

# STARR KING VIEW

Starr King UU Fellowship  
-A Welcoming Congregation-  
January 2021



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## Black Lives Matter Workshop Sunday, January 10, 2:00- 3:00 PM

Across the country, local and state leaders are **declaring racism a public health crisis**. This declaration is a public acknowledgment of the impact racism has on individual health outcomes and on our healthcare system as a whole. New Hampshire is among the states that have not yet taken this crucial step.

Public declarations must be followed by strategic policymaking and the reallocation of resources. To learn more about racism as a determinant of health, please **join Starr King's Black Lives Matter Task Force on Sunday, January 10, 2021, from 2:00-3:00**, for the third workshop in our series on racial equity and justice. We will show a short video and then engage in a group dialogue on this important topic.

The link can be found at the Fellowship Website. For more information, please contact Cindy Spring or Suzanne Gaulocher.

## [For Reflections on the Choir/BLM Workshop](#)

[Click here](#)

## January in Pictures

Dear Friends,

The theme for this month is Imagination. For January 3, we would like you to take pictures of yourself in a doorway, as we are facing the threshold of a new year, 2021. On January 10, the theme is "The Courage to Imagine", where does your imagination take you? Send us a picture of what you are imagining. On January 17, Celebration of the Imagination of Martin Luther King, how are you helping his vision come to fruition. Send us a picture of your support for Black Lives Matter. On January 24, we will look at creativity...What's on Your Plate? This is an invitation to be creative in the kitchen. Slides will be shown this week without names. You will have to guess the chef!

Keep those pictures coming, we love what they add to our services as a way to show who, and what we are about. My email is [suzangan-nett@ymail.com](mailto:suzangan-nett@ymail.com).

Thank you,

Suzan Gannett and Reverend Linda Barnes

## Sunday Services - December 2020

Live STREAM via ZOOM <https://zoom.us/j/567620881>

### January 3 On the Threshold of the Year

Rev. Linda Barnes

Welcome 2021! To be a hero, we must cross the threshold between what is known, and bringing our imagination and courage, cross over to what might be. We are the heroes of our own lives. Join us as we cross the threshold into this new year together.

### January 10 Courage to Imagine

Suzan Gannett

How does imagination change as we grow older? How has the courage to imagine created a better world? We will look briefly at the imaginative products of Benjamin Franklin, William Shakespeare, Georgia O'Keeffe, and Malala Yousafzia and how each changed the world. We will explore how we have and can continue to have the courage to use our imaginations.

### January. 17 The White Imagination

Rev. Linda Barnes

We inherit our collective cultural imagination. This informs our notions of race, right, wrong, and worth. Join us on this Sunday to explore racism as a product of the white imagination and how knowing this, how we might work to imagine a better world.

### January 24 Creativity: Moving from Imagination to Being

Rev. Linda Barnes

Creativity serves as a transformer of the imagination into reality. Sounds like fun, right? It's all good and fine until there's laundry and homework to do, doctor's appointments to make, and the trash to take out, right? Join us for service that looks to our imagination to make fun of everyday lives.

### January 31 The Larger Hope in Your Hands

Rev. Linda Barnes

Our mission is to cultivate more love for the world and nurture more love in the world. The expression of this has always been in your hands. Join us as we explore all the ways we do and can continue to support each other and our Fellowship.

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## COVID-19 Prevention for our Fellowship Building: Winter 2021

The coming months should be transformational in that vaccinations should be increasingly available to all adults, as our "turn" comes up in the priority categories. You are very strongly encouraged to get vaccinated when your turn comes up. Even after getting both doses, we will need masks and precautions for some time to come as population immunity builds, but the fear of infection should be greatly reduced.

**In the meantime, the New Hampshire positivity rate is much higher now** than last winter, spring and summer and we have to be more careful than ever. The new more infectious variant of the virus is also a concern. Please continue to be vigilant, both within our Fellowship space and beyond. Wear a mask, wash or sanitize your hands, minimize time indoors with people not part of your household (including stores and even our Fellowship building) and remember that 6 feet is further away than you think. Good changes are coming, and we just need to be vigilant until it is safe to be together again in person.

