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Newsletter of the Durham Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

The Durham Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Program Committee hopes to bring you many exciting, thought-provoking, inspiring, and memorable speakers in our 2012-2013 year! We will have ministers, lay speakers, musical services, and more intergenerational services, and we plan to continue our exploration of various religions, which began with Islam last year. Due to the overwhelming response, we will have a Muslim speaker again this year, and will also explore Hinduism, the oldest continuing religion in the world. We will also have another “dancing” service, which has also been repeatedly requested. Of course, we will have our usual “special” services, including Kwanzaa, our annual Seder, a Martin Luther King, Jr. speaker, Black History month speakers, a service in celebration of Women’s Month, a service around LGBT issues, and more. If there is a particular topic that you would like to see addressed, a speaker that you would like for the Fellowship Program Committee to invite, and/or a theme that you would like to see on a particular Sunday, please contact me or another member of the Program Committee, and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

Carmen Buford-Paige, Program Committee



We've lined up some new exciting speakers this month!

Upcoming Services in April (at 10 am)

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| 9/16/12 | Rev. Kathryn Brammer, <i>Small Congregations</i> |
| 9/23/12 | Carmen Buford-Paige, <i>Music discussion and hymn sing</i> |
| 9/30/12 | Ted Vogel (member of 1948 USA Olympic Games marathon team), <i>The Spirituality of the Olympic Games</i> |

A message from the President:

It's good to back together.

Some of us ventured far from home this summer; some stuck around home. Many of us kept touch with the Fellowship even though we haven't had a service since the spring. The evidence of this was waiting for us as we entered the return service on Sept. 9.

Not only was there a lineup of programs already in place thanks to the Program Committee. Not only were there refreshments and a potluck on tap thanks to the Socials Committee. Not only were the house and sanctuary still standing and the lawn mowed thanks to the Building Committee.

Attentive viewers may have seen – and heard – other signs of summer activity. How about the new table by the entrance? Designed and built by Jim Zembruski and patterned to complement the beautiful table that currently supports our fellowship chalice and memorial candles, the new table is there to offer orders of service to attendees as they enter the sanctuary. Beneath those orders of service is intricate woodwork depicting a UU Chalice symbol. The new table is a treasure from which we shall all derive joy every time we enter the sanctuary, and it marks Jim as a highly talented craftsman deserving of praise and thanks.

Also new in the sanctuary for this season are the clear notes of a new high-tech sound system. This will project and even out the voices of our program speakers, making it easier for people in all corners of the sanctuary to hear their messages. It is the result of much work on the part of Malcolm Smith, who brought in an acoustics specialist to assess the room and assemble a system to address its unique sound needs. Sarge Legard was also involved in the process of shopping for the system, and Sarge worked last month to actually install the speakers, wires, and components, and he built the shelving system in the sanctuary closet where much of the equipment rests. Thanks also go to the Fair Committee and all the fair volunteers whose labors led to substantial proceeds that were earmarked to helping to pay for the sound system.

These might actually be the finishing touches on the building project that has engaged the labors of so many people over the last five years. This is not an invitation for everyone to sit back and rest on past successes, but it is an opportunity for us to take a look at (and listen to) a major accomplishment and an important chapter in the history of the DUUF. Allow yourself a minute or two on some upcoming Sunday to take it all in and realize that work will continue on various fronts at the fellowship, and that it is all amounting to something. For the people who walk in the building for the first time – such as the families we met at the first service of the season – this is what the Fellowship looks like, and it is a reflection of the many people who have worked to make it what it is.

Let's look forward to enjoying the new sanctuary and classrooms in the coming weeks and months, and also to introducing it to more new faces as the year progresses.

- Bob Pavlik

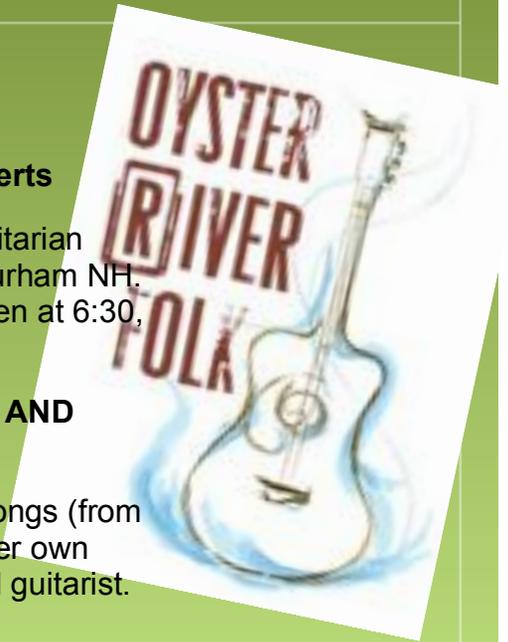
2012 Oyster River Folk: Upcoming Concerts

All Concerts start at 7pm at the Durham Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 20 Madbury Rd, Durham NH. Call 603-397-5781 for more info. Doors open at 6:30, first come first seated basis.

Saturday, September 22: LIZ SIMMONS AND SHANNON HEATON:



Liz Simmons is a folk singer of traditional songs (from North America, England and Ireland) and her own original songs, and is also an accomplished guitarist. She is the lead singer of Annalivia (a Celtic Americana string band based in Boston), and she also performs with the John Whelan Band and the all-female quartet Long Time Courting (with Shannon Heaton). Shannon Heaton is a veteran performer, having toured nationally with her husband, guitarist Matt Heaton for over ten years, and she has also performed in the Aoife Clancy Band and with Robbie O'Connell. Her keen melodic and arranging sensibilities, discerning ear, and exquisite Irish flute style has been featured with numerous Boston area ensembles, including Long Time Courting (with co-founder Liz Simmons).



Saturday, October 13: Mary Maguire: Blizzards and flat tires notwithstanding, the magic carpet ride of performing musicians has lifted Mary's voice across the airwaves from Los Angeles to Boston, from France to Russia and China, and has floated her onto stages shared with the talented likes of John Sebastian, Tom Rush, Livingston Taylor, Christine Lavin, Dave Mallett, T. Graham Brown, Billy Novick and Guy Van Duser, Lincoln Meyers, Devonsquare, Moondi Klein, Harvey Reid, and others. For the past 10 years Mary and Jeff have presented vocal harmony workshops at New York's Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival, at the Boston Bluegrass Union's Joe Val Bluegrass Festival, Maine's Thomas Point Beach Bluegrass Festival and Connecticut's Podunk Bluegrass Festival!



DUUF Music in 2012-2013

The musical possibilities during the coming year are very exciting. I have been accepted (and awarded a scholarship) by the UUA for study toward the Tenured Music Credential, and have some ideas that can be used to “grow” the Fellowship music ministry. I will be planning more music services, in which the emphasis will be on the role that music, both vocal and instrumental, sacred and secular, has in creating a sense of awe, wonder, transcendence, the holy, and spirituality. I welcome any and all of your suggestions on enhancing our music. A music survey will be handed out at the first Fellowship meeting in September. Please fill it out and return it on our second Fellowship Sunday. Results of the survey will be presented at our first Musical Sunday service.

I plan to resurrect our (occasional) choir this year. Anyone interested can see me after our first service, call me (603-740-6021), or send me an email (cbufordpaige@gmail.com). I also hope to get more of our instrumentalists involved in occasional services. The Fellowship has some very talented musicians, both teenagers and adults, who could provide added value to our occasional musical services. There may also be some elementary- and middle-school students who would like to participate. We plan to establish a bell choir, which will be able to perform for our Christmas Eve Service. Please contact me if you are interested and/or can help out in any of these endeavors. I look forward to an exciting musical year, and hope that you do, also.

Carmen Buford-Paige, Fellowship Musician

What is happening at the DUUF on Saturday, December 1, 2012 from 9am-2pm?

You've got it right - the Annual Holiday Fair.

And the Fair needs your help!

Can you start thinking about items you can donate? And will you consider donating the most valuable resource you have - your time and talent?

Both experienced swag-makers as well as newbies are highly encouraged to join in the fun on Thursday morning, November 30, 2012, continuing a longstanding Fellowship tradition.

Many more details to come...

*2012 Fair Committee Members: Joyce Sheffield, Dottie Oliver, Renee Mercier, Raelene Shippee-Rice, Edna O'Sullivan, Chris Rogers, Frank Rogers (Tres.), Kim Nute (Chair).



Nebulae

One o'clock in the morning, standing barefoot in pristine night air
I am a nebulous presence in my island universe

Our Milky Way dominates the vast celestial dome
Visible to unaided eyes here in this dark night
On a mountain side, far from city lights

All four hundred billion stars in this galaxy show themselves
In a sweeping cloudy background display - accenting brilliant constellations

I conjure commune with the Chained Maiden – in the nebula of Andromeda
Luminous there in her own galaxy
Perhaps catching reflected light from my silvery nightshirt

Seeing the encompassing whole of which I am a part
Doesn't set me apart

I am drawn into the fabric of the universe
A drop of water gaining consciousness of place in the sea body

I may never experience us this way again
But for these moments
We are one

Falling into the deep tranquility of sheltered safety
A hammock of sleep cradles me 'till
The rose-feathered aurora of dawn

- Edna O'Sullivan



On August 25, 2012, Michael Fleming and Jenny, his longtime partner, cemented their union with a Partnering Ceremony in the company of their immediate families. We wish them a long and happy life together.

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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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