

STARR KING VIEW

Starr King UU Fellowship
-A Welcoming Congregation-
June 2019



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Betty Nicholson Memorial Service June 8

There will be a memorial service for our dear friend Betty Nicholson held here at Starr King on Saturday, June 8 at 1:00 PM. A small reception will follow.

Summer Services

Summer Services begin on June 23rd and we are looking for presenters. Remember this format is casual and serves to allow our community members to get together once a week during the busy summer season. The topic and style (discussion, video, slides?) of presentation will be yours and a Worship Associate will be present to supplement and/or assist as you desire. Please contact Betty Ann Trought at (batrought@gmail.com) or 786-9342 or sign up on sheet on Bulletin Board.

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Summer Hours

Summer hours begin June 16! Lisa will be in the office Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays only from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. As in the past, the weekly View will be sent every two weeks from mid June through August.

Office Closed Week of June 17

Also during the week of June 17, the office will be closed for vacation. Arrangements have been made for picking up phone messages, etc. If there is a need in the Fellowship during that time, please contact Deedie Kriebel for assistance.



Sunday Morning Services—9:30 AM

June 2 The Community of Music

Join us for the Annual Music Sunday. Featuring selections from the Starr King Singers and various members of the Fellowship, the morning of song celebrates the power of music in our community. The offering this morning will benefit the Starr King Mary Hazelton Music Fund and the Association for UU Music Ministry Conference scholarships for Musicians of Color. This service is multigenerational.

June 9 Becoming: A Celebration of Coming of Age Coming of Age Group & Rev. Linda

We are a faith that welcomes our own *becoming*. Our whole lives we commit to continued growth into our best selves. Join us this Sunday as we celebrate how this starts, with Coming of Age. We hear the credos offered by our Coming of Age group of young people as they embark on this transition from childhood towards their own *becoming*.

June 16 Flower Communion: Beauty all Around Us Rev. Linda

To experience beauty is to witness a spiritual truth. In this annual Flower Communion service, come and experience the beauty of music, flowers, and each other's spirits. Please bring a flower to share - be it from your yard, the woods, or from a local flower shop.

June 23 and June 20 lay led services are yet to be announced

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Green Energy Solutions Presentation by Ted Vansant Sunday, June 2 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary

Ted will answer questions regarding his presentation at the Annual Meeting on Green Solutions to replace our twenty-four year old boilers at Starr King.

The Board is recommending a 3 Step Solution involving:

- 1.an energy audit and installing mini-splits
- 2.installing a new boiler, and
- 3.installing a solar array.

Come hear the details.

To support this "Keep Our Heat On" campaign, please fill out a pledge form in the foyer. Thank you.

Minister's Newsletter June, 2019

***“Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful,
we must carry it with us or we find it not.”***

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Our June Soul Matters theme is beauty. It's a fitting theme for the month in which we have a music service and our annual flower communion. I find a sense of beauty in all the seasons and nearly everywhere I look. Still, it is this time of year, when I see jack-in-the-pulpits, trilliums, and lady slippers; that I remember how nature waits. The potential for beauty is held in the roots and stems the whole winter, waiting until things are just right before sending forth the shoots and blossoms. Only then does beauty become evident in the flowers.

We are a little like that. Humans are born with potential but really, until the conditions are right enough, we don't bloom into our most beautiful selves. Here at our Fellowship we strive to offer one another the conditions in which to thrive and become beautiful. We do this especially for the young ones among us. I'm happy to report that we are engaged now in interviewing for our Director of Faith Formation position. I'm working with the Religious Education Committee to see just what might blossom in this new staff position. Jane Clay, our acting Director of Religious Education, is stepping back into her role as a member of the Fellowship. I will miss working with her. She has been generous with her kindness to me and I appreciate her deep commitment to our children.

This month too we'll be winding down our regular year. Our last full worship service is our Flower Communion Service on June 16th. I hope you'll come, this service is rich with color and celebration. I will be at General Assembly in the third week of June and will be taking the month of July as my vacation. At that time, I'm available for emergencies, but not much else. For those of you who are curious, Mark and I have recently moved from Rumney to Campton. We are quite happy in our new place but are still tripping over boxes!

Thank you to the volunteers, the members, the friends, and the staff for all the ways, big and small, that you make this fellowship a warm and engaging faith community. This community means so very much to me. I am so pleased to be your minister. May you carry all that is beautiful here with you into the summer.

