for a bite to eat at **Patrick's** after the hike. Contact Deedie at cdkriebel@gmail.com, if you plan to join us.

October Breakfast Club Preview Friday, October 6, 2023

After breakfast, we will have a special tour of the Glidden Toy Museum in Ashland! Mark your calendars.



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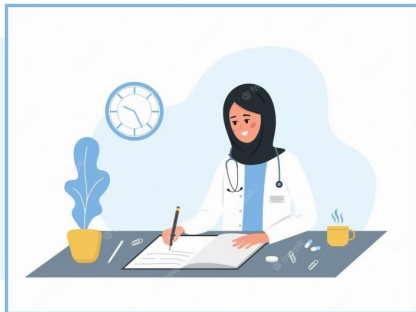
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DRESS IN **RED** & BRING
A ROLL OF TOILET PAPER

[ZOOM LINK](#) posted online under *Activities*

It is a **FACT** that doctors can write **FICTION**. The question is, can you tell which is which?



Thursday, September 28 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.



OPENING LINES!

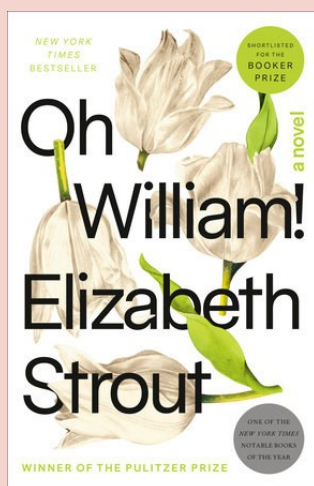
Experimental Zoom Play Group for Adults at Starr King Fellowship

BOOK GROUP NEWS

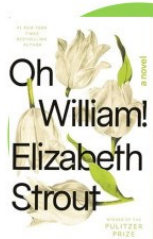
Join us every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. for a lively book discussion.

Bill Trought will lead the discussion of *Oh William!* by Elizabeth Strout Tuesday, September 12 at 3:30 p.m.

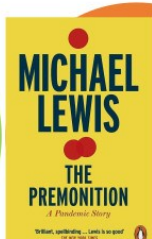
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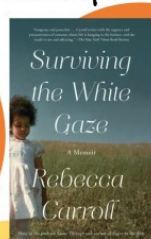
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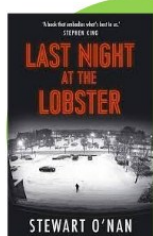
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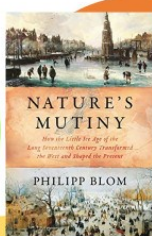
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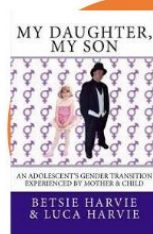
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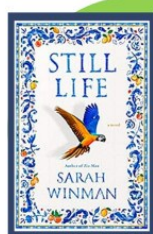
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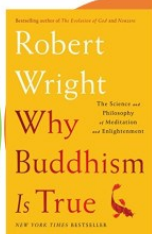
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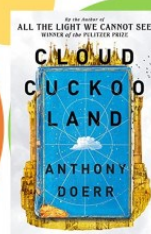
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Meditation Group, Mondays at 6 p.m.

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.

New Foyer Art

Thanks to Mark Runquist for gracing our foyer walls with his beautiful nature photos. Mark writes:

My camera is my constant companion on my adventures in New Hampshire's White Mountains from my base in Campton, NH. I am captivated by light, shape, and color as I tramp through the forests, wander along cascading brooks, and scramble upon the peaks. When I'm not wandering, I serve on the board supporting the Pemi-Baker Land Trust and the development committee of the Plymouth Area Renewable Energy Initiative.

To read more about Mark and his photos go to <https://www.pemipress.com/>.



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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.