

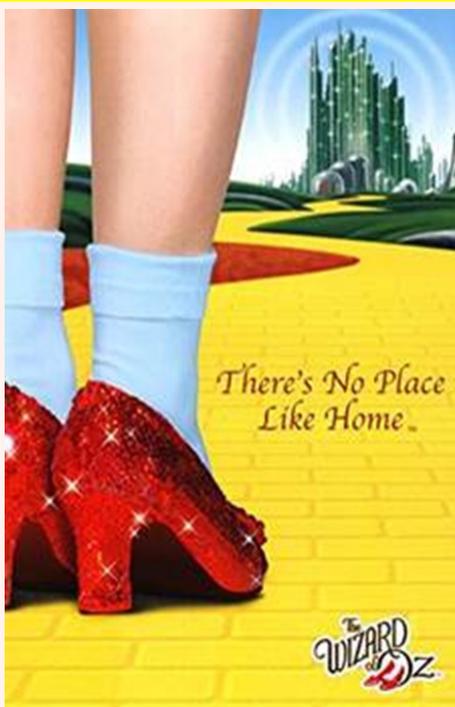
# STARR KING VIEW

Starr King UU Fellowship  
-A Welcoming Congregation-  
March 2020



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## There's no place like home —our spiritual home, Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Come participate in our biggest annual FUNdraiser during a spirited evening of music, food, and lively auction bidding.

Delicious and creative hors d'oeuvres created by Hanna Fredericks and her team, will be served throughout the evening. The live auction will take place during intermission.

**When:** Saturday, April 4th

**Where:** Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

101 Fairgrounds Rd., Plymouth

**Time: 5:30 pm** - Doors open for Silent Auction **7:00 pm** - Entertainment by The Mairzy Doats Duo & Live Auction at intermission

## What items will there be to bid on?

That is up to **YOU!**

There is no auction without a plentiful assortment of creative donations by generous members of our Fellowship, such as: Themed or gourmet dinners; cooking lessons; gardening help; gift certificates to area eateries and events; jewelry; quilts, etc. [Donation forms](#) available online and on the bulletin board at the fellowship.

Find more information about the auction, donation ideas, the donation form and the [Mairzy Doats Duo](#) on our website by clicking [here](#).

*Remember to save the date on your calendar, donate some goods and services, and invite your friends and family to attend! (Wizard of Oz themed costumes, or just red shoes, always gently encouraged!)*

## Wanted: Ukulele Players of all ages

We're forming up a ukulele band to play ***Somewhere Over the Rainbow*** for the April 4 Auction. It would be great fun to have a whole group of us, young and old alike. It would probably require only one quick practice which we could do after church some Sunday.

Please contact Kathy Kelsey if interested in having some Uke fun! [kmkelsey@gmail.com](mailto:kmkelsey@gmail.com).



## Minister's Newsletter

*Knowledge without love inflates the ego and deceives the mind.*  
~ Alexander Stauch

Wisdom is different than knowledge. We can know things, but if we don't put our heart into our understanding, an emptiness results. This leaves us with a kind of existential angst. Wisdom is different; wisdom invites the input of knowledge but doesn't give it all the power. Wisdom remembers that people and feelings matter. At its best, wisdom is knowledge understood in the light of love. It reminds us of everyone's inherent worth and helps us to find meaning in our lives. This is what we do at our Fellowship, make meaning together using our hearts and minds.

I want you to know that your board used phenomenal due diligence in making its decision to recommend the plan for implementing our solar energy project. Sometimes the products of the board's efforts look tidy and perhaps far simpler than they really are or as if a decision could have been made faster. I believe the board has acted with wisdom. You, the members and friends of the Fellowship, were well considered and well served. We venture forth now into the future not knowing just what it will bring. Still, we used our wisdom to make the best decision possible. I invite you to trust each other a little bit, and let go of the future knowing that we decided to move forward using both love and knowledge.

