

Durham Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Celebrating 60 Years

Love, the Quest for Truth, and Service



The HEED November, 2021

Sunday Services held 10 – 11:15 AM, unless otherwise noted

[note: November 7th service will be 9:30 – 10:45 AM]

Please note: For all services only those individuals, 12 years and older, who are fully vaccinated may attend in person. Children under 12, who cannot be vaccinated may attend, but, like all in-person attendees, must wear face masks at all times within the Fellowship building. [During the service, an exception to this rule is made for the front-of-the room speaker.] Appropriate social distancing with attendees who are not members of their family or pod will be maintained.

Thank you.

Zoom attendance is available and is encouraged for unvaccinated individuals.

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November Program Details

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Rev. Robert Thompson, who has lived much of his life amidst divided communities, has frequently served as a bridging force within those communities. His experiences have heightened his awareness of the difficulties communicating across barriers that separate people and groups, and the human gifts—"spoken words, sung poems, serious smiles, flowing tears, open mind, receptive heart"—which facilitate communication.

Sunday, November 14th:

Race and Housing Discrimination: Leah Cole Durst, Esq.

Leah Cole Durst, a lawyer with Shaheen & Gordon will discuss how racism has factored into housing discrimination. Before coming to NH, Leah was a staff attorney at Greater Boston Legal Services handling eviction cases.

Sunday, November 21st:

Race and Policing in NH and the Country: Larry Vogelmann, Esq.

Larry will discuss how the issue of race impacts the public's interactions with the police. Together we will discuss those interactions both from the perspective of the public and of the police.

Sunday, November 28th: *NO SERVICE*

No DUUF Service will be held this holiday weekend, but we invite you to devote some moments of contemplation to gratitude for your family, friends and community.

Sunday, December 5th:

Tiny Home, Big Adventures: Traveling Coast to Coast in a Converted Bus: Hilary, Jonathan, Krysta and Thomas Babon

The Babon's pandemic project-- traveling across the U.S. with their family of four and dog--started with converting a 40' bus into an off-grid tiny house on wheels. Hilary, Jonathan, Krysta, Thomas and Cooper spent the summer of 2021 traveling across the U.S. in Rosie the Riveted Bus--adventuring, connecting and documenting their trip along the way.

President's Message

Finding ways to connect in a difficult time

The coordination and conduct of the dual platform Sunday programs have made the continuous hard work of our Program Committee even harder. They've had successes and setbacks with the technologies and continue, with lessons learned, to find the best way to connect with all interested. You need only look further in this issue of *Heed* at the themes and content of these programs and at our Mission Statement to understand what motivates them. Please join me in thanking them. These volunteers have taken on a difficult task at a difficult time.

Thank you all,

John Macri



Lanie Pavlik working on "Blueberry Hill" (between the fellowship building and the frat house next door) to reclaim the area for the four blueberry plants we dedicated to the graduates of 2020. (At least three of the four bushes are confirmed to be still alive). Photo credit: Bob Pavlik

SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Social committee will be pleased to offer incentive to DUUF's fall cleanup on Nov. 9 by providing donuts and cider for refreshments after the event. Last year was fun and we got a lot done.

Looking ahead, we are planning to have our soup and cookie event again this year on Saturday, December 11. Be thinking about what you would like to prepare to offer for sale and what you would like to bring home to enjoy. If you can contribute soup, please contact Deb Johnson (djohnson@maine.edu). If baking cookies is your forte, please contact Carol Bullivant. (cbulli@yahoo.com).

Thanks, everyone!

Fall Clean-up

The DUUF Fall Clean-up is scheduled for Sun. Nov. 7. You can start at 1pm or right after service (around 11AM), as you like. Please bring your rakes, spades, trowels, lopping shears and leaf-moving tarps. Various tasks will include weeding; digging bittersweet and small saplings; pruning shrubs and raking leaves. Come hang out with the fellowship and have fun in the fresh air!

(Rain Date: Sunday Nov. 14)

Sarah Tambling
Grounds Committee



Messages of Concern and Support for Susie Burke and David Surette

We have some sad news to share.

For many years Susie, David and friends have presented an Annual Holiday Concert in the Durham Fellowship's Sanctuary. We all have fond and happy memories of their December concerts that filled our Fellowship to overflowing with audience members, music, joy and laughter.

Recently we learned that, for several years, David has been receiving treatment for cancer. Currently his disease has progressed to the point where he has had to stop performing and teaching. Though treatment options are limited at this stage, David will soon be starting another course of chemotherapy. Susie has requested that we send all the love and healing energy we can to David, his family and all those caring for him.

Those who wish to send messages of love and encouragement may send cards to their home at 16 Sewall Road, South Berwick ME 03908 and/or make a donation to David's care at the "Go Fund Me" site set up for this purpose <https://www.gofundme.com/f/for-david-surette> At the site you will also have the opportunity to provide a brief message of support.

**DUUF Officers, Chairpersons and Council Coordinators and
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House and Grounds: House: Sarge Legard (Chair), Rachel Legard; Grounds: Sarah Tambling;
Rentals: Maria Isaak
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Membership: Bob Sheehan (Chair); Caring Subcommittee: Chris Rodgers (Coordinator),
Betty Crepeau, Michael O'Sullivan, Joyce Sheehan

COUNCILS

Nominations: Michael O'Sullivan (Coordinator), Bob Sheehan
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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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