The current Guidelines for use of Fellowship Building and Fellowship Gatherings away from Building during the COVID-19 Pandemic are posted on the Fellowship website.

The posted guidelines cover use of the Starr King Fellowship building and grounds, as well as gatherings of Starr King entities (e.g. choir, committees, small group ministries) off the property. They address activities of 1) staff, 2) committees and small group ministries, 3) choir, 4) religious education, 5) rituals (e.g. memorial services), and 6) use by outside groups.

We would like to **highlight** the need for everyone entering the sanctuary to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer just before entering, to keep a minimum 12-foot distance from anyone singing, to wipe down the handheld microphone before passing it to someone else, and to be aware of the need to keep frequently touched areas such as the podium and door handles sanitized.

Certain areas of the Fellowship building are restricted to use by the Children's Learning Center and Fellowship staff. **ANY BUILDING USE MUST BE SCHEDULED THROUGH THE ADMINISTRATOR**, Lisa Olech.

Ad Hoc Committee members: Reverend Linda Barnes, Mary Crowell, Joe Kelaghan, Susan Scrimshaw and Susan Skinner.

## Minister's Newsletter

Imagination is everything. It is the preview of life's coming attractions.

~ Albert Einstein

Welcome to January, 2021! Like many, I have come to attribute all the heart ache and difficulties of the last twelve months to being a 2020 thing. But looking back, there is reason for us to be proud. We have shown resilience, patience, and trust. We have met every Sunday since our shut-down in March. We continue to have religious education for our children. We continue to have music, even the choir meets on-line. Our Soul Matters groups and others gather on Zoom regularly. Most importantly, we have kept each other safe. Thank you, thank you from me, thank you for the greater community. This story of this pandemic is not over, but we are no longer at the beginning of it. We now have reason to believe it has an end.

Individually, we have learned skills we previous may have had no interest in. Those of us with young children have found resolve we may not have known we had. You may have found that you and your little ones survive frustration. Imagine that! Those of us with grown children have found ourselves longing to see them or making the guest room our adult child's room. Those of us living alone had to find new ways of connecting, of waiting.

Working has become an entirely different endeavor. Working from home is hard with all the distractions of, well, home. Or, in public, where the anxiety of being among people not in one's bubble increases the stress of our work or any activity. Everything changed in one way or another, often very differently for each of us.

So, my invitation to you is to give yourself a pat on the back. Take a moment to appreciate all the ways, imperfect as they maybe, that you have managed. Now is not the time to regret how we might have done things, it is time to simply realize all that we've navigated in the last year.

Hope is something I've been thinking about. Hope that we'll be ok. Hope that the pandemic will fade away, hope that we keep each other safe. I used to wonder if hope was a useless emotion that placates us when we'd had too much of despair. In truth though, I've shed some of my cynicism. I now understand that hope is essential for wellbeing. It enables us to use our imagination to bring about the world as we wish it would be. Hope allows us to imagine what our future might look like. It lets us imagine how we'll come back together, how we might travel again, how when we can safely put away our anxiety about being together, how we will appreciate one another's company in person again. And so, I'm going to imagine what's next with some care, with a hope that we may have learned better to love better, to know what is of worth, to know that simply being together is a gift.

Hold on for now to that hope. Imagine the possibilities and take very, very good care. We need each other to emerge from these trying times wiser, whole, and filled with hope for what is yet to come. Imagine!

In Faith and Love,

Rev. Linda

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## Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee is grateful that last year's campaign ended just before the pandemic changed Fellowship life. We were able to hold cottage meetings in person to celebrate our community and share our gratitude for the Fellowship.

But this year, like in most other activities at the Fellowship, Stewardship will be going virtual. We will be sending you our Stewardship information packets by email and holding gatherings in February on zoom. We will miss our in-person gatherings, but we have so much to celebrate and be grateful for. This Fellowship has been strong and active in challenging times, living our mission to cultivate more love in the world and nurture more love for the world.

Please watch for more detailed information about the upcoming activities in the Starr King View and the February Newsletter.