Of course, *Wisdom* is our Soul Matters theme for the month of March. In our Sunday services we'll be exploring the wisdom of the Divine Feminine, the Golden Rule, and crazy wisdom, but not all in the same service! Additionally, we'll be celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. So, let me be the first to say, Happy Anniversary! I'm so very pleased to be part of this Fellowship's journey, I hope you are too.

In Faith and Love,

Rev. Linda

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## Office Hours

The Reverend Dr. Linda Barnes is in her office  
Tuesday and Wednesday,  
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM,  
Thursday 10:00 AM. to 3:00 PM  
or by appointment, 536-8908.

Fellowship Office is open  
Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
536-8908

## Sunday Morning Services 9:30 AM

### March 1 Sophia and the Divine Feminine

Rev. Linda Barnes

Sophia is Greek for wisdom. The gifts of Sophia, through intuition and imagination, make art, music, poetry, innovative science and creative solutions possible. Join us as we explore the wisdom of the divine feminine.

### March 8 The Ethic of Reciprocity: Revisiting the Golden Rule

Rev. Linda Barnes

There is wisdom in the ethic of reciprocity or more simply said, the Golden Rule. In this service we'll explore and recommit to this ethic of love in the everyday actions.

### March 15 Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship: The First Forty Years

Rev. Linda Barnes

The Starr King UU Fellowship was founded forty years ago this month. Join us for a celebration of this significant anniversary. We will commemorate our past, celebrate our present, and imagine our future. (I hear there will be cake.)

March 22 **Guest Minister** Twinkle Marie Manning

### March 29 Lessons of Crazy Wisdom and the Enduring Trickster

Rev. Linda Barnes

Great fools or tricksters are found in every culture and nearly every religion. They remind us that truth may be found in the absurd. Join us as we explore the crazy wisdom of the trickster and the fool.

## Do You Wish You Could See a Service You Missed?

Did you know that most Sunday Services are recorded and posted to Vimeo - a cloud-based video platform similar to YouTube? You can view any past service by navigating to our home page [www.starrkingfellowship.org](http://www.starrkingfellowship.org) and scrolling down to the section called "Sundays at Starr King." You can see the most recent Sunday or any past services. The recent Spiritual Journey service was especially soulful and well worth a view.

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## Outreach—March

The Outreach Collection for March will support the work of *Voices Against Violence*. Based in Plymouth, Voices is a crisis agency providing services for victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, stalking, human trafficking and bullying, and children who witness domestic violence. Their services include a 24-hour confidential crisis telephone line, emergency services, legal and financial assistance, counseling, housing assistance and related support services. They work with 700-800 individuals each year, including family members and friends of those receiving direct services.

Voices had its origin in 1981, when a small group of women recognized the need, and began using their homes to shelter women who were victims of domestic violence. In 1982 they became an official non-profit agency, and in 1989 began to include support for survivors of sexual violence. The next year the first paid staff were hired, and a house purchased to provide a safe shelter for women and children. Today their work is accomplished by paid staff and volunteers, and those receiving services include men, women, teens, and children.

The Outreach Collection will be taken on March 29.

## Collections from Past Monthly Community Outreach:

In December we collected almost \$850 for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and in January we collected \$812 for the Plymouth Area Renewable Energy Initiative. This speaks to both cultivating more in love for the world and nurturing more love for the world - well done!

Cindy

## Letter from the President

*Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage. ~ Anais Nin*

*"You do not write your life with words... You write it with actions.  
What you think is not important. It is only important what you do."  
— Patrick Ness, A Monster Calls*

Our Founders had the wisdom to recognize a spiritual need in our community and the courage to make it a reality. Because of their actions, we are here, in fellowship, today. We are at another crossroads that invites us to act both wisely and courageously. On March 8, we will vote on the Board's recommendation to enter into a Power Purchase Agreement with Barrington Power to install a solar array on Starr King property. How did we get to this point?

