

# STARR KING VIEW

Starr King UU Fellowship  
-A Welcoming Congregation-  
September 2019



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## Sunday Morning Services 9:30 AM

### September 1 - How does one reconcile 36 years of military service with being a Unitarian Universalist?

**Paul Tierney**

Years ago, I was asked by Stew Weldon, "How can you explain your being in the military for so long with being a Unitarian Universalist?" It seems reasonable that one would see military service and our Universal Unitarian as being completely incompatible. However, I do not see them as being incompatible. Come join us for the final Summer Service of the year as Paul explains this apparent conundrum.

### September 8 - Expect Joy: Water Communion Sunday Rev. Linda Barnes

Water Communion is a celebration. It is the ingathering of a beloved community that includes those we know and those we've yet to meet. Please bring a small amount of water from your life to join with the water of others. Your water could be from the faucet, a brook, a pond, or rain. It could be as sacred and powerful as tears or as playful and joyful as those waves that touch the beach.

### September 15 - Living in the Age of Climate Crisis Rev. Linda Barnes

How do we take care of ourselves, each other, and our planet in these uncertain times? How do we express the best of our human nature as we address the climate crisis? Our service precedes the world-wide Climate Strike on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Join us to understand better what it means to be affected by the climate crisis and why what we do does matter.

### September 22 - Balancing Expectations Rev. Linda Barnes

The Autumnal Equinox is that point when day and night meet briefly, as equals. At this time of balance, let's look to adjust our expectations. Let us together humbly recognize that painful things will happen, that fairness is elusive, and that in spite of all this, we might still reasonably expect joy, compassion, and love.

### September 29 - Living Our Moral Imperative Rev. Linda Barnes

Moral expectations change and the moral expectations of our time are up to us. What are the moral imperatives of Unitarian Universalists? How might we better live our religious imperative in our lives and with each other so that together, we leave more love in the world.

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## Minister's Newsletter

***Nobody in life gets exactly what they thought they were going to get.  
But if you work really hard, and you're kind,  
amazing things will happen.  
I'm telling you: Amazing things will happen. ~  
Conan O'Brien***

Amazing things will happen. That's what I expect. I don't know what those things will be. I don't know how they will manifest for us, but as I start my fourth year here with you - knowing the good things that have already happened - I expect amazing things. In this opening month of our year, our theme is expectation. What does it mean to be a people of expectation? Together, if we continue to do the work and to be kind, amazing and no doubt, unexpected things will happen. I'm looking forward to this coming year with you.

The Starr King UU Fellowship staff, board, and a few committees have already been working to prepare for the coming year. We have gathered, retreated, met in conversation, dreaming, problem solving, and so much more. Please know that we have committed, compassionate, good humored people who work for and with our Fellowship. I feel blessed to be engaged once again with this community.

As you may or may not be aware, there are changes afoot. Here are just a few:

- Our Religious Education leadership has changed structure a bit. Please welcome Ruby Weldon as part of our RE staff. She will be welcoming families on Sundays and keeping our communications with families current. I know you will give her a warm welcome.
- Please welcome Dorothy Crowell on Sunday mornings as well. Dorothy will be providing care to our youngest in the nursery.
- The Children's Learning Center, an early education preschool will be housed on our property for a year or so. More specific information will come forthcoming.
- This year we will be reforming our mission and vision statements. We do this to define more clearly who we are and how we wish to be as a faith community. This will make us stronger and more resilient. Honestly, I am looking forward to what comes of this process for us.

Some things, thankfully, will remain the same. Soul Matters Sharing Circles will again be forming in the next couple of weeks. I encourage you to participate. It's an excellent way to deepen connections to yourself and with others. Signup will be available when regular services begin again on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Our opening service is Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. As is our tradition, we will open with our Water Communion service. Please bring a bit of water to share for this uniquely Unitarian Universalist ritual. I am very much looking forward to beginning again with you. It is good to be together.

In faith and love,  
Rev. Linda

## Letter from the President

As September arrives, and my last year as your President begins, I am thinking about “expectations.” It is our Soul Matters theme for September and was a key component in our goals for our recent Board Retreat. “Become more deeply acquainted with one another as we learn and appreciate one another’s gifts and expectations, personal stories, values, core principles, and philosophy of leadership.”