## OUTREACH – January 2021

For over twenty years the Pemi Youth Center has provided a warm and welcoming “home” where youth ages 10-17 can gather after school for homework help, activities, snacks and a home-cooked meal. Then – along came Covid-19, and all bets were off. But it didn’t take long for PYC’s leaders to come up with new ways to assist their youth. Here’s what’s going on today:

- On Tuesday and Wednesday, from 2:30 – 5:30, the Center is open for a safe number of youth who have registered in advance
- Homework help is offered each day- in person for the Tues/Wed group, and remotely for all others
- Where would we be without ZOOM?? Team-building activities take place on a daily basis
- A grant from the NH Charitable Fund provided families with laptops, so all PYC youth are able to connect
- The onsite hot meals have disappeared for now, but the Youth Center food pantry is accessible to all participating youth & their families- and the Tues/Wed youth go home with prepackaged meals
- And to top it all off --- in December, PYC leaders visited each student’s home, bringing holiday gifts and waving to the students through doors and windows! It was a joy for all – and virtual hugs were free-flowing.

Your contribution to the Pemi Youth Center will provide support and assistance for area youth in this most challenging time. Donations may be made by using the ‘donate’ button on the Starr King UU Fellowship homepage, or by mailing a check to the Fellowship at PO Box 337, Plymouth 03264. As always, your gift is greatly appreciated!

Questions? Please call Kathy Hillier (Outreach Coordinator) or Jess Dutille (President, Pemi Youth Center)

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## UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee) Alert

There will be no “Guest at Your Table” boxes this year and no collection for the UUSC since local needs are so great. If you would like to contribute, please send your check to: UUSC - PO Box 808 - Newark, NJ. 07101 With a donation of \$40 you become a member and donations over \$150 will be “matched”.

Thank you,  
Cindy Spring

## Sunday collections from the Starr King website.

The [Donate Here](#) button on the website is found at the top right of the [Starr King UU Fellowship page](#). It is very simple to use, and only requires you to register the first time you use the online donate form. After your registration is submitted, you will receive a welcome email from Simple Church Giving, which also includes a link to our donation page. You are also able to donate directly from the Simple Church app that many of you have on your smart phones.

The donation page form allows you to select the amount you wish to deposit into our virtual collection bowl, and to designate if you would like it to be a recurring donation, or not.

The funds you designate can be drawn from your bank account, or from a credit card account. Either way, *please consider helping to cover the cost of processing electronic donations by clicking on the "Convenience Fee" box when submitting your donation.*



## Message from the Director of Religious Education

Dear Starr King Fellowship,

Happy New Year! Happy Holidays! I am thrilled to dive into this month's Soul Matter's theme of imagination. After all, imagination is a muscle that children exercise far more frequently than adults. It's my hope that this month we all dust off our whimsy, creativity and powers of visualization to imagine a better future for ourselves and our communities.

I still plan on being digital for the month of January, but I feel confident that we needn't be apart for too much longer. Youth Group will meet in-person on **January 10th and 24th**, and RE will meet online on the **10th, 17th, and 31st**. Email reminders about weekly RE offerings will go out on Friday evenings - look out for details about an outdoor gathering on the 24th!

A special thanks to all of the brilliant volunteers that make Religious Education at SKUUF possible - I'm so very grateful for all the support.

Many blessings on your first days of 2021  
Tatum Barnes  
[dre20@starrkingfellowship.org](mailto:dre20@starrkingfellowship.org)

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## From your Community Minister

It is finally 2021!! If you want to follow social justice legislation in NH this session, please consider subscribing to American Friends Service Committee NH State House Watch

**Sign up for State House Watch!** [Subscribe here](#)

This weekly report is sometimes overwhelming so I will repeat my suggestions from last month to add yourself to the mailing lists for three NH faith based organizations that will highlight specific bills and issues to write and call our legislators about.

UUActionNH, <https://www.uuactionnh.org/>

NH Council of Churches <https://nhchurches.org/> ,

Granite State Organizing Project <http://granitestateorganizing.org/>

Several of us have attended Voices of Faith visibility at the State House in past years. This year it will be much harder to let legislators know where we stand since they will probably not be meeting in person. Committee hearings, when people can testify, are likely to be by zoom. This means you can attend without an hour+ drive to Concord. Also, I will try to put information in the weekly View and this newsletter of upcoming hearings and bills we want to support or oppose.