A perfect storm of events took place in a matter of a few weeks last spring. Susan Scrimshaw delivered an inspiring sermon on climate justice. The Board learned that our aging fossil fuel guzzling boilers would not pass inspection. Ted Vansant sent out a moving appeal for a carbon fee initiative, in which he stated, "the way that I express my spiritualism is through my quest for protection of our planet, primarily the fight against climate change." Then Ted eagerly accepted the challenge to help the Board with the decision to replace the boilers with a greener energy solution. Gigi and Paul generously donated \$10,000 of matching funds toward green energy. Ted addressed the Board at our meeting on May 15. With only days before the May 19 Annual Meeting, the Board made a bold decision to present our boiler problem as an opportunity, a gift if you will. Ted created and delivered a comprehensive presentation at the Annual Meeting explaining our situation with possible solutions. Based on that information, the Board recommended a 3 Step approach -

- Step 1. Install mini-split heat pumps on the main floor of our building (to take the pressure off our boilers). \$15,000
- Step 2. Replace our boilers based on new heating requirement information after using the mini-splits for a year. \$30,000
- Step 3. Install a solar array some day, when we can raise necessary funds. \$70,000 (revised to \$150,000 to provide adequate energy for total electric option)

At the Annual Meeting, we announced the \$10,000 donation toward green energy. Wanting to be prepared and being ever hopeful, we had pledge forms handy for anyone who wanted to give toward that goal. To our delight, the funds were matched! We had enough money for the mini-splits, with the extra going toward the boiler replacement. We ended up spending \$15,000 minus a \$3,000 rebate for the mini-splits. We trusted our members and friends, and they came through with donations large and small. See all the smiling sunshines on the Green Energy Bulletin Board, representing all who have contributed so far. There is room for many more, and more are needed to replace our boilers.

But then something more profound happened, as we considered replacement boilers (wood pellet, propane, oil, and electric), we tapped into our combined wisdom. Led by our minister, we responded to our feelings of what was right - for us and for our planet. We knew that we wanted to be environmentally friendly and do whatever we could to help save our planet. We could live into our new Vision Statement- "We live and model our values, collectively creating social and environmental justice with direct action and financial support." What would happen if we put Step 2 on hold and moved directly to Step 3? That would provide us with enough power for electric options to our old boilers and allow us to be carbon neutral. How could we not do this? But how could we afford it? This is where it required courage and trust. We talked of a Capital Campaign, but that could take years. Then Ted brought us an incredible solution - a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Barrington Power. Do you hear the hallelujah chorus? Barrington would set up the LLC, build the solar array, administer it, and finally sell it back to us any time after 5 years, at fair market value (usually about half price). There would be both tax credit and equity investors from Starr King. See Ted's presentation for more details at [Starr King Solar PPA](#). Wow - what an opportunity! After months of discussion, research, advice from both our Green Energy Task Force and the Plymouth Area Renewable Energy Initiative (PAREI), in addition to consultation with an outside attorney, the Board is recommending entering into the PPA with Barrington, a company owned by a fellow Unitarian Universalist. We strongly believe that this approach will provide us with the best chance of success. We are recommending that we take this important step into a Greener Future for Starr King by voting "YES" to this motion.

Please join me on March 8 as we cast our votes for Climate Justice!

Deedie

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### **Starr King Board Meeting - 02/18/20**

- Appreciation for meeting by Zoom on a snowy evening.
- Reviewed proposed changes to Personnel Manual. Agreed to vote on approval at March Board Meeting, after final changes made.
- Discussed staff realignment to separate Bookkeeping from Administration.
- Presented 2021 budget concerns.
- Mission/Vision update.
- Approved March 8 Special Meeting Notice to vote on Power Purchase Agreement.
- Agreed on new evaluation form for minister.
- Discussed plans for Starr King's 40th Birthday Celebration on March 15.
- Addressed past Action Items.

#### **Board Members**

President - Deedie Kriebel  
Vice President - Mary Crowell  
Secretary - Sally Gove  
Treasurer - Janet Englund  
Trustee - Judi Hall  
Trustee - Mike Randall  
Trustee - Cindy Spring  
Trustee - Diana Pamplin  
Trustee - Ed Van Dorn

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#### **Notice to Members**

### **SPECIAL FELLOWSHIP MEETING FOR SOLAR ARRAY PROPOSAL**

Let us imagine a greener future.  
Join us as we vote on the Board's recommendation to build a solar array.