In a constantly changing world and Fellowship, we learned how important it is to lead with both head and heart, as we respect each other and our membership. We all have expectations - I had hoped to enjoy another bumper crop of kale this summer, but the groundhog had other ideas. But the peaches and blueberries were plentiful beyond belief. Our Fellowship is constantly changing and we, as a Board, are learning to listen and be aware of expectations beyond our own. Challenges arise, and we look to those in our Fellowship most able and eager to help us find solutions. Three years ago, I had expectations of what “I” might accomplish as President, but “I” am only one person, and the Board is composed of many. When we allow time for reflection and thought, ideas come forward that no one might have expected. Sometimes it’s prudent to put aside our own expectations, and listen to the wisdom of others.

Our Fellowship is alive with change. We will be welcoming the Children’s Learning Center (CLC) into our building, while Mid-State Health Center finds a new, permanent home for its day care facility. By doing this, we are opening our doors and answering a need in the greater community. Please attend our information session after the service on September 8 at 11:00 AM to learn more. Our Green Energy Task Force is deciding how best to answer our energy needs, while doing our part to reduce fossil fuel use. Our Green Sanctuary team will be organizing to help Starr King do the work required to become a “Green Sanctuary.” Our Religious Education Program welcomes Ruby Weldon as the RE Manager and Jane Clay as the Program Coordinator. What a dynamic team! We also welcome the Rev. Emily Burr as our Community Minister and look forward to our association with her.

I encourage you to look at expectations in new ways. As a Board we are striving to be open to new ideas and to the wisdom of others. I hope that you will support the changes that you see and add your own wisdom to our combined knowledge and understanding.

Hoping to continue learning from others,

Deedie

## **August 20 Board Meeting**

- Celebrated our Board Retreat generously paid for by the Endowment Committee and facilitated by Peer UUA Facilitator, Sandra Greenfield
- Shared the details of the CLC rental
- Discussed possible uses of additional rental income
- Information Session on CLC 11 AM in Sanctuary
- Update from Green Energy Task Force
- AED donations - one from Mid-State and one from our members.
- Approved the positions of RE Manager and Program Coordinator
- Discussed ways to meet our Building Management and Maintenance needs
- Discussed possible projects, including Starr King’s 40th Birthday Celebration!
- Approved and welcomed the Rev. Emily Burr as our Community Minister. She plans to represent us in the wider community in social justice issues.
- Announced a Leadership Training Workshop in Vermont on 11/15/19

## Soundbites

“We shall be known by the company we keep” - Ma Muse

I kept some fine company this summer. Conferences of UU colleagues. Convergences of UU Songleaders. Company and family time. And, students and folks at the Bean. Busy and nurturing.

The transition of my professional organization was not only reflected in the name change - UUMusicians Network ( UUMN) to Association for UU Music Ministries (AUUMM) - but in delivering on a new mission at our annual conference. Held at the newly renovated home of First Universalist Church in Denver, Colorado, 300 UU Musicians gathered for inspiration, education and worship. Through the Songleaders Convergence track, 65 folks who would had never attended a conference found a space to be in community. In our Spotlight Sessions, we together listened to the voices of the Trans community, the disabled community and the collective People of Color Caucus. All of our reading sessions were of composers of color. White, able voices were decentered and learning occurred. The decision to place all music on iPads was a challenge to some, a learning curve for others, and common place to many. It not only saved money for the organization but saved distribution of thousands of pieces of Paper, much of which is not used. And, it forced the publishing industry to follow suit with other musician gatherings. I am grateful to be able to keep this company through the support of the music ministry at Starr King. You trust me to lead us musically through this journey. We will do it in song.

After a restful time with my family in Maine, I focused on bringing my learnings to the company I keep in the form of the Starr King Singers. Our annual retreat was held at the home of Janet Englund and Jennifer Gentry ( big Gratitude!!) on six mile island in the middle of The Big Lake. It took two boatloads to get the 17 of us there, and the weather was as perfect as it could be. As soon as I stepped onto the dock, I went into “Island time”. After opening worship, we spent several hours just singing. No music. All by rote. Lots of listening. Our goal is to be singers of songs in our daily lives: at protest rallies, vigils, homes of hospice. We also spent time just Being in Community. It was an inspirational time for us to gather in preparation to serve our Fellowship.