Here's an action you can take right now:

**Sign GSOP's faith leader letter to Governor Sununu on housing:**

<https://forms.gle/cRxF1iVvcxkrjoAAA>

We still have much work to do!!

Namaste,  
Emily



## 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 (the year which ran through June 30, 2020), or for FY 21 (our current pledge year which started July 1, 2020).

## Soundbites

Blessings on this the New Year!

We closed out the old year with a busy assortment of music making and justice seeking activities. I am grateful to Judi Hall and Sandy Mucci for their efforts bringing us a truly virtual Christmas Eve service. It was odd - to say the least - to not be present in the sanctuary with all of you, but I hope y'all enjoyed the choir presentations, and some quartet carolers! And, it was also nice to be at home with my Abby and attend two of her services at Concord South UUC. That is something we could never do in the "old normal."

It was good to welcome Mimi Bornstein and Charles Brown for a conversation around race and music on Dec. 10th (see Cindy Spring's column). About 20 folks attended as we explored ways in which music can bind us through conflict and differing cultures. I am so proud of the commitment that members of Starr King make to becoming a Beloved Community.

There are so many musicians - UU among them - that are recording music for worship services and sharing them to other faith communities. I used a few of these last month, and hope to look for more in the coming months. And, several folks have used videos of the Starr King choir singing at Hazelton Farm! To be able to share is a gift.

I will be providing music for the UU Action NH's first Annual Bail and Bond Fundraiser on January 23rd at 6:00 PM. It is part of my person mission, and I believe the mission of Starr King, to spread more love in the world through action. We know that the criminal justice system is not even and fair for those not covered up in wealth and privilege. I am happy to contribute to this worthy goal.

Our theme this month is Imagination, and I am hopeful that it will lead us off right in 2021. We will continue to gather virtually, offering services, zoom meetings and alternate ways to connect with one another.

in Faith,  
Sarah Dan



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## Reflections on the Choir/BLM Workshop - by a non-choir member

I attended the virtual workshop "Singing Across the Aisle" on December 10th along with twenty other members of the Fellowship. About half were members of our choir. The workshop was led by Mimi Bornstein and Charles C. Brown. They are both choir leaders and are co-leading a multi-cultural, multi-faith choir in Virginia. Mimi is a UU. Charles is a member of an AME Church.

Mimi introduced us to sheet music and taught a song that way - we sang it in parts, (thankfully muted....) Charles also taught a song using the oral tradition. We sang that one with (muted) passion!

Since I am not a singer (at least in public) I was not as interested in the actual singing, but the workshop was laced with stories about how complicated and joyful it is to be working together - male and female, black and white. There were many stories about their relationship, both the joys and the hard times.

I have done a lot of reading about white supremacy, racism and how to be more accountable when I make mistakes. Charles and Mimi modeled what this accountability can look like. I was very impressed with their openness, especially because I could see that the difficult times still brought pain. "The best part of the work we are trying to do comes out of our relationship with each other. We promote it through music."

At this time in our country when there is so much separation, it was a joy to be with people who are working hard at bridging the racial and gender gaps. Best of all, they were willing to bring us along on their journey!

Thank you, Sarah Dan, for giving us the opportunity to experience Mimi and Charles!

Cindy Spring  
BLM Task Force

## President's letter

Welcome to 2021. I hope that everyone enjoyed their time over the holidays as different as it was. We made the best of it with family coming in from Colorado but I will say that I learned much more about quarantining, CDC guidelines and all of the testing out there for, as my great nephew puts it "The 19." All is well and it has been wonderful having the kids here for this extended time.

I was so appreciative of the gift from our wonderful staff. It gave me the opportunity to see many of you before the holidays either when you came to pick up your bag or when I got to deliver some of them. It was such a wonderful sight to see so many familiar faces on Christmas Eve with the candles of light. It was not the same as being there in person but how special to be together. Thank you to Rev. Linda, Sarah Dan and Tatum for making it such a beautiful service.