Sunday, March 8, 2020, immediately following the service.

The Governing Board of Starr King UU Fellowship has called for a special meeting for the purpose of voting on a contract to be entered into with Barrington Power, LLC, to build a solar energy system on our property at 101 Fairgrounds Road that would provide 100% of the Fellowship's estimated annual energy use.

The contract is a Power Purchase Agreement by which Barrington Power would own the system, and we would agree to purchase all power produced by the system for twenty-five years. Any time after five years, we would have an opportunity to buy the system at fair market value.

Ted Vansant, energy consultant, as well as Governing Board members, will be there to answer your questions. Details of the plan can be viewed in the foyer or on our Facebook page.

Childcare will be provided.

A quorum is required.  
A simple majority is needed to pass the motion.

## From your Community Minister

Dear Starr King Congregation,



March is Town Meeting month in New Hampshire. If you live in a city (like Franklin) you vote on local government people and issues when ever your City schedules it city elections. Most of us live in *towns*. Town elections *are* important. Results can affect your life in ways you'd be surprised. Some towns have voted to become "SB2 towns." They no longer have the traditional "Town Meeting" where budget items and town laws are discussed and can be amended. In SB2 towns, everything is decided by ballot – discussion and amendments occur at "deliberative session" which are lightly attended. I strongly urge you to get a Town Report and educate yourself on these most local matters. Please vote in your town elections and attend the Town Meeting, if your town still has one.

The legislature is in session so this month is a time to be writing, calling or emailing your state Senators and Representatives about bills that are important to you. The AFSC (Quakers) have an excellent weekly publication, ***The State House Watch***, that follows bills through hearings, committee meetings and votes. You can subscribe here:  
<https://www.afsc.org/action/nh-state-house-watch>

Immigrant support continues:

**March 3 & 17, 10:00 AM** – Vigil and immigrant support, Norris Cotton Federal Building, Manchester (ICE offices)

I continue to preach all over the state. I will be at Starr King on Sunday March 8. Thank you again for being my "affiliated congregation."

Namaste,  
Emily

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## CLIMATE ACTION

Town meetings/elections in New Hampshire :

Over 30 towns now have on their town warrants an article asking our Government to put a fair price on carbon pollution. This is a statewide initiative, in support of NH House Bill 735, an Act Relative to Carbon Pricing, which has been temporarily tabled. Here's how this carbon cash-back initiative would work:

- a. All carbon-based fuels sold, used, or imported into New Hampshire would be charged a fee per ton of carbon dioxide that would be released into the environment when the fuel was burned
- b. The fees collected would be rebated to state residents, with a small percentage going to administrative expenses and to greenhouse gas reduction programs.

Locally, Plymouth, Rumney, Holderness, Meredith, Groton, Campton and Moultonborough are including this article on their town warrant, to be voted on at town meetings in March. Your attendance and vote in favor is needed! Passage of this warrant article will be a significant step toward reducing greenhouse gases in New Hampshire.

Nancy Chaddock & Katherine Hillier

## Soundbites

Wisdom. It's the theme of the month, and I have been reflecting on what that means to me in my journey as a Unitarian Universalist Religious Professional. In keeping with my personal Mission to "spread the good news of Unitarian Universalism through music - with congregational singing, active participation in the Association and shared ministry," there have been many times that I have drawn on the teachings of my ancestors and mentors.

"Think before you speak"

"It's not all about You"

"If you can move, you can dance; if you can make sound, you can sing"

As with all lessons, one must continue to revisit teachings and apply them to the here and now. That is the beauty of remembering the past and then moving forward to the future. That is where I am in honoring the 40 year milestone of Starr King UU Fellowship's existence.

Starr King is blessed to have a legacy of musicians who have been an integral part of the formation, some of whom continue to serve in a variety of capacities, including singing in the choir and songleading. During choir rehearsals, we often hear stories of "we used to sing this" or "I can remember when there were just 4 of us." That grounding is the bedrock of what now is a thriving group of musicians, which include the 15 plus member choir, but also youth, Red Sheddors, and Community songleaders. We are going to build up on that success and tap into the Starr King Mission of building love - through song. We are going to "Keep On Moving Forward"!

