

The HEED FEBRUARY 2018

Newsletter of the Durham Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



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FROM THE SOCIALS COMMITTEE

We will be holding Circle Dinners on Saturday, February 17th at the homes of several generous DUUF hosts. We're looking forward to an evening filled with lively conversation, laughter and tasty food to chase away the winter chill.

It's almost time to celebrate our members and friends who have WINTER birthdays. We'll be having birthday cake for them (and all) on Sunday, February 18th—don't miss it!

We haven't forgotten the DUUF Game Night. Mike Fleming will be hosting it in late March—more details will be included in the March HEED.

About Our Upcoming Programs

February 14. A long-time Unitarian Universalist, now a member of South Church, Angela Matthews has been deeply involved in exploring the little known stories of African-Americans in the New Hampshire seacoast. She will share the story of one such family with roots in Portsmouth. February is Black History Month and her presentation will provide insight into our local history.

February 11. Julien Olivier is the senior chaplain at Wentworth-Douglass Hospice and is a Fellow in Hospice and Palliative Care. His wife Jane is a retired music teacher. Together they have provided pastoral support at the Strafford County Jail for many years and both are members of the hospice singing group, Journey Song. They will share their experiences and help us understand the concepts of hospice and palliative care.

February 25. In 1961, following years of discussion and concern, the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America consolidated to form the Unitarian Universalist Association. Both of these denominations have clear Christian roots and were still considered by most as Christian denominations with they combined. Much has changed in the over 55 years since this historic event. We will explore some of the changes that contributed to the face of UUism in 2018.

Fellowship Financial Summaries

January 1st marks the halfway point in DUUF's fiscal year. Fellowship members can find current status and interesting – to me at least – history of DUUF's financial situation in the form of a Balance Sheet and an Operating Fund Summary posted on the MEMBERS PAGE of our Web site: uudurham.com. Ask our Webmaster, Brett Gibson, for the password. I've also posted information on the DUUF's Special Funds: Descriptions, Purposes, Goals and Guidelines. This is part of how, together, with mission in mind, members plan and prepare for the Fellowship's future. As such, it warrants our review, discussion and, decision making at our next Annual Business Meeting in May.

Yours,

John Macri, Treasurer

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Updated DUUF Brochure

I am currently working on a new brochure for our Fellowship. I will be emailing those who are chairing various committees for input statements and info to include. I am looking for responses to:

Our Fellowship is

Please write a personal bullet and email it to me at: Joycesh@msn.com

Thank you!

-Joyce Sheehan

SPIRITUAL GROWTH GROUP

We are to exploring A Chosen Faith by John A. Buerhrens and Forrest Church, an introduction to the Unitarian Universalist Church.

We plan to meet on Thursday, February 8 @ 6:30PM to discuss Part 1, Chapters 1 & 2 of our new book, A Chosen Faith, pages 3-38. So, please let me know if you would like to join us with this study.

Looking forward to being together,

-Joyce Sheehan

In conjunction with DARLA (Dover Area Religious Leaders Association), of which our Fellowship is a member, the Granite State Organizing Project is offering a two-hour program on Active Bystander Training. What can and should we do when people are quick to express anger at others who are “not like them”? This interactive session will provide insight and tools we can use when confronted by these situations. There is no cost, although donations will be accepted. Details: Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, Garrison Wing, 1-3 p.m., Sunday, Feb.11. To register or for more information contact Aron DiBacco at 603-668-8250 or adibacco@granitestateorganizing.org.

DUUF’s Rooftop Solar Power – Two-Year Summary

DUUF’s solar panels were switched on January 7th 2016. The two-year milestone reached last month is an opportunity to remind our members and friends of the setup and to report on the system’s performance.

The Setup: Barrington Power owns and operates the rooftop solar power system. DUUF, under the terms of a Power Purchase Agreement, pays Barrington Power for the energy it produces at a fixed rate per kilowatt-hour (kWh). After six years DUUF has the option to purchase it. Under a separate agreement called “net metering,” DUUF sells the energy generated that is not consumed in the Fellowship house to Eversource.

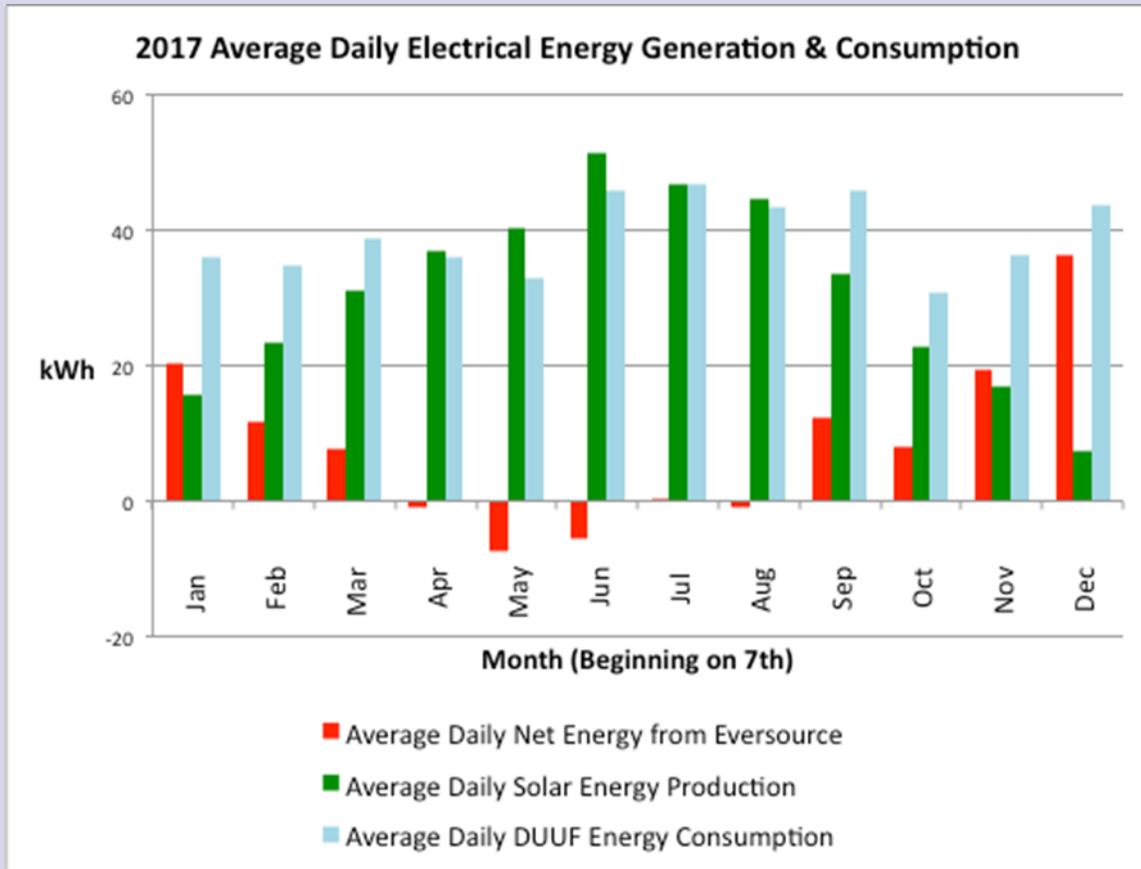
Annual Comparisons: The table summarizes DUUF’s electricity usage and cost for the last three years, the year before going solar and the two years since.

	2015	2016	2017
Total Electrical Energy Consumption (kWh)	15,429	15,862	14,366
Energy Production from Solar (kWh)	0 (0% of total)	11,818 (75% of total)	11,292 (79% of total)
Net Energy from Eversource (kWh)	15,429 (100%)	4,044 (25% of total)	3,074 (21% of total)
Total Cost (\$/kWh)	\$2,817 (\$0.183/kWh)	\$3,147 (\$0.198/kWh)	\$2,947 (\$0.205/kWh)

The rooftop system, specified to produce 12,000 kWh annually, continues to perform as designed. DUUF’s total electrical energy consumption dropped 10% in 2017. With that our solar installation generated 79% of the electrical energy consumed. This is better than in 2016. The cost per kWh, however, continues to rise. Eversource fees and rate changes account for the increase.

Seasonal Variation: The bar chart provides some seasonal detail and helps us understand the ins and outs over the year. High consumption in the summer months is mostly due to the use of air conditioning in the tenant offices. Solar production, fortunately, peaks at the same time. In 2017 solar production met or exceeded the consumption demand for the 5-month stretch from April through August (red bars in chart less than or near zero). This is a significant improvement from 2016 when that was the case for only 5 weeks (See *Heed Feb 2016*). We can credit Sarge and our tenants for responding to last year’s report and adjusting the thermostat. *(continued on next page)*

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Next challenge: find ways to bring down fall and winter consumption.

I'm happy to provide more detailed data to anyone interested and invite you to share your suggestions for making our sanctuary even greener.

Yours,

John Macri, on behalf of the Green Sanctuary Committee

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Youth Program

Just wanted to give a special shout-out to our youth who gave an exceptional Program on Sunday past. They were able to walk us through the process they used to make their decisions to choose the recipients of their fund-raising activities. They chose to actually participate in their own fundraising events in lieu of simply using curriculum for their Sunday morning group. Thanks to all who supported them in their food drive for the End 68 Hours of Hunger Program, one of the events for this year. And, thank you to Lanie Pavlik for sharing her music with us also!

Thanks again for such an informed Program. We all benefited.

-Joyce Sheehan



Julia Kinsey reading to younger RE participants during last week's service, which was run by the older youth group.

The February DUUF Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 14 @ 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All invited to attend.

Oyster River Folk Concerts
Durham Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
20 Madbury Road, Durham

Concert begins at 7:00

Tickets purchased at door; doors open at 6:30

**DUÓ: Niamh Varian-Barry and
Peter Staunton**

February 10

Niamh Varian-Barry, former lead singer of 'supergroup' Solas is joined by Peter Staunton on button accordion to play a fusion of traditional and contemporary Irish music.

Ticket Price: \$20 adults; \$5 students



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Our Mission Statement

The real test of our religion is the way we live our lives. The Durham Unitarian Universalist Fellowship affirms the seven principles of Unitarian Universalism:

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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