

The HEED SEPTEMBER, 2019

Newsletter of the Durham Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



Services at 10AM Sundays*

September

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| 8 | Susan Bullivant | <i>Ingathering and Water Ceremony</i>
Please join us to enjoy a potluck lunch, meet and greet old friends and new, and welcome in another Fellowship year. |
| 15 | Jason Kritzer | Program To Be Announced |
| 22 | Mary Edes | <i>Stepping Out: Navigating troubled waters together</i> |
| 29 | Thomas Pistole | <i>Individual choice vs. social responsibility: the measles immunization dilemma</i> |

October

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| 6 | Jo Beltre | Medical Missions (Title TBA) |
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*Music for services provided by Carmen Buford-Paige

Board Meetings

The next Board Meeting will be held at the Fellowship on
Wednesday, September 4th at 6:30 PM.

Message from the President

I would like to welcome everyone back to the start of the Durham Unitarian Universalist Fellowship's 60th year! We are looking forward to seeing everyone on our first Sunday back, September 8th for our Water Ceremony followed by a Pot-Luck Luncheon.

Our Program Committee has been hard at work scheduling Programs for the Fall. We anticipate some excellent and inspiring speakers.

Hope to see people at the Annual Durham Yard Sale on Saturday, September 7th. Please bring items to the Fellowship prior to that day.

Oyster River Folk Series has five concerts planned for the year commencing with Ari & Mia on September 28th at 7:00 PM. (See included flyers.)

Our Green Sanctuary Council also has another candidate coming for a Climate Change Forum scheduled for September 8th in the evening.

This promises to be a great year at the Fellowship. Looking forward to seeing you on September 7th & 8th!

-Bob Sheehan

Harvest Fair Saturday, Sept 7, 9-2

It's almost Harvest Fair time! As the unofficial first event of the Fellowship year, the Harvest Fair/Yard Sale offers chance for us all to reconnect in a casual setting. Want to volunteer? Just drop by. Looking for a fancy upholstered chair? I hear the Nordgrens are offering one up for sale. We may make some money, we may find some new friends, we may go home with stuff we don't need, but usually anyone who shows up for the Fair has a good time. Also, there will be pickles, and peach jam, cider, and a bunch of other stuff overflowing from our gardens.

FROM THE SOCIALS COMMITTEE

We look forward to having you join us at DUUF's Late Summer Potluck Lunch following the opening service on Sunday, September 8th. Bring along stories about your summer adventures, as well as a favorite potluck dish to share with one and all. It's a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and to get acquainted with newcomers.

PRESIDENTIAL CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM

The next in our series of Presidential Candidate Climate Forums will feature Admiral Joe Sestak, on Sunday September 8 at 6:30 pm.

For more information on Admiral Sestak, see

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joe_Sestak



As with the previous Climate Forums, its purposes are to raise the visibility of climate as an issue in the Presidential campaign and to help NH citizens understand in detail each candidate's climate policy proposals. The forum begins with the candidate describing her or his climate proposals, followed by questions from the select panel, then questions from the audience (see the draft agenda below). Each forum's panel consists of a climate scientist, an environmental advocate, an elected official, and a representative of the faith community (prospectively yourself).

Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to hear in person how Admiral Sestak intends to respond to the climate crisis if he is elected President. DUUFers will receive (or already have received) invitations in their email in-box. If you want to reserve seats, please respond to those invitations.

Denominational Affairs: Unitarian Universalism Beyond Our Walls

As we begin our new Fellowship year, I would like to welcome you to a new monthly column on the broader world of Unitarian Universalism. Many of you have a good sense of what we in our congregation do both with our members and friends and with the broader community. This column with focus on a more global perspective. To begin, I have created a highly condensed historical overview. In future issues we will look at specific activities and events. I will also alert you to upcoming activities that may be of interest.

Separately, Unitarianism and Universalism have a rich and long history. We will begin in 1961 when these two denominations consolidated to form the Unitarian Universalist Association. Although these two groups held many common beliefs, their organization and management models were quite distinct. Among the challenges this alliance has faced in its 58-year history, two stand out: finances and "walk the talk." Finances have impacted both operations and future planning. A pared-down administrative structure has helped to put us on a more solid financial footing. Through its roots, UUism has long stood for anti-oppression, multiculturalism, anti-racism, diversity. At the same time this faith community has remained largely white and its senior leadership largely male. Several major rifts in our denomination have been driven by what some have seen as implicit racism. We are currently experiencing such a challenge.

Both of our predecessor denominations had local units to complement the national or continental body. Consolidation led to the establishment of the New Hampshire-Vermont District. Years later, when the Canadian Unitarians separated from the UUA to establish their own organization, the Northern New England District, which included Maine and congregations in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, became fractured. Maine alone was too small (in numbers and finances) to operate as a distinct district; eventually it merged with the NH/VT District to form the Northern New England District. Financial challenges, noted above, as well as newer models for working with and supporting individual congregations, led the UUA to propose a reconfiguration: five regions in the U.S. instead of the nearly 20 districts that then existed. Today we are part of the New England District, comprised of congregations from the six New England states. As our region's website notes: "The New England Region is the smallest geographical area with the highest concentration of UUA member congregations in the U.S. We are...six states, 234 congregations that are served by a single integrated regional staff team."