In the theme for September, I am filled with great expectations of the coming year, my sixth with this Fellowship. The company I keep with the staff is a special one that includes the presence of Lisa Olech, one special soul that supports my ministry with great grace. And, it is year number three with Rev. Linda Barnes, my partner in worship, my religious professional colleague and my friend. We keep company together in the most blessed of ways.

See y'all in church,  
Sarah Dan

*Starr King Singers  
Annual Retreat*



SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday, September 8 - Ingathering. Choir

Sunday, September 15- Choir

Sunday, September 22 - Choir

Sunday, September 29 - Sarah Dan

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THURSDAYS - choir meets in Sanctuary every Thursday 7:00-8:30 PM, Except September 26. All are welcome!

## Religious Education Committee Report

Summer is almost over and the children will have their first meeting on September 15. Jane Clay will continue to write the curriculum for the classes following the Soul Matters themes.

We are excited to welcome two amazing young women to our RE staff. Dorothy Crowell will be our childcare provider. Ruby Weldon will be our RE Coordinator. Both Dorothy and Ruby have spent much of their lives in this fellowship.

We are looking for a few more teachers for the year. It is only a two Sunday a year commitment. Contact Nancy Dowey( 801-1845) if you want to spend some time with our amazing children.

## Youth Group

Youth Group will meet the second and fourth Sundays of each month from 4:00 to 6:00 PM in the youth room. The first meeting will be held on Sunday, September 29. All youth in grades 8-12 are welcome to join! Youth Advisors, Bob Clay and Jess Dutille, are happy to answer any questions and look forward to working with the group this year.

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## From the office:

Fall hours have returned! As the new Fellowship year kicks off, new and exciting things are happening. One major change that may affect your schedules is the fact that the downstairs classrooms will no longer be usable meeting space. Some rearranging of your group's meeting locations may be necessary. Please contact Lisa regarding alternative room availability.

Again, it is so rewarding to see our beautiful facility being a buzzing hive of activity. Thank you for treating our Fellowship with such loving hands and for taking the time to shut off lights and check that all doors

Thanks!

Lisa

## 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  
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
536-8908



**End of Summer Party** - Monday, September 2 at 2:00 PM. This year's end of the summer party will be held in Bridgewater at the Newfound lakefront home of Chuck and Deedie Kriebel.

There are plenty of opportunities to play, if the weather cooperates, with badminton, horseshoes, kayaks, pedal boats, and a canoe. There might even be a motorboat ride and tubing! **Please bring lifejackets and towels.** You may also bring your own boats. The swimming is fine, even for little ones, as the beach slopes gradually. Bring lawn chairs to lounge around and talk. Bring something for the grill or a picnic lunch, something to share, and **BYOB.** As usual, **bring plates, napkins, and silverware – PLEASE BE GREEN!** We will have a campfire at sunset and a sing along, so bring your instruments and be prepared to sing. If it does rain, we can play games inside and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow SKUUFers.

**Breaking News** - Command Performance by the Red Shedders!!!!



The address is 22 Thistle Trail in Bridgewater. It is easy to find, exactly 8.0 miles south from the traffic circle in Plymouth on Tenney Mountain Highway, on Rte. 3A (toward Bristol). From the south, it is 0.4 miles from the Inn on Newfound Lake on Rte. 3A. From both directions, turn at the green road sign "Thistle Trail" and drive toward the lake. If you have physical limitations, please drive down to the Green Cottage on the lake. Otherwise, please park in the upper areas until they are full. Any questions, and to **let us know that you are coming**, please contact us at [cdkriebel@gmail.com](mailto:cdkriebel@gmail.com) or call Chuck (cell [978-979-9537](tel:978-979-9537)) or Deedie (cell [978-979-9527](tel:978-979-9527)) or the land line ([603-744-6450](tel:603-744-6450)). There is no rain date (Labor Day comes but once a year), so let's hope for great weather. Please join us rain or shine!

