

The HEED October, 2022

Newsletter of the Durham Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



Services at 10AM Sundays

- October 2 “Express Your Spirit, Write” Michael Ward
- Following the 3rd and 4th Principles of our UUA, our Program Committee has invited Michael Ward, who will share parts of his life story through his writing of prose and how he discovered his purpose for being in his endeavor to influence and support others.
- October 9 “Living from a Place of Surrender” Session 1: “Who Am I?”
- Following the 3rd and 4th Principles of our UUA, we will be experiencing a video on concepts, practices, as well as instructions on how to get to know ourselves better as we start to look inward.
- October 16 Bring a Child Sunday : “A Story Time for All”
- Following the 1st Principle we will be inviting a child (ren) that we know to join with us for our Sunday morning time together. The service will be followed with a pizza lunch and face painting for the kids.
- October 23 “The Arctic and New England: Changing Connections in a Changing Climate” Jake Kritzer
- Following the 7th Principle of our UUA, we will hear about the impact of changes in the Arctic and how they are affecting our areas in New England.
- November 6 “Metta Bhavana Sutra and Meditation” Betty Crepeau
- Following the 3rd and 4th Principles of our UUA, we will be exploring a well-known tool for Spiritual Growth.

From the Socials Committee

Thanks to everyone who attended our first Oktoberfest and enormous thanks to the very many people who helped put it on and make it the success that it was.

Since that was so much fun, please join us for our first potluck of the year: October 23 after the service. Come for the company and the delicious food!

Carol Bullivant for the committee

Religious Exploration

Many thanks for everyone who helped out with this weekend's yard sale. We brought in almost \$700! Multiple friends from the Downstairs Fellowship helped with the sale and cleanup, and lots of our youth donated their belongings for the sale. This is the most money the DUUF has brought in since we re-started the fall yard sales eight years ago. Discussions on how we would like to disperse the funds (the RE program is in charge of this) are ongoing. We are looking at charitable giving opportunities through the lens of our Seven UU Principles.

Many thanks to James for helping to set up for the Oktoberfest last week.

Please note that there will be no RE program this coming weekend. Families that wish to attend Sunday's service can find boxes with writing and coloring tools on the shelf in the coat closet. Please be on the lookout for kid-centered programs later in October.

Sunday, 16 October 2022

Bring a Child Sunday: "A Story Time for All"

Following the 1st Principle we will be inviting a child(ren) that we know to join with us for our Sunday morning time together. So, we're asking that you bring your child(ren), your grandchild(ren), your neighbor's child(ren) for our "Story Time for All!"

The service will be followed with a pizza lunch, and a make-your-own-sundae!

Program Committee

MEMBERSHIP

Bring a Child Sunday - October 16, 2022

In an effort to include our children in participating with us, we have planned a "Bring a Child Sunday". They may be your child, a grandchild, a neighbor, or a friend.

This will be an interactive Service with a story for everyone and a discussion of the story in smaller groups with the children.

We will be having a pizza lunch for everyone and a make-your-own-Sundae afterward.

If you don't have a child to bring, just bring your exuberance and enjoy our time together!

Bob Sheehan

Community. According to the website for the New Hampshire Council of Churches, the NH and Maine Seacoast has experienced increased hate-based activity in recent months. To address this issue a working coalition of law enforcement, faith leaders, community organizations, and area school districts is offering an informative presentation with follow-up Q&A. This presentation, entitled "Our Community: Welcoming and Safe. Understanding and Preventing Hate-based Activity, will be offered both as an in-person and a follow-up online event.

Topics to be covered in this program include [1] how to identify symbols affiliated with hate groups, [2] active groups identified in this area, [3] how activity in the Seacoast compares regionally and nationally, and [4] actions you can take if you encounter literature or activity of hate groups.

The in-person program is scheduled for 6-8 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 3, at the Kittery Community Star Theatre; the online format will be available on Thursday, Oct. 6, also from 6-8 p.m. You can register for either at tinyurl.com/nhlevents.

Elections. I am sure everyone is aware that we are in the midst of election time, having recently held our primary election and now focusing on the general election in November. However, my comments are not directed at either one, or even the 2024 election. We are in the midst of an election within our faith community: namely, a new president of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

With the election of the Rev. Dr. Susan Frederick-Gray as UUA president in 2017, a new format for holding this office was implemented. Prior to her election, the term of office changed from a four-year term with the ability to be a candidate for a second term to our current format in which presidents are elected for a six-year term and are not eligible for a second term. Thus in 2023 we are scheduled to elect a new president.

As with the process for electing a U.S. president, this is a long and involved process. It began over a year ago as foundational decisions such as final timeline and details of the process were determined. Applications to the Presidential Search Committee were solicited last summer. Following the close of this step, in July, the PSC reviewed applications and on Oct. 1 submitted potential nominees to the UUA Board of Trustees. On Nov. 15, the Board will announce the official nominees for this position.

In December the petition process for additional nominees begins. Over the next several months individuals seeking to be a candidate need to gather signatures and other supporting documentation. If they successfully complete this process, their name will be added to those officially put forth by the Board of Trustees. During the winter and spring candidates will actively campaign in various forums and formats.

Since the UUA is an association of congregations, voting is by congregations, not individuals. Each congregation is entitled to at least two delegates. In June 2023 electronic voting will be active. In late June, at General Assembly, which will be held in Pittsburgh, the election results will be announced. The successful candidate will assume office in August.

During the 40 years I have been a Unitarian Universalist, I have seen the election of a person of color, Rev. Bill Sinkford (2001-09); a person of Latino heritage, Rev. Peter Morales (2009-2017), and a female, Rev. Dr. Susan Frederick-Gray (2017-23). I have also seen several open LGBTQ candidates, none of whom was successful. Additionally, for the first time in our history, the position of UUA president is open to those other than ordained ministers. I am certainly not advocating that these should be the driving factors in the decision-making and ultimate election. I look forward to learning about who the official candidates are and whether we will have additional candidates by petition.

Thomas Pistole

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Religious Exploration: (TBD)
House and Grounds: House: John Macri (Chair), Jonathan Babon; Grounds: (TBD);
Dottie's Garden: Sarah Tambling; Rentals: Maria Isaak
Socials: Carol Bullivant (Chair), Deb Johnson, Tom Reichheld
Membership: Bob Sheehan (Chair); Caring Subcommittee: Chris Rodgers (Coordinator),
Betty Crepeau, Michael O'Sullivan, Joyce Sheehan

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Nominations: Michael O'Sullivan (Coordinator)
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Green Sanctuary: Mike Fleming (Coordinator), Nick Isaak, Jake Kritzer
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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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