In Faith and Love,
Rev. Linda

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Religious Education News

Beauty is the Soul Matters theme for June. What better way to finish our church year than to celebrate the beauty of our children and youth? Look around our Fellowship building to see some of the activities done this year: Black Lives Matter poster, paper lanterns lighting our journey, puzzle pieces telling about ourselves, paper chain showing people working together, questions of wonder, “stained glass” patterns, Foot Steps game.

Celebrations continue for our remaining three Sundays of Community Worship:

- ◇June 2: Music Sunday (and Fun in the Foyer)
- ◇June 9: Coming of Age and Religious Education Sunday
- ◇June 16: Flower Communion

Thank you to everyone for supporting and assisting in so many ways throughout the year, from the children and youth, and especially from me,

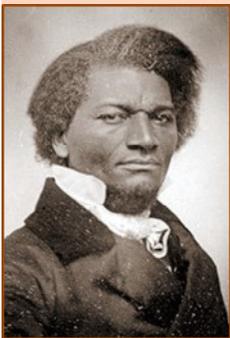
Jane Clay, Director of Religious Education

Black Lives Matter Committee

"We see race only as what people of color have. If people of color are not present, race is not present. Further, if people of color are not present, not only is race absent, so is that terrible thing: racism. Ironically, this positions racism as something people of color have and bring to whites, rather than as a system which whites control and impose on people of color."— Robin DiAngelo, What Does it Mean to be White?

"Resisting White Supremacy" Class a Success

Many thanks to Kathy Fletcher from the Nashua UU Church for leading an eight-week class called "Resisting White Supremacy," which concluded on May 13. Fourteen members and friends of Starr King participated in the class, which examined the role of whiteness in American society.



Join us on Plymouth Town Common on July 3rd for a reading of Frederick Douglass' famous Fourth of July Speech

As part of the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire's July 4th celebration, the BLM Committee is co-sponsoring a reading of "**What, to the American Slave, is your Fourth of July?**", an abridged version of the ground-breaking 1852 speech by Frederick Douglass. The event takes place on Plymouth Town Common on Wednesday, July 3rd, starting at 11:30 am. **Fifty-four**

readers will take part in this inspiring event. Readers are still needed, so please see Cindy Spring for details. In case of inclement weather, the event will take place at the Plymouth UCC Church, next to Plymouth Town Hall.

Many thanks to Starr King for all your support!

Cindy Spring, Nancy Chaddock,
Eric Stern, Stew Weldon, Suzanne Gaulocher,
Paul Phillips & Hannah Holmes



Stop by our BLM
Lending Library
and
Borrow a Book!

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[Click here for more news from the Black Lives Matter Committee.](#)

News from the Black Lives Matter Task Force/Committee

I sent this letter out to the BLM Committee members in April.

Dear Friends,

The time has come to “sunset” our Committee. Members have moved way or become too involved in other projects. Paul will be living in Manchester during the week and only spending weekends in Plymouth, Stew has medical concerns and I am running as a Board Trustee.

We began as a Task Force, and that's still how I see us. Our main task was to display the Black Lives Matter banner, but to do so we sought first to educate the members of the Fellowship. We obviously did a good job, since there were NO negative votes, even though the voting was done by private ballot.

We have also led worship services and workshops, encouraged folks to attend conferences, purchased over 30 books for our loan library, written articles for both the Newsletter and the local newspaper and even held a Concert!

Right now 13 are taking the 8-week “Resisting White Supremacy” course (11 from our Fellowship and 2 from the Laconia UU church.)

We have done good work, Folks! Of course, the work is not over, and we will each continue in our own ways to fight racism and to better understand this “water we swim in.” I am hoping the July 4th Frederick Douglass Program will still happen in Plymouth. (Let me know if you would like to help with setting it up.) And the BLM library will be there in the months and years to come.

I have enjoyed getting to know you and working together. I will miss our check-ins, but look forward to seeing you at the Fellowship.

*With deep appreciation for your time and commitment,
Cindy*

We met for a final meeting last month, and agreed that it was the right decision.

Thank you to **Jessica** for being our Board Representative, to **Suzanne** and **Eric** for the Program on Black-White Differences in Infant Mortality, to **Stew** for purchasing and hanging our Banner, to **Paul** for writing all the newsletter articles, to **Nancy** for creating the Booklist and to **Kat** for your summer service. Thanks also to **Glenn Smith** for writing the letter to the Board which served as a catalyst for this Task Force, to the **Endowment Committee** for underwriting many of our activities and to the **Fellowship** for your ongoing support and your willingness to learn along with us. May the work continue - (remember, the books are there!)

Cindy Spring
Former Chair of BLM

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Letter from the President – June 2019

Sometimes democracy can be cumbersome and tedious. It can also be exciting! In my opinion, we had a bit of both at our Annual Meeting on May 19.