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# SKUUF Yard Sale

## Saturday, September 7

### WE NEED YOU !!

#### HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- **Bring your unwanted unused stuff to the Fellowship by Wednesday, September 4.** We cannot cope with any more items coming in after Wednesday! Up until then you may bring them in during office hours or on Sunday and leave them on or near the tables in the entry. If you need large items picked up call Mary Hazelton at 744-5629.
- **Help with marking goods and organizing weekday mornings starting.** We will be working from 9 to noon each weekday except Labor Day. If you don't like to make decisions about pricing, you don't have to. There are plenty of other things to do. It's a great way to get to know Members and Friends.
- **Help the day of the sale.** We need plenty of folks the day of the sale from 6:30 a.m. on; work for a couple of hours, or spend the day.

It's FUN!! Honest!!

#### HERE'S WHAT SELLS:

Furniture, Kitchenware of all kinds, Hardware & tools

Housewares – vases, candlesticks, dishes, linens...

Toys in good condition, Baby equipment

Electronics – radios, clocks, CD Players ...

Office supplies & equipment

Camping & sports equipment

Books in good condition

Decorative items including artwork, frames, mirrors

**AND OUR FANCY BOUTIQUE** will feature jewelry, small specialties, select decorative items, scarves, handbags & hats....

#### We do not sell:

Clothing

computers / monitors / parts

stuff that is broken or has missing parts

sets of encyclopedias or musty books

large appliances

**Questions? Got something big to transport?  
We have folks who can help!**

Contact Mary Hazelton  
maryghazelton@gmail.com  
744-5629

Cell 603-630-9449

**There are many ways to help the Fellowship with this Fundraiser.**

**Join in the Fun!**

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## **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?**

Join our scrabble group which plays each Tuesday at 2:30 PM at SKUUF. We have several Boards and plenty of Scrabble Dictionaries. We play open book looking for new words and definitions. Entertaining and lots of laughs. If questions contact Danni Simon 286-0758

## **Men's Group**

The Men's Group will meet on Sunday, September 15 at 6:00 PM downstairs at SKUUF. We will discuss how best to move forward, what the focus of the group should be, how often and when to meet, and such. Bring your ideas. Any interested male is welcome.

## **Wise Women in Training August**

Wise Women in Training is a women's study group which meets year-round to discuss issues related to women and aging. Members share experiences, questions and concerns about improving their lives while optimizing their happiness. Generally, this group is recommended for any women over 60 years of age but younger women are welcome. Topics may be researched, and discussions lead by various members.

Meetings will be held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 10:30 AM to 12:00PM in the Sanctuary upstairs at SKUUF. Check the SKUUF website for topics. A reminder is sent to individuals on the Wise Women mailing list. Please contact Betty Ann Trought to be put on mailing list, or for any questions or suggestions.

Betty Ann Trought 786-9342 or [batrought@gmail.com](mailto:batrought@gmail.com).

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## **SKUUF Book Group**

The SKUUF book group holds its next meeting on September 18 at 3:00 PM. The only requirement for attendance is to read the book. The author is Tariq Ramadan a leading Muslim scholar, named by Time magazine as one of the 100 most important innovators of the 20th Century.

The book is [In the Footsteps of the Prophet](#), a biography of the Prophet Muhammad, According to one review: "capturing a life that was often eventful, gripping, and highly charged. Ramadan provides both an intimate portrait of a man who was shy, kind, but determined, as well as a dramatic chronicle of a leader who launched a great religion and inspired a vast empire. More important, Ramadan presents the main events of the Prophet's life in a way that highlights his spiritual and ethical teachings."

## Activities

The Activities Group will start its Church Year programs with the First Friday Breakfast on September 6th at 8:30 AM in the PSU Dining Hall. After breakfast, those interested will walk over to the Museum of the White Mountains to view the current exhibit: ***The Grand Hotels of the White Mountains***. The Museum opens at 10:00 AM.