While I am on the subject of thanks:

- Richard Odman for all of his work painting our building. He not only painted the entire outside but with help from Stew Weldon the sanctuary as well. We can only hope that we will be gathering sooner rather than later to see it in person.
- Kathy Kelsey who has made sure that we are on the [www.exploreplymouthnh.com](http://www.exploreplymouthnh.com) website. Check it out under the Community Services tab.
- Susan Scrimshaw, Joe Kelaghan, SueEllen Skinner and the Covid response team who have stayed up on the ever changing guidelines and in keeping us safe.
- The Sunday morning tech team lead by Sandy Mucci and including Babe DeRaymond, Paul & Mary Hazelton, Judi Hall, and Sue Chadwick who help bring the services to you.

There is much to look forward to in 2021, most importantly the prospect of being able to worship together once again.

Happy New Year,  
Mary Crowell

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## Board's Bulletin

- New Camera and Tripod for live streaming Sunday Services
- Timeline changes for Solar Project
- Gathering bids for new boiler
- The role of technology in our fellowship post the pandemic

Hope we can be together again in 2021!

Reach out to any board member if you have questions or just to discuss further.

## Attend the 2021

### Unitarian Universalist Virtual General Assembly

The themes are "Justice, Healing and Courage" and the dates are June 23-27. Last year eleven of us "attended" the first virtual GA. Two sang in the GA Choir and one volunteered as a chat-room monitor. A very different experience than attending in person, but a lot less expensive so accessible to more people and easier on the earth ~

Registration is \$200 per person (and our Endowment Committee is happy to support this!) General Assembly registrants receive access to the 2021 Online Participation Portal, including live, simulative and on-demand video content, the virtual exhibit hall, chat features, support, and a (new!) GA mobile app.

Interested? Want more information? Contact Betty Trought or Cindy Spring

## From Your Climate Action Team—

# CLIMATE CHANGE BOOKS

Your Climate Action Team is pleased to announce the beginning of a collection of climate-related books that have been purchased through the Fellowship's Endowment. These books are now available for borrowing by our members and friends. Eventually they will be easy for you to access at our Meetinghouse but for now, if you would like to borrow any of the following books, please contact Nancy Chaddock and she will make the arrangements with you.



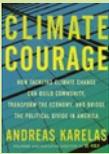
### **On Fire: The Burning case for a new green deal - Naomi Klein, 2019**

Reprints of speeches on climate change given over an extended period; makes the case “for fighting climate change through the new green deal...to avert climate catastrophe and be a blueprint for a just and thriving society.”



### **Blowout – Rachel Maddow – 2020**

Excellent history of the oil industry -- how it drives the economy, has created climate change and told plenty of lies.



### **Climate Courage – Andreas Karelas, 2020**

”How tackling climate change can build community, transform the economy, and bridge the political divide in America.” Highlights the bright spots in the climate fight.



### **The Green New Deal – Jeremy Rifki, 2019**

“Why the fossil fuel civilization will collapse by 2028 and the bold economic plan to save life on earth.” Discusses ways to implement the efforts needed to prevent disaster. Rifkin has long been a leader in the environmental world.



### **Early Spring – Amy Seidl – 2009.**

“An ecologist and her children wake to a warming world” - Describes her observations re how plants and animals adapt, as seen from her walks in the woods and gardening.



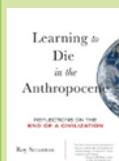
### **No One is Too Small – Greta Thunberg, 2019**

Speeches of the young climate activist who has become the voice of her generation... a rallying cry for why we must all wake up and fight to protect the living planet.



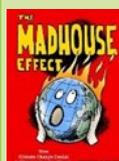
### **The Sixth Extinction : An Unnatural History Elizabeth Kolbert, 2014**

Named one of ten best books of the year by NYTimes. “Major book about the future of the world, blending intellectual and natural history and field reporting into a powerful account of the mass extinction unfolding before our eyes.”



### **Learning to Die in the Anthropocene –Roy Scranton, 2020**

Having served in the war in Iraq, Scranton came home to find a threat far more dangerous than ISIS.....the shock and awe of global warming.



