



Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Franklin, NH Spectacles NOVEMBER 2022

From Our Minister



This past Sunday we gathered after the service to say goodbye to longtime members Beth & Stan Robinson, as they prepare to move downriver to Salem, NH. The fellowship hall was filled, with many of you whom I have had the pleasure of getting to know over the past year and a number of unfamiliar faces, friends of Beth and Stan and the congregation who came to say goodbye. It was a tasty celebration of their decades of lay leadership.

Beth and Stan have been members of this community for forty-two years. They raised their kids here and contributed deeply to the community in more ways than I know. I am sad to see them go, after knowing them only a few years. For those of you who have been in community with them for years, that ache and loss must be greater.

We all face goodbyes in different ways. I am glad the congregation took the time to have a potluck and offer gifts to our departing beloveds, to acknowledge both the gratitude and the sadness that such a move represents, for those moving and those who remain.

Communities change, people change, some come, some go, and we continue on, the same and yet transformed. Still here for each other. It is my privilege to be your minister along part of this journey. Please reach out if I can support you in any way.

May we honor our griefs with the support of our communities,
Rev. Ariel

Upcoming UUCF Sunday Services

November 6th, 10am ~ Lindsay LaPointe
Musician ~ Robin Charles

November 13th, 10am ~ Rev. Ariel
Aaronson-Eves
Musician ~ Libby Danahy

November 20th, 10am ~ Charlie Chapple
Musician ~ Paul Hubert

Bread and Soup Sunday



November 27th, 10am ~ Rev. Gary Shapiro
Musician ~ Robin Charles

The **Music and Worship Committee** is looking for people who would like to volunteer to do a lay led service. Please let Howard know if you are interested. howardsmsden@yahoo.com
(603) 465-7709

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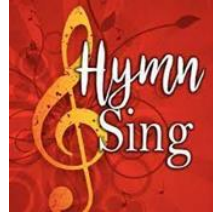
Face masks are highly
ENCOURAGED
and much
APPRECIATED
inside the building



We ask that people sit at the tables **spaced apart** in the Fellowship Hall

Face masks are **REQUIRED** when at the communal food table during Coffee Hour.

Sign-up sheets for **Coffee Hour** and **Flowers** for the sanctuary are located in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up.



Hymn Sing Dates for

November: Tuesday, November 1st, Tuesday, November 15th, Tuesday, November 29th at 3:30PM in the Sanctuary. Please let Libby know if you plan on attending. rdan@metrocast.net

Upcoming Parish Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 8th at 5:30pm via Zoom (PC meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month). If you would like to attend, please contact Erin, em41385@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

The Near Future and the Far

Kim Donovan, Chair of Parish Committee

When Parish Committee met on October 11, two topics stood out among the normal business: the Santa Lucia Tea and the discussion of our congregation's future plans.

The Santa Lucia Tea is coming quickly upon us on December 10, and many of us are excited to celebrate. We still need someone to coordinate, to be the information hub for this event. Coordinating Santa Lucia is very satisfying as preparing the food, planning and playing the music, decorating the hall, and most importantly, working with the children are shared by many hands, and the coordinator insures it is on track. Please let anyone on Parish Committee know if you can perform this role.

The second discussion item, planning for our future, will continue throughout this congregational year. Currently we are reading about what makes for healthy congregations and how to sustain that health as well as acknowledge unhealthy aspects of a congregation. After the winter holidays, we

would like to bring in someone from the UUA to help the congregation discuss the future. The Parish Committee will continue to dedicate time each month to this important topic, so we can more confidently and intentionally meet the future.

2022-23 Parish Committee Members

- Kim Donovan, Chair
- Erin Metcalf, Clerk
- Cindy Clarenbach, Treasurer
- Lisa West
- Gail Morrison



We are in need of a lead person for **Santa Lucia** (12/10/22). Please contact one of the Parish Committee members if you are interested.



UUCF is looking for a nurturing, enthusiastic person to provide childcare during our Sunday services for approximately 1 ½ to 2 hours starting in September. \$25 per Sunday. Please contact Erin at em41385@gmail.com.



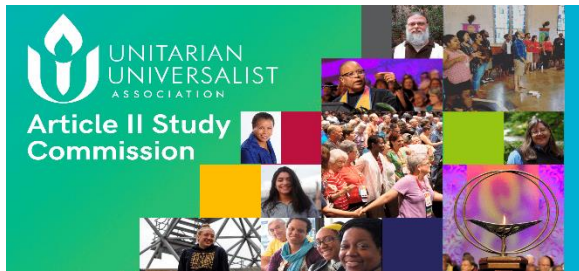
Twin Rivers Food Pantry Collection for Thanksgiving

UUCF's goal is to collect 50 cans of green beans and 50 cans of cranberry sauce. Please place your donations on the donation table in the sanctuary by November 14th.