Lots of special music and events this month in honoring of the 40th - I am just proud to be practicing music ministry in this particular part of the journey. There is much to be done - and sung!

Peace,  
Sarah Dan

### CALENDAR:

#### SUNDAYS

March 1 - Sarah Dan, musician

March 8 - Sarah Dan and choir

March 15 - Sarah Dan and choir

March 22 - Sarah Dan

March 29 - Will Gunn, musician

#### THURSDAY CHOIR REHEARSAL

We meet every Thursday 7:00 - 8:30 PM in the Sanctuary for Choir EXCEPT MARCH 26.



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Cindy Spring

## From Your Stewardship Committee

Thank-you to the fifty people who signed up to participate in our cottage meetings during the month of February, and particularly to the hosts who so graciously opened their homes and prepared delicious meals for us! These meetings have been a wonderful way to build connections and create community among friends and members of this Fellowship.

Our Stewardship Campaign officially ends on March 15, Commitment Sunday. We would like to have all pledges in by that day. It is fitting that we will be celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on this day as well. This Fellowship has thrived because of the commitment and generosity of all who have walked through these doors over the years. May we show our gratitude for all we have after forty years by continuing our tradition of committed stewardship into the future.

To celebrate our Stewardship Campaign and our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we invite you to share in our participatory art installation, **Reflections on Belonging**. The installation design is the gift from San Francisco artist Mary Corey March to our Fellowship, and will be in our foyer through our March 15 anniversary celebration until Monday, March 23. Starting Sunday, March 1, we invite you to choose a square of dyed paper and use the archival pen provided to record your thoughts on one or more of eight questions. You will then add your square to the installation with the clip provided. The result will be a visual portrait of our reflections, a composite of our community thoughts and feelings. To see similar examples of Mary March's work, you can go to her website at <http://marymarch.com/portfolio.php>

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## We're Having a Birthday!

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the founding of our Fellowship. Join us **March 15** for a grand celebration during and after the service.

We'll be reminiscing about our journey through story and slides, honoring our founders, and dedicating the Fellowship Hall in honor of founders Ruth Macey, first president, and husband Irv.

There will also be cake!



## Online Member/Friend Directory

Need to reach your Starr King Friends? All members and active friends have access to our online directory. The link is on the Member menu item of the [starringfellowship.org](http://starringfellowship.org) web page or you can simply go to the url [skuuf.simplechurchcrm.com](http://skuuf.simplechurchcrm.com). Your username is your first name and last name separated with a period such as mickey.mouse. If you have never logged in before, simply click on Forgot Password and one will be emailed to you. If you like using your mobile device, you can download the app for Simple Church. To setup, type in the domain name "skuuf".

Here's what you can do there:

- Change your contact information
  - Find contact information of SKUUF members
  - See what groups you belong to (e.g. Soul Matters, Smooth Sundays)
- Questions? Contact [kmkelsey@gmail.com](mailto:kmkelsey@gmail.com).



## Reminder from the Treasurer -

When you write a check to pay your pledge, please indicate on the memo line whether the payment is for FY 20 (our current year which runs through June 30, 2020), or for FY 21 (our next pledge year which starts July 1, 2020).

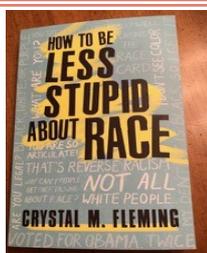
## Fundraising that costs you no additional money!

The purchase of a Hannaford card to use for grocery shopping costs you no additional money but helps SKUUF raise funds. SKUUF receives 5% of our total order in bonus cards and when we sell these we have a clear profit. In addition, purchase of Hannaford gift cards is always in good taste and you can use the SKUUF Hannaford program to purchase gift cards to give as thoughtful gifts. Denominations can be \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, or \$500.

See Lisa during office hours at SKUUF or look for Linda Haskins after services.