The UUA Today

In 2017, three months before the end of his term as UUA President, Peter Morales resigned. He was the first Latino to serve in the role and followed the presidency of Bill Sinkford, the first African-American UUA President. As with most major events, there were multiple factors involved but the immediate precipitating one was a major controversy regarding the UUA's hiring practices and charges of institutional racism. Much happened over the next year and we will explore this in a later column. As a result, the Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray became the first woman elected to the UUA presidency. Along with a streamlined Board of Trustees and other key participants, the UUA leadership is working to resolve the challenges facing our denomination. But remember, the UUA is all of us; so, this might be better phrased as a question: what can we do to meet these challenges and work toward resolution?

Submitted by Thomas Pistole

The Oyster River Folk Series Presents:



ARI & MIA

IN CONCERT

SEPTEMBER 28, 2019

7 PM

“Strikingly beautiful, distinctive and exhilarating, with expressive vocals that will find a way into hearts and minds” (No Depression), Ari & Mia reference the styles of Southern and Northeastern fiddle music and the early American songbook to create a realm where their own compositions cross paths with older traditions. Their stylish and sophisticated music honors the sounds of Appalachian cottages, rural dance floors, and urban concert halls. Combine this with their innovative approach to songwriting and the result is a captivating sound.

Since 2008 the sisters have toured all across the U.S and Australia and are both graduates of New England Conservatory's cutting-edge Contemporary Improvisation department. They've performed alongside Sarah Jarosz, opened for the likes of Cheryl Wheeler and Catie Curtis, and played at venues such as Shalin Liu Performing Arts Center, Falcon Ridge Folk Festival's Mainstage Emerging Artist Showcase, Club Passim, the Parlor Room, New Bedford Folk Festival, and Jordan Hall. Both award winning songwriters, Mia's song "Across the Water" won the 2010 John Lennon Songwriting Contest in the folk category, and Ari's song "Old Man" was a semi-finalist for the 2016 International Songwriting Competition.

“Ari & Mia are not creating a new music; they are taking it to another level and exploring areas that have not been attempted in decades. Their all-acoustic, pure and honest approach has significance. Treading the edges of traditional folk in a more faithful manner, they share the lyrical wizardry of 70's bands Steeleye Span, Tir-na-Nog, and the Incredible String Band, with searing harmony as good as The Beach Boys. The sisters sing in unison like two violins,” continues No Depression. Their new album, “Sew the City,” released on March 1, 2019, was premiered on Billboard Magazine and has been met with critical acclaim. Their previous three albums, “Out of Stone,” “Land on Shore,” and “Unruly Heart”, ranked high on the national folk radio charts.

DURHAM UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

20 MADBURY RD., DURHAM, NH

TICKETS \$15 / \$5 STUDENTS

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM

Oyster River Folk Concerts for 2019-2020

Durham Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Saturdays 7:00

Tickets sold at the door; Doors open at 6:30



Ari & Mia

September 28

Their stylish and sophisticated music honors the sounds of Appalachian cottages, rural dance floors, and urban concert halls.

Hungrytown

November 2

Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson--otherwise known as the folk duo Hungrytown--have earned a reputation for the quality and authenticity of their songwriting.



*Susie Burke and David Surette
with Kent Allyn*

December 7

Three of the Seacoast's finest singers/songwriters, and instrumentalists will perform their annual Holiday concert.



The Jordan TW Trio

February 1

Bringing fresh energy to traditional Celtic music, this award-winning trio delivers a dynamic show full of lively fiddle tunes, haunting airs and classic sing-alongs.

Ticket price: \$15 adults; \$5 students



Green Heron

March 7

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, the duo has been together since 2016.

Ticket price: \$15 adults; \$5 students



2019-2020 DUUF Officers & Committees

Officers

President: Bob Sheehan
Vice President: Dottie Oliver
Treasurer: Jen Pavlik
Secretary: Rachel Legard

Committees

Program: Raelene Shippee-Rice (Chair); Betty Crepeau, Joyce Sheehan, (Deb Johnson—60th Anniversary Celebration Coordinator)
Religious Exploration: Bob Pavlik (Chair); Brad Kinsey
House and Grounds: House: Sarge Legard (Chair), Rachel Legard; Grounds: Sarah Tambling
 Rentals: Maria Isaak
Socials: Deb Johnson (Chair); Edna O’Sullivan, Bob Sheehan, Carol Bullivant, Betsy Tyrol
Membership: Brooke Baldwin (Chair); Caring Subcommittee: Chris Rodgers, Betty Crepeau, Michael O’ Sullivan, Cindy Schram, Joyce Sheehan Bob Sheehan

Councils

Nominations: Michael O’Sullivan (Coordinator); Joyce Sheehan
Green Sanctuary: Mike Fleming (Coordinator); Jake Kritzer, Nick Isaak
Social Action: Dawn Meredith (Coordinator); Betty Crepeau
Music Committee: Carmen Buford-Paige (Coordinator); Thomas Pistole, Maria Isaak
Communication & Outreach: Brett Gibson (Webmaster); Stefanie Griffin (HEED Editor)
Denominational Affairs: Thomas Pistole (Coordinator)



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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