The **Holiday Gift Tree** will be in the sanctuary from December 4th until February 5th. Please hang your homemade and bought hats, scarves, mittens, socks and other warming gifts on or under the tree. These gifts will be donated to the Twin Rivers Food Pantry who will then give them to folks in need.





What does it mean to be a Unitarian Universalist?

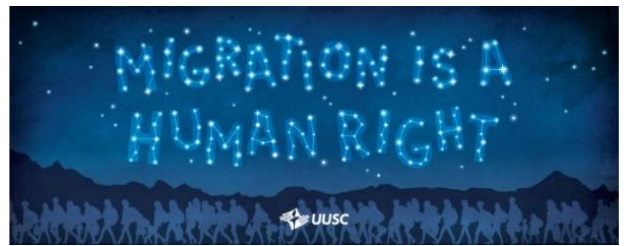
For the past couple years, the UUA's Article II Study Commission has been looking at our Principles and Purposes, inviting feedback from UUs on what it means to them to be Unitarian Universalists. From their work, the Commission has just released a draft of new language on our UU purposes and covenant. There will be discussion sessions over the course of the next few weeks to discuss the draft language. Register for a chance to weigh in on the ever-evolving ways we UUs understand and express who we are and how we relate to each other. To register and for more information: <https://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/committees/article-ii-study-commission>



Thanks to all who participated in putting the UUCF scarecrows together. They were entered into the Franklin city-wide Parks & Rec scarecrow contest and tied (with Central Street Mission) in the Funniest category!



Mission: Amplifying Unitarian Universalist voices and values in the public square throughout New Hampshire and beyond.



UUCF voted to be a Level 2 Sanctuary Church in support of Manchester UU, which is a Level 1 Sanctuary Church.

Here are some of the ways you can continue to support the Sanctuary/Asylum network: We accept **Market Basket gift cards** and checks to help support Chris as his case slowly works through the courts. Gift cards must be bought in-store, but then can be mailed to UU Manchester c/o Asylum Committee at UU Manchester, 669 Union St. Manchester NH 03104. Or, the cards can be dropped off at church during our new church administrator's hours, M-F, 8am-12 noon. Her name is Amy. **Checks** can be sent to the above address. Designate Asylum in the memo line and if your donation is for general support, specific support for legal fees, or specifically for food. We are a 501(C)3 organization, so your donations are tax-deductible. If you have any questions, contact our church administrator, Amy (603-625-6854) or Liz Alcauskas (703-447-5701). **Credit card** donations can be made by going to uumanchester.org. 1. click on "Give" OR 2. Click on "Please Donate today" in the yellow ribbon on top of the page. In either case, the Planned Giving page will appear. 3. Scroll down to Donate and click on the DONATE button. 4. Be sure to find the "write a note" section and designate your donation is for the Asylum Fund. If you have any questions, call Liz at 703-447-7701. Thank you for your anticipated donation.

Link to updated Directory: It will bring you into the folder containing the directory. Double click on the filename Directory Update 2022.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19ctaNiZXqhb1afpmqfjN5vlx05mfsVSg?usp=sharing>



Birthdays

Kathleen Fleckenstein ~ 15th

Cole Johnson ~ 20th

Cindy Clarenbach ~ 21st



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UUCF Mission: We are a liberal religious congregation that provides a welcoming sanctuary to all. We support the spiritual growth of our members and the needs of the local community as we seek to make a better world.

Do you have news to share? Kindly email your submissions for UUCF's Spectacles to hope@metrocast.net by the 27th of each month.



A Thanksgiving Blessing

By Naomi King

Let us join hands and hearts in gratitude on this wondrous day, where we have the abundance of our lives before us. We remember, on this day of bounty, all those who do not have enough, who are afraid, who are lonely, and who suffer. We wish for the abundance of this world to be shared, for fear to become love, for the lonely to feel welcomed, and for the suffering to know rest and joy. For the labor, the love, the care that gave us the delights of this and every day, we say "thanks!" For the nourishment of our spirit, the challenges that strengthen us, and the friends we have on the journey, we sing "thanks!" For all that is our lives, for these good gifts, we whisper, "thanks!" Overflowing with gratitude, let us shout, "thanks!" Amen.