Remember all checks are made out to SKUUF with Hannaford in memo line.

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## New Addition to the Social Justice Loan Library

This is the book Rev. Linda quoted from in her sermon on February 9

## Calendar Connections March 2020

### Interfaith:

- Lent (Christian)- February 26 - April 9
- Holi (Hindu) - March 9-10
- Ostara/ Spring or the Vernal Equinox (Wicca/Pagan) - March 20
- Purim begins (Jewish) - March 9-10
- The Annunciation (Christian) - March 25

### Unitarian Universalist:

- James Reeb dies (1965) - March 11
- Susan B. Anthony's Death - March 13
- Climate Justice Month - March 22 to April 22
- Viola Liuzzo dies (1965) - March 25

### National & Cultural:

- Women's History Month
- Irish American Heritage Month
- Peace Corps Established - March 1 (1961)
- Season for Nonviolence - Jan. 30 - April 4
- Dred Scott Case - March 6 (1857)
- International Women's Day - March 8
- Daylight Savings Begins - March 8, 2020
- St. Patrick's Day - March 17
- World Water Day - March 22
- Archbishop Oscar Romero dies - March 24 (1980)
- Selma-Montgomery march - March 21-25 (1965)
- International Transgender Day of Visibility - March 31

### For Fun:

- National Day of Unplugging - first Friday of March / Mar. 2
- Pi Day - March 14
- Everything You Think is Wrong Day - March 15
- Tolkien Reading Day - March 25

These Fun Facts are from the Soul Matters Religious Education packet, as edited by Jane Clay.

## Activities

SKUUF Activities for March include:

March 6, 2020 - First Friday Breakfast at the PSU Dining Hall beginning at 8:30 AM.

March 27, 2020 - The musical "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" will be in the Studio Theater of the Silver Center at 7:00 PM. The Dinner time and place will be determined closer to the show's date.

Pete Holman

## Youth Group

Youth Group meets the second and fourth Sundays of each month from 4:00 to 6:00 PM in the youth room. All youth in grades **7-12** are welcome to join! Youth Advisors, Bob Clay and Jess Dutille, really enjoy working with our amazing youth and are happy to answer any questions.

Jessica A. Dutille

## Play Bridge Thursday Afternoons

If you are a bridge player interested in the Thursday afternoon bridge game at Starr King Fellowship, please see Anna Wilken.

## SCRABBLE

**Need something to keep your noodle going?  
Or do you just like words?**

Looking for a game to help keep your mind sharp and broaden your vocabulary? Come to *Open Scrabble*, downstairs conference room, each Tuesday from 2:30 to 5:00 PM or when last game ends.

If you want routine reminders, please send an email address to [batrought@gmail.com](mailto:batrought@gmail.com). This is a relaxed, open book method of playing and anyone is welcome.

## SKUUF Morning Men

The SKUUF men's group will gather for Morning Men Meetings on Mondays, March 2 and 16 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, upstairs at SKUUF. Any and all interested men are welcome to attend.

## Wise Women

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Wise Women is a study group for older women which meets the second and fourth Wednesday each month **10:30 AM to Noon in the Sanctuary** to discuss topics of interest to members. If you want to be placed on mailing list please contact Betty Ann Trought at [batrought@gmail.com](mailto:batrought@gmail.com).

## Wednesday March 11, 2020 - "Wisdom Revisited"

### Facilitator, Cindy Spring

We have used the topic of "Wisdom" in the past, but there is always more to say.

Here are some questions to ponder before our March **[or next]** gathering:

- 1) What is something you know now about wisdom that you didn't know when you were 18?
- 2) What was the wisest choice you made as a young adult? as a parent? as an elder?
- 3) When did you first feel wise and what was the situation?
- 4) Martin Fischer writes that "Knowledge is a process of piling up facts; wisdom lies on their simplification." Does that ring true for you?
- 5) And from Lin Yutang "The wisdom of life consists in the elimination of non-essentials." Do you agree? Why or why not?