### **Madhouse Effect– Michael Mann and Tom Towles, 2016**

Authors “portray the intellectual pretzels into which denialists must twist logic to explain away the clear evidence that human activity has changed Earth’s climate.” ...and more



**This is Not a Drill :The Activist Handbook**– Rebellion Extinction, 2019

“Punchy essays designed to shake us out of our...despair-induced lethargy. Authored by scientists to psychologists, artists, and indigenous activists.”



**The Water Will Come**- Jeff Goodell, 2017

“Rising Seas, Sinking Cities and the Remaking of the Civilized World. An account of the coming water, why and how this will happen, and what it will mean.”

THE FUTURE WE CHOOSE



Surviving the Climate Crisis  
Christiana Figueres and Tom Rivett-Carnac

**The Future We Choose**-Christiana Figueres and Tom Rivett-Carnac, 2020

The authors led negotiations for the United Nations during the historic Paris Agreement of 2015. They now argue for confronting the climate crisis head-on, with determination and optimism. of lies.



Illustration by Stew Weldon

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## HANNAFORD CARDS ARE BACK!!

Here's all you need to do to get yours...

- ◆ Email Lisa at [admin@starringfellowship.org](mailto:admin@starringfellowship.org) with your card request before noon on Thursdays.
- ◆ Every Friday, from 9:00 AM to Noon, you may stop by the Fellowship to drop off your check and pick up your cards! Everything will be done safely and "distantly."

*(If you can't stop by the Fellowship,  
please contact Lisa for possible alternatives.)*

## 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 Tuesday through Friday  
8:00 AM to 1:30 PM  
536-8908

## Book Group Selections

The SKUUF Book Group meets via Zoom the second Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. Please join the discussion for these selections.

January 12 - Non-fiction - ***Healing the Heart of Democracy*** by Parker Palmer

February 9 - Fiction - ***The Weight of Ink*** by Rachel Kadish

March 9 - Non-fiction - ***Caste*** by Isabel Wilkerson

The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82964373699?pwd=eENPS2s5SnIBVTIMUzFhd3JRb1NPZz09>

## Wise Women

Wise Women will begin the year by focusing on one aspect relating to Senior Health and Survival during the pandemic. January 13 at 10:30 AM, Darlene Nadeau will offer **Easy Chair Yoga for Improving Health**. Come join us to learn gentle ways to rejuvenate ourselves this winter. Learn 5-minute painless routines for a range of benefits such as:

- Improve Brain Focus and Memory,
- Prevent, Reduce, and Relieve Arthritis Pain,
- Headache Relief,
- Reduce Stress and Relax, and more.

No experience needed; wear relaxed clothing to move freely and use a desk or dining chair. More experienced yogis may prefer to use a mat.

If you need further information or to join our mailing list contact Betty Ann Trought at [batrought@gmail.com](mailto:batrought@gmail.com).

Our women's group of over 60 Seniors has dwindled somewhat as now forced to meet by Zoom and the loss of some active members. This group is designed to explore topics of interest to members and to share what we are learning on our life journeys. We are now meeting once a month on ZOOM.

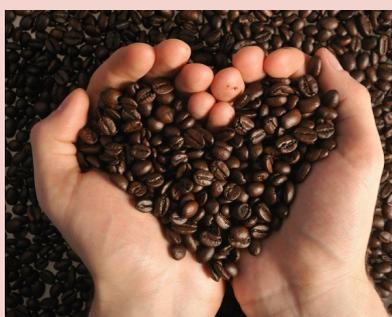
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## Monday Morning Men

The Monday Morning Men's Meetings continue in 2021. The January gatherings will be on the first and third Mondays, the 4th and 18th on ZOOM from 10:00 AM to noon.

## Howling Monkey Nicaraguan Coffee Still Available

Shade-grown, organic Howling Monkey Nicaraguan coffee can still be purchased to support both the Starr King Youth group and Compas de Nicaragua. It is available either whole bean or ground, \$14 per pound. Please Contact Bob and Jane Clay, [jhclay@roadrunner.com](mailto:jhclay@roadrunner.com) or 603-996-1207, to make arrangements for pick-up or delivery.



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## **Mission and Vision statement**

### **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.