

# The Messenger

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Sunday Services begin at 10 A.M. in the Sanctuary followed by Coffee Hour in our Parish Hall.

## Worship Calendar November 2019

Our worship theme for November is "Attention." What does it mean to be a people of attention?

**November 3:** "A New Day Is Here." (Rev. Michael)

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, America witnessed the emergence of a plethora of new religious movements and was exposed to and influenced by religious imports as well. What were these breakaway religionists seeking religiously, where were they placing their attention and how did they respond and impact the larger society? Perhaps looking back in time will help us to see our own times with fresh eyes. On this first Sunday of the month, we will celebrate our Joys and Concerns as a community

**November 10:** "I'm Sorry, Do I Know You?" (Rev. Michael)

November is Alzheimer's Awareness Month, a terminal illness that is still a mystery to many Americans. Today, our minister speaks about this terrible disease and the ways in which memory and meaning arise and interact. Also, we will take time to think about how we can support each other and those we love as they deal with this disease. There will be a "Time for All Ages" before we sing the children out to class and the KUUC Choir share their musical gifts with us.

**November 17:** "Bullies and Pulpits" (Rev. Michael)

The Christian Evangelical movement(s) of the 20<sup>th</sup> century transformed from the way that religious beliefs had traditionally been shared, how conversion was viewed, how modern media would be embraced by churches, how observances were held and, perhaps most importantly how political involvement--once held at arm's length--would be embraced and used to change policy and, in some

people's view, threaten freedom. There will be a Time for All Ages and the adults will share their Joys and Concerns in community.

November 24<sup>th</sup>:

“Reverence and Relevance”

(Rev. Michael)

As the nation prepares for a holiday centered around reverence, gratitude and thanksgiving, KUUC celebrates these things in a Multigenerational Service featuring a Cornbread and Cider communion and stories from the heart of our faith. The KUUC Choir will sing songs of love, gratitude and good cheer.

### KUUC Mission Statement

The people of KUUC are committed to actively creating compassionate community and working for a fair and peaceful world.

## THE SEVEN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST PRINCIPLES

The Principles are not dogma or doctrine, but rather a covenant made between our Unitarian Universalist congregations. Many of our members use “the Principles” as a guide for how they choose to live their faith at home and in the world.

- 1st Principle:** The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- 2nd Principle:** Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- 3rd Principle:** Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- 4th Principle:** A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- 5th Principle:** The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- 6th Principle:** The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- 7th Principle:** Respect for the interdependent web of existence of which we are a part.

## THE SIX SOURCES OF OUR LIVING TRADITION

*As religious pluralists we draw upon multiple sources of inspiration in worship and daily life including:*

- Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces that create and uphold life;
- Words and deeds of prophetic people, which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;

- Wisdom from the world's religions, which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
- Jewish and Christian teachings, which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- Humanist teachings, which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;
- Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions, which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

## Sharing Ministry: Rev. Michael's Moment



“If we want to support each other’s inner lives, we must remember a simple truth: the human soul does not want to be fixed, it wants simply to be seen and heard.”

~Parker J. Palmer

The *Soul Matters* theme for November is “Attention,” and therefore the question that we are asked to consider is: “What does it mean to be a people of *attention*?”

Oh, wait a minute, perhaps you have been busy with other things and don’t know or remember what *Soul Matters* is, and what this business about themes is about. That’s all right, don’t beat yourself up if you haven’t been paying close attention to this new addition; you have a lot going on: work, other commitments, committees, kids... believe me I get it. Perhaps you haven’t been focusing as much on congregational life as you would like to, as you once did, or you feel that as concerns KUUC, you can only concentrate on one or two things: the budget, the building, an activity you enjoy, or a particular area of concern for you, or your family. I get that too. It could even be that you are worried about what might happen to the *status quo*—when asking “What is this *Soul Matters* thing anyway? You don’t like change, especially in your church...or maybe you want change to come so badly at church, at home, in the world that you are a little afraid of it. Wishing so much could be changed that you don’t know where or whether you would be able to stop.

*Soul Matters* is a collective to which approximately 170 congregations, including KUUC, subscribe. It is a holistic approach to congregational programming and communal life with support and resources provided to help individual congregations as they create their own worship, RE, Small Group, Newcomers Orientation, etc. And finally, it is a theme-based approach to “doing church.” Each month packets of materials arrive—resources, video links, and

music lists based on the spiritual theme chosen for that month. What we do with those materials is up to us.

So, we might choose our worship and other programming to explore the above-mentioned question: **“What does it mean to be a people of ATTENTION?”** And/or we could do as other congregations in the *Soul Matters* circle of congregations do and reframe that monthly theme into an individual or collective—even a family-based—spiritual practice, by asking a different question: **“How can the daily spiritual practice of paying attention reshape our lives by shifting where we look?”**

Interesting to think about isn't it? What would it mean if we began to look at those 100,000 activities we try to juggle and began to see, upon close examination, that they are a barrier rather than a way to *our* good life? What if the unnurtured longing for something different, something implausible, something put away as a “childish thing” long ago, is really the basis for our true call? What if someone we have trouble understanding, that we regularly disagree with or feel is always trying to block our way to peace, is really just a mirror to our own shortcomings, frustrations and fears?

This could be quite an important journey that we could take together—if we pack lightly and get on the bus. Exploring the idea and practice of deep attention: within us, out from us, between us and others, and beyond our little knot of worries and relationships to the planet and peoples of the world, is bound to bear fruit we can only imagine now.

With Heart and in Hope,

*Rev. Michael*

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD PRESIDENT

Thanks to all the many people who participated in our recent rummage sale—by donating items, sorting items, pricing items, moving items up from the basement, selling the items, and cleaning it all up. I hope I haven't omitted any of the jobs. It was quite the team effort!

There is a great deal of news from the Board of Trustees. Thanks go to Hazel Erdoben, who has agreed to fill a general member board slot that was vacated midway through last church year. She is a great addition to the board! With regret the board accepted Matt Aversa's recent resignation as president-elect, but we are glad that he will continue to be involved with KUUC despite his new spiritual home at the Independent Catholic Church. The nominating committee will begin the work of finding a nominee to replace Matt as president-elect. Filling this position requires the approval of the congregation.

The expansion of Growing Minds Preschool and Daycare into our former educational building blocks room gives us an additional \$4,000 income for this church year, and the board has agreed to deploy most of the money to our Religious Exploration program—partly to offset cuts that were made in this year’s budget. Hours for our RE director are being increased, so an additional Sunday morning of children’s RE programming will be added each month. Additional money has also been approved for other RE expenses, including for training for O.W.L. instructors. Thanks to Deborah Dunnell and everyone else who worked on creating the new space for the educational building blocks program next to the Alliance room.

Finally, it is time to start preparing for our annual Greens Sale, which will be held December 6 and 7. Like the rummage sale, this project requires the help of many volunteers and many different kinds of skills. More news will come regarding this important social event and the ways in which one may participate.

With gratitude,  
John Walter

## **FROM THE DRE:      By Jill M. Hall, Director of Religious Exploration**

### **RE Calendar:**

**Sunday, November 3** Children begin in the sanctuary, grades K-5 **\*\*are sung out to class!\*\***  
An adult helper is needed this morning.

2:30-4:30 P.M., Neighboring Faiths class meets in Alliance Room. Today we will explore some of the new religions that emerged in the 1800s. Adult co-learners welcome, please RSVