

The HEED March, 2020

Newsletter of the Durham Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



Services at 10 AM Sundays

March 1	Paige Farmer Home for All: Your Role in Making it Happen
March 8	Mary Edes TBA
March 15	Deb Johnson DUUF 60th Anniversary
March 22	Josiah Wells Social Action from a Spiritual Perspective
March 29	Maria Isaak Spirituality of Musical Kinship with the Quintessential Winds

**March Board Meeting will be held on
Wednesday, March 4th at 6:30 PM.**

President's Message

Many thanks to Deb Johnson, Will Hopkins, Jeanne Hruska and Chip Noon and the Program Committee for our February Programs.

Looking forward to March with Paige Farmer on the 1st and Rev. Mary Edes on the 8th followed by a Potluck luncheon.

Our final Oyster River Folk Concert will be on March 7th at 7:00 PM featuring Green Heron, an outstanding NH couple. Please plan to come so we can finish the year with great attendance.

We continue to thank Chris Rodgers and our Caring Committee for their efforts in reaching out to and assisting our members in need of care and support.

-Bob Sheehan

DUUF Socials for March 2020

The days are getting longer, so we're looking forward to some warmer days—Spring is just around the corner! We celebrated our "winter birthdays" with delicious cake on February 23rd, but if you missed it, we will be serving "winter birthdays" cake again at our March 8th service.

Mary Edes will be speaking on March 8th. Following her service we'll enjoy a potluck luncheon, including birthday cake. Please bring a dish to share with others.

Looking forward, April will be a busy month with our Passover celebration (on April 5th) and our Easter Breakfast potluck (on April 12th). More details to follow . . .

Hope you're all keeping warm with spirits high during this last part of winter

Deb Johnson, for the Socials Committee (Carol Bullivant, Edna O'Sullivan, and Bob Sheehan)

Unitarian Universalism beyond Our Doors

For some people, our Fellowship provides the full experience and support they seek. As a small congregation (defined by the Unitarian Universalist Association as having between 1 and 99 members) we do indeed offer a variety of activities, from Sunday services and religious education for children and youth to community outreach and opportunities to practice social justice, to camaraderie and socializing. Still, have you ever wondered what goes on at some of the other UU congregations in our area? In my years as an active religious educator, I visited many UU churches and fellowships as well as places of worship for other faiths. In each case I tried to learn something about that congregation, its services, its activities to see if there was something that I might bring back to Durham. One of the benefits of living where we do is that there are a number of UU congregations within an easy drive for most of us. What might you learn by visiting one or more of them? Here is a brief sketch of several.

South Church in Portsmouth. According to their website, South Church was formed in 1713 when it split from the congregation known as North Church. It became a Unitarian congregation in 1819 and, of special interest, merged with the local Universalist congregation some 14 years before the official consolidation of these two faith traditions. It is currently in the process of seeking a new minister, so the Sunday service is likely to be led by a guest ministers or lay leader, not unlike our model. With about 430 adult members and 200 children and youth, it is classified as a Midsize II church (400-550 members). It has traditionally offered two services on Sunday to accommodate the expected attendance. For more information, go to <http://www.southchurch-uu.org>.

First Unitarian Universalist Society of Exeter. With about 180 members, FUUSE is classified as a UUA Small II (between 100 and 249 members). The congregation's website provides a very interesting history of liberal religion in Exeter and how the present congregation developed from multiple roots. Its minister, the Rev. Kendra Ford, has served in this role for over 18 years. When I was involved in district work for the UUA, I learned that FUUSE was noted as a congregation that had as many children and youth as adults, a rarity among UU congregations. For more information, go to <https://www.exeteruu.org>. I can also introduce you to a visitor to our Fellowship with extensive experience on the staff at FUUSE.

The Nottingham Community Church. According to its website, this is a "Unitarian-Universalist Congregation serving Nottingham, NH and surrounding communities since 1875." It is a small church yet has a minister. Rev Craig Werth has led a Sunday morning service at our Fellowship. He is an accomplished musician and songwriter. As with many ministers in our faith, the Rev. Werth trained for the ministry after a full career elsewhere. For more information, go to <https://www.nottinghamuu.com>.

So, you have a Midsize II church in downtown Portsmouth in the process of calling a new minister, a Small II church in Exeter with a long-time minister, a Small I church in Nottingham with a minister/musician. Why not take Sunday break and check out one or more of them? You might be pleasantly surprised.

In faith,

Thomas Pistole

The Oyster River Folk Series Presents:

Old-time, folk, bluegrass, country, and blues featuring Betsy Heron (formerly Green) on fiddle, banjo and vocals, and Scott Heron on guitar, banjo and vocals.



GREEN HERON

IN CONCERT

March 7, 2020

7 PM

DURHAM UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

20 MADBURY RD., DURHAM, NH

TICKETS \$15/\$5 STUDENTS

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM

2019-2020 DUUF Officers & Committees

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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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