At the Silver Center in September there are two offerings that may be of interest, although there is probably not enough interest to attempt a group event:

- Eagle Pond Authors' Series with Robin Becker on September 10 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM
- Sidore Lecture with Dr. Alison McLetchie on September 17 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM

Information on these programs and several PSU musical presentations during the month can be found at: [www.plymouth.edu/silver-center/events/](http://www.plymouth.edu/silver-center/events/).

In October there is a musical version of ***The Addams Family*** which might be fun as a group activity. More details to follow. Finally, on December 6 there will be the 35th Anniversary Windham Hills Winter Solstice concert. I would hope this could be a SKUUF Dinner and a Program event, but tickets for this may sell out more quickly, so you may want to get your tickets early.

Please call or email me with any thoughts you might have. Pete Holman. phone 802-223-8960.....email [4parkside@gmail.com](mailto:4parkside@gmail.com)

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## Save the date:

**October 20**

### **Daughters of Corn**

Daughters of Corn Dance Tour, from Nicaragua, will be in Plymouth. This is a program of Compas de Nicaragua, the organization the youth group works with on service trips. The young men and women, along with Michael Boudreau and Ana Narvaez, will also tell us about the new programs developed to connect farmers and the Women in Action center in Managua. Details coming soon. - Jane Clay



## Good luck to Haley and James!

We were so fortunate to have had Haley Vandenhazel and James Schofield in our midst these last few years. Haley graced us with her lovely voice and piano. Many of us benefited from the sessions they both led on the Therapeutic Philosophy of Religion. Now that Haley has finished her graduate work they have returned to Washington State where Haley will work as a mental health professional and James will continue teaching for Plymouth State University through on line learning. Best of luck from all of us. You will be missed!



### 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).

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### 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 Betty Ann Trought after services.

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

## Workshop Opportunity

Want to learn more about what it means to be a UU in today's challenging culture?

Please join me for an all day workshop on **Saturday, November 16** at the Montpelier UU Church.

The workshop will be facilitated by leaders from the New England UU Region. Here is their description:

***Claiming our Spiritual Leadership:** We live in anxious times driven by the effects of dominating culture on marginalized peoples and our planet. As Unitarian Universalists the call to make manifest our values of love and justice could not be more urgent. Many of our most common congregational practices were adopted in response to demands and preferences of other times, and seem incapable to lead and sustain us into the future. Grounding congregations in the practice of Spiritual Leadership can fortify us individually and collectively to meet the challenges this moment presents.*

I have attended this workshop in the past and I'm looking forward to revisiting the material and learning more. Let me know if you are interested in going up with me. (I have a new car and would be happy to drive!) I believe our Endowment Committee would be willing to cover the registration fees. This is a chance to meet other UUs to talk about common interests and concerns.

*People of faith who are interested in a transformed world are called to step into their Spiritual Leadership. Our souls need it. Our congregations need it. Our world needs it.*

Please consider joining me ~ Cindy Spring ([cspring2@mac.com](mailto:cspring2@mac.com))

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## Join the Climate Change Strike September 20



Recently 8 of our members attended a grassroots planning session to participate in the Global Climate strike at the **Plymouth Town Common Friday, September 20 at noon**. Millions of children and students across the globe have been striking on Fridays: for the climate, for our future. What started as a one-person protest by Greta Thunberg has grown to a movement of millions sacrificing their **#Fri-**

**daysForFuture** in over 160 countries in at least 2000 locations. A number of Vermont towns are working on climate emergency declarations as something they would present to the State Legislature. Thanks to Michael Dowd and Sam Miller, many of us are now much better educated on this topic and equally concerned. Additionally the UUA identified the Climate Emergency as a major issue. We can support the movement and answer the call to action by attending the strike and raising awareness. Carry a sign, gather materials, sing a protest song, tell your friends!

## No Ordinary Lawsuit podcast

Would you like to learn more about the Juliana v. US lawsuit? **No Ordinary Lawsuit** podcast follows 21 young Americans who are suing the United States government in a landmark constitutional case, Juliana v. US. The podcast takes listeners behind the scenes of the trial and brings to life the stories of these young plaintiffs' fight to reverse the course of climate change. The nonprofit Our Children's Trust commissioned this podcast to offer the backstory of the plaintiffs and explain the stakes of this legal action. UU Ministry for the Earth