## Wednesday, March 25 - "Reiki"

### Facilitator Olivia Saunders - Reiki What is it? How is it Done? Let us try some.

Olivia Saunders is a Reiki Master, who has been working with reiki since 1984.

"I have used the Reiki method of natural healing, ever since first learning it in 1984-86 with John Harvey Gray in Boston, for family, friends, clients, and self. I have shared it as a Reiki Volunteer at Speare Hospital in Plymouth, NH in 2011. During 2013-14, I studied with Lourdes Gray in Jaffrey, NH, earning Reiki Master certification in a 6-month program. I'm a member of IARP, the International Association of Reiki Practitioners. Using reiki as a life-affirming practice for creating energy and well-being in meeting the challenges of our lives, is a great joy. I look forward to sharing its basic principles with the Wise Women."

## From the Mission/Vision Team

Dear Starr King UU Fellowship Members and Friends,

The Mission/Vision Team is pleased to offer to you our Mission and Vision statements. With these statements, we seek to convey the common spirit and longings of our Fellowship. These were created after we explored what Starr King UU Fellowship is, and might be, in our missioning and visioning sessions with you.

Please take some time to read and sit with them. We will vote on adopting these at our Annual Meeting on May 17. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to reach out to anyone on our Mission/Vision Team.

Rev. Linda Barnes      Jessica Dutille      Bob Gannett  
Mary Hazelton      Sandy Mucci

### **Mission:**

At Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, we cultivate more love in the world and nurture more love for the world.

### **Vision:**

- Our Fellowship welcomes and cares for people of all ages and varied identities. We experience joy as we build community and use our relationships with each other to create a more loving world.
- Our Fellowship embraces what is meaningful and beautiful. We offer diverse experiences in worship, music, and the arts through our services, events, and the use of our building.
- We live and model our values, collectively creating social and environmental justice with direct action and financial support.

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## About Membership in Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

### What it Means to be a Member

Membership is open to all individuals sixteen years and older regardless of race, creed, national origin, gender or sexual orientation who are in harmony with the visions, goals and principles of Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

You are invited to become a member by participating in a Path to Membership orientation or by meeting with the Minister to review the benefits and responsibilities of membership. All new members sign the official Membership Record book witnessed by the Minister or a Membership Committee Chair.

Members are entitled to the services of the Minister and the use of the sanctuary for Rites of Passage (weddings, dedications, memorial services, etc.) at no cost. Members are eligible to serve in elected officer positions and serve as committee chairs. Members have the privilege of full voting rights.

Membership is maintained by active participation in the Fellowship, by supporting the annual Stewardship Drive and/or contributing service toward the Fellowship.

### What it Means to be a Friend

A Friend of Starr King UU Fellowship is an individual in harmony with the visions, goals and principles of our Fellowship who chooses not to sign the Membership Record Book. A Friend may participate in any and all Fellowship activities but does not receive Rites of Passage services without a fee, is not eligible to vote or serve as an elected officer or committee chair.

**Faithful Risking Workshop**  
**Saturday, April 4 - 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**  
**UU Church, North Andover, Massachusetts**

This program is designed for religious professionals and lay people to build collective practice for collective action. Because shifts in congregational practice, such as cultivating capacity for faithful risking, require sustained group effort, **you are strongly encouraged to attend this workshop with a team of four or more.**

UUA President Susan Frederick-Gray has said that “this is no time for a casual faith.” Our Unitarian Universalist Principles and the particular missions of our congregations call us to an engaged and active faith. We are called to bring more justice, equity, compassion, and liberation to our own lives, our congregations, our local communities, and the world. To be faithful to this call requires taking risks.

This workshop invites your team into a deeper awareness of the practice of faithful risking as part of Spiritual Leadership. Specifically you will:

- Examine a theology of faithful risking as part of the faithful practice of Unitarian Universalism in congregations
- Explore some methods and tools for group discernment, and practice using at least one of them
- Reframe the discomfort that comes with stretching beyond our comfort zone as a positive sign of meaningful change
- Identify skills and tools for increasing our tolerance of discomfort, and practice using at least one of them
- Analyze case studies of UU congregations taking faithful risks

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***Interested in attending? Let me know!***

***Cindy Spring***

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## **UUA Board of Directors—SEEKING COMMISSIONERS!**

An exciting opportunity exists for those interested in serving our faith. As charged by the UUA Board and guided by our bylaws, a Commission is being assembled to propose changes, amendments, and additions to Article II (the Principles and Sources) of the UUA bylaws.

