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Newsletter of the Durham Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Upcoming Services (at 10 am)

Sunday, April 6th — "Creating the Future that We Want" Speaker:
Malcolm Smith

Sunday, April 13th — Seder - Speaker: Larry Vogelmann

Sunday, April 20th — "A UU Easter Service" Speaker: Thomas Pistole

* Easter Breakfast at 9 AM - Please RSVP at fellowship

Sunday, April 27th — TBA

Sunday, May 4th — UU Minister Erika Hewitt with talk on the topic: "You
Might (Not)

* During this service we will be welcoming new members who have
joined DUUF this past year.

**We will have a potluck this Sunday.



From the Membership Chair

- **NEW MEMBERS** - This year (so far) we have 4 new members in the Fellowship. We shall be welcoming our new members during our service on May 4th. In the meantime, in response to my request for a few words of biography for HEED, each volunteered the following:

Michele Martin: I live in Madbury with my two year old son, River, and my husband Dave. I teach science at Oyster River Middle School. My hobbies include playing volleyball, reading, and spending time outdoors with my family.

Gary Hochgraf: I grew up in Durham, and after attending UNH I got married, moved to Reno, Chicago, Ann Arbor, India, Tennessee, and spent nearly two years traveling in Latin America. Along the way I raised two kids, backpacked and canoed in many wild places, and taught many Boy Scouts and river stewards to appreciate and live in harmony with the environment. Professionally, I used to draw maps of hazardous waste sites. I now run my own small business called Home Repairs. If you or someone you know has need of a handyman, I would welcome the opportunity to work for you. I attended Sunday School at the Durham Community Church but at a young age was bothered by the hypocrisy of religion. After being unchurched for years I was introduced to UUism, explored Buddhism, delved into the Tao, and have lived among Hindus, Khasis, Mormons, and more. I see more evidence of the divine in a forest than in any church.

Michael Middleton: Michael Middleton and his son Daniel moved to Durham in 2011. Michael is a faculty member in the Education Department at UNH and researches motivation in children and adolescents, particularly those from underrepresented groups. Daniel is in Kindergarten at the UNH CSDC. Our family keeps active traveling, hiking and biking, and enjoying the friendships in our neighborhood. We have enjoyed getting to know other families in the UU and look forward to building more connections.
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Larry Vogelmann leading a March Service

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Joanie De Vries: I was born in Michigan and after graduating from Michigan State University with a teaching degree, I taught school in Michigan, New Mexico, Florida, Maine and New Hampshire. I served a term as a City Councilor and Planning Board member for the City of Dover. Genealogy and historical research are interests of mine.

- GREETERS – *Very many thanks to our greeters for March* - Joanie De Vries, Mike Fleming, The Isaaks Family, Michael and Edna O’Sullivan, Tom Pistole, Chris and Frank Rodgers, Joyce Sheffield, Karen and Malcolm Smith and Marjorie Wolfson.

Frank Rodgers, Membership Chair

- A MULTIPLE CHOICE MEMBERSHIP TRIVIA QUESTION – As we discovered in March’s trivia question, the DUUF was founded in December 1958 and gradually became established by April 1959. During that formative time for the Fellowship how many people gathered together to start the Fellowship, i.e. how many founding members were there?

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From the Caring Committee

We are pleased to report than Joanie made a good and speedy recovery from her operation last month, and that members of the Fellowship were able to help by giving her rides to and from the hospital as well as staying overnight with her afterwards to make sure all was well. Also, Steve H. seems to be doing relatively well after his recent hospitalization, and is apparently in quite good spirits. His closest friends from Fellowship continue to keep in touch with him on a regular basis.

Michael is sending some of the cards the children made to members and former members of the Fellowship who are now living at Riverwoods in Exeter. These people include: Ibby Lourie, Norma Segal and Jim Schultz. He is also hoping to send a card to Ann Schultz once he has obtained her address. While these people have not been able to attend Fellowship for some time, it is good to let them know we still remember them. If you know of any other people whom you think might appreciate a little card, please let Michael or me have their names and contact information.

Chris Rodgers

Easter at DUUF

Easter comes late this year, April 20. Here's hoping for a warm, sunny day. Our Fellowship has few traditions—one of them is Easter breakfast. The Nordgrens are again hosting. Do bring some things to share and sign up in advance. Breakfast begins at 9 a.m.

Unitarian Universalists celebrating Easter? Does this make sense? Come to the service on April 20 and find out for yourself. We will have lots of music, some readings, an interactive component, and a skit by some familiar folks on planning for an Easter program.

Another tradition is the Easter Parade. You are invited to bring an Easter bonnet or its equivalent and join the parade. You can also sit and observe. So come and find out how one UU congregation resolved the Easter–UU challenge.

In faith,

Thomas



ANSWER TO THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA QUESTION: There were 33 who between December 1958 and April 1959 came together and brought the Fellowship into being. If you are interested in who these Founding Fathers and Founding Mothers (and believe it or not Founding Student) were, ask me and I'll tell you.

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We seek to be a place in which each person's unique worth and beliefs are acknowledged and respected and where each person's voice may be heard – a place in which each may freely explore his or her own spiritual path.

We join with others in reaching out to make the world more just, and commit ourselves to caring for the earth and all that makes up the web of life.

We strive to be a source of inspiration, a forum for intellectual exchange, a wellspring of comfort to those in need and a nurturing, supportive community for each other and our children.

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