The full slate of nominees was elected. Governing Board - Diana Pamplin, Ed Van Dorn, and Cindy Spring. Nominating Committee - Linda Haskins. Endowment Committee - Jim Hostetter. Welcome, all! We thanked retiring Board member John Marunowski for his three years of service as a Trustee. His thoughtfulness, wise counsel, and humor will be missed.

Susan Jacobs (in Janet Englund's absence) proficiently presented the FY2020 Budget. She explained the meticulous budget process and commended all of those involved for their attention to detail and concern for our Fellowship. After many questions and comments, and with the recommendation of the Board, the Fellowship approved a deficit budget.

After much discussion, amendments, and amendments to amendments, the membership approved the Warrant Article amending our By-Laws to allow for electronic notification to the email address on file for meeting notices. This will make the process more efficient.

With much time spent on this necessary business, we all needed a deep breath and a meaningful transition to Ted Vansant's Green Energy Solutions presentation. Sarah Dan Jones led us in singing **Keepers of the Earth**, a hymn that calls on us to act with an environmental conscience for those who come after us. As we face the fact that we will need to replace our aging boilers within the next year, Ted presented Green options for us to consider. Based on this presentation, the Board is recommending a three Step approach.

- Step 1. Perform energy audit. Install mini-splits (heat pumps) by fall 2019.
- Step 2. Replace boilers based on Task Force recommendations.
- Step 3. Install Solar Array when funds are available.

When we announced that Gigi and Paul Estes donated \$10,000 in matching funds for Energy Saving Projects, many generous pledges were made toward this goal. Since then, we have raised enough money to fulfill the matching funds donation! But there is more to do. We need everyone to contribute to this important cause to help save our planet. Please pledge – large and small, we need them all! The more you pledge, the more we can do. For each pledge received, we are putting up a sunshine around our Green Energy Bulletin Board. Please help us with this planet-saving initiative! Pledge forms are on the table in the foyer.

We also encourage you to join the Green Sanctuary Team. This UUA program consists of a five-stage process, usually carried out over one to three years, in which a team of people create an action plan to help their congregation progress in four areas: environmental justice, worship and celebration, religious education, and sustainable living. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet on the Green Energy Bulletin Board in the foyer.

In case you missed Ted's presentation, he will be available on June 2 after the service at 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary to explain the plan and to answer questions and listen to your comments. We have formed a Green Energy Task Force of motivated members. This team will make recommendations regarding products, funding, timing, and installation. Members are Ted Vansant, Susan Jacobs, Ed Van Dorn, Jennifer Gentry, Bill Dowey, and Paul Hazelton.

There is a Black Lives Matter banner on our building that stands for our dedication to racial equality and the action we continue to take toward resisting white supremacy. We have a Side of Love banner to show our respect and support for those oppressed. Our Stewardship Tapestry indicates our commitment to our staff, building, and programs. Might we some day have a Climate Emergency banner on our building, to represent the action we are taking to be good stewards of our environment? Good stewards who care about the world that we leave for our children and our children's children? Might this be the year that we start the process to become a UUA Certified Green Sanctuary? If we don't act now, it might be too late to save our planet. Let's be leaders and do what we can to make a difference!

With gratitude for our Fellowship and hope for the future,
Deedie

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Soundbites

Friends,

UU Minister and Musician, Rev. Amy Carol Webb, frequently posts on Facebook a “Beauty in the Morning” moment. I find them very inspiring. So, for the last Newsletter article (THANKS Barb Avery), and focusing on June’s theme of Beauty, I offer my version.

The beauty of community.

The beauty of shared ministry

The beauty of moving outside our own walls.

That is what I see with Starr King. I write about it every month, and recently in the Annual Report, because it is based on my Mission statement. I am so grateful for all of the beauty at our Fellowship.

Have a great summer,

Sarah Dan

Dates:

Thursdays: JUNE 6 and 13.

Sundays:

June 2– Music Sunday

June 9- Sarah Dan, Musician

June 16 - Sarah Dan and Choir



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Starr King Fellowship Hosts

Noon time Concert

June 7

Starr King welcomes pianist Abigail Charbeneau and cellist Kate Jensik presenting the *Sonata in E minor* by Johannes Brahms. This forty-five minute program will also include Vivaldi’s fourth Cello Sonata in B flat major, Elegie, Op. 24 by Faure, and a new work by New Hampshire composer (and husband to cellist Kate Jensik) Nicholas White entitled **Reconciliation** based on the Gregorian chant **Adoro te devote**. This performance is free and open to the public; donations are welcome.