The board is seeking six commissioners, who will be appointed by the Board. As provided by the bylaws, the commission will have up to two years to do their work, which includes working with the board to provide time and ways for all UUs to engage and understand any proposed changes before being put forth by a vote of the General Assembly.

If you are interested — or know someone who you think should be — in serving on this commission, please go to ( <https://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/volunteer> ) and fill out the volunteer application, noting that you are interested in serving on this commission.

The Board will be making decisions promptly (no later than the end of April); do not delay - apply today.

[And more Denominational Activities](#)

## Northern New England District

At the present time our Fellowship is part of the **Northern New England District**. It includes the UU Congregations in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. The District Annual Meeting will be held at the Nashua UU Church on April 24 and 25, 2020. A few years ago twelve of us attended!!

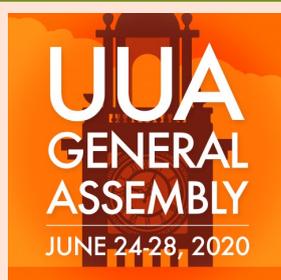
This will be a very important meeting because we will be voting on whether to dissolve the NNED and join with the New England Region of UU Congregations. The Region has already been serving us. (I AM currently a member of the Regional Advisory Committee.) Paul Tierney and Nancy Chadock have both served on the District Board and can tell you much more about why this is a necessary next step. Paul Sawyer, a former member here (now minister at the Hartland, Vermont UU Church) has compiled a great history of our District starting in 1793! To read it, go to NNED and open their October newsletter.

**The Endowment Committee strongly suggest you apply early and include request for scholarships.**

The 2020 Spring Assembly and Annual Meeting will be April 24 and 25 at the UU Church in Nashua, NH. We have a few details to share! Registration will be \$15 for the entire event, Friday evening and all day Saturday. This will include lunch on Saturday. There will be free childcare all day on Saturday. Scholarships will be available for both registration and housing. We'll have a number of opportunities to discuss the recommendation to dissolve the district before voting on it on Saturday afternoon. Worship will be led by the NNED Board, with music led by UU musician Matt Meyer. Saturday programming will include workshops led by our New England Region Staff and others. On Friday evening we'll have a fun UU Trivia event for any who'd like to participate! <https://nned2020.eventbrite.com>

## UUA General Assembly

General Assembly is the annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists, where we conduct business of the Association, explore the theological underpinnings of our faith, and lean fully into our mission and principles. Please join us Wednesday, June 24 through Sunday, June 28, 2020 in Providence, Rhode Island for this 5-day immersive experience where we participate in inspirational worship services and informative workshops, reconvene with friends and colleagues, and explore our bustling exhibit hall. GA is an unforgettable experience for the thousands of UUs who attend. Meet us in Providence and you'll leave with renewed energy and innovative ideas to share with your congregation and community-at-large!



The theme for General Assembly in June 2020 is **Rooted, Inspired, & Ready!** We are in touch with our theological roots, we are engaged in transforming our faith, and we are fired up to take action in the wider world.

Adult full-time registration is \$400 through March 15. (After that it goes up!) Our Endowment Committee has set aside \$3500 for GA registrations. They hope to get one of our youth to attend. People who only want to go to see Rev. Linda obtaining her "Full Fellowship" handshake on the stage can do that on their own. There is no registration fee for that service.

The UUA runs a "housing service" for local hotels. It will go on-line on March 15. Sharing rooms helps with that cost!

A number of folks from the Fellowship have attended (and loved!) GA. Singing familiar hymns with 3000 or 4000 UUs is inspiring! So are the many worship services, the in-depth discussions and watching UUs conduct the business of the Association with passion and care.