Board Meeting Notes 5/15/19

- Finalized plans for Annual Meeting.
- Approved final edition of deficit budget.
- Ted Vansant presented Green Energy Proposal. Ted will present at Annual Meeting.
- Board recommends a three Step approach to our Green Energy Solution.
- Board will have “Green Energy Pledge” forms available at Annual Meeting.
- Gigi and Paul Estes offered \$10,000 in matching funds toward Green Energy Solutions
- Endowment Committee – Approved funds for two members to attend General Assembly. Also approved funds for Energy Audit and for 2019 Board Retreat.
- Approved delegates to General Assembly – Jane Clay, Jennifer Legier, and Kat Legier.
- Decided not to rent space to individual political candidates.
- Next Board Meeting June 12 to accommodate GA. New Board members invited.

New Members

Please welcome our new members who signed the Membership book May 19 at our Sunday service. So happy you're here!

Erica Jane Roberts grew up in Sanbornton, New Hampshire and now lives on a small farm in Groton with her husband, Frank, and daughter, Hazel. She and her family enjoy the simple life, working on their homestead and trying to stay focused in this crazy life on the things that really matter: Family, Friends, and True Living.

Frank Roberts says his wife and daughter are his world, but also enjoys chickens and motorcycling.



Sarah Fabian is the mother of five step- and adopted sons ages 30 to 41 and lays claim to two beautiful grandchildren. She's lived in Warren for thirty-seven years and has just sold the house to son #3. She's tremendously relieved to no longer be responsible for the upkeep of a 200+ year old house. She is a nurse at Glenclyff Home where she develops nursing education programs. In her spare time, she enjoys hiking, downhill skiing, being on or in the water, quilting, reading and gardening.

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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 web page or you can simply go to the url 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)
- Give to monthly outreach funds

Questions? Contact kmkelsey@gmail.com.



Vespers Service

Looking for a soulful respite to end your week? Join us for the Vespers service on the first Friday of the month at 6:00 PM. We gather in the sanctuary for about 30 minutes of song, words, and candlelight in a casual evening service. For those who wish, you can also join us after for pizza. It's a don't miss event.

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.

Join our scrabble group

Each Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in the SKUUF upstairs gathering room. We have several Boards and plenty of Scrabble Dictionaries. We play open book looking for new words and definitions. Entertaining and lots of laughs.

Men's Group

The Men's Group is planning to meet on the first and third Sundays in June , June 2 and 16, downstairs at SKUUF from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

Wise Women in Training

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 sixty 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 12:00 PM in the Sanctuary upstairs at SKUUF.

The June 12 meeting will open with check-ins as usual, then Betty Ann will be picking a question out of our new "Question Jar." The Question may be accepted or rejected by the group and discussion will follow. The "Question Jar" donated by Kathy Kelsey provides anonymous Questions. The Jar is always looking for additional questions so feel free to send a Question for the Jar to Betty Ann at email address. Submissions will be added anonymously.

The June 26 topic is not yet finalized. For more information check the SKUUF activity calendar for topics of an upcoming session or email Betty Ann to be placed on our reminder mailing list. Please direct topic suggestions and/or questions to Betty Ann Trought or batrought@gmail.com or 786-9342 .

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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 a discount on our cards leaving us with about a 5% profit on each card we sell. This can add up over the year! 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.

Remember to bring your checkbook or use cash on Sundays. Stop at the Hannaford Gift Card table during coffee hour to purchase your cards. Our new system is designed to allow us to track cards more specifically by code number and your name. Remember these cards can be used in any Hannaford store regardless of location. See Betty Ann Trought or anyone sitting at Card Table during after service reception if you have any questions.

June Activities and Events

The Activities Committee will be taking the summer off. The next *First Friday Breakfast* will resume on September 6 when the students return to campus.

We will use the Activities group list to circulate any events that arise during the interim.

Pete Holman, Activity Chair

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SKUUF Book Group

The June meeting will be held June 19 at 4:00 PM in the Small Group Meeting Room. *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* will be discussed.

GET RID OF YOUR STUFF

Save the Date!
Saturday, September 9

Save the date and save your items for the Fellowship yard sale on Saturday, September 9. This event is part of the town-wide yard sale. We have a reputation to uphold as one of the biggest, best organized, and friendliest yard sale in town! You may bring in items after our last service on June 16 and leave them in room #1 in the RE wing, or in the nursery. Please do not put items in the back store-room. Got Lunch needs that space for storage. More information will follow in our summer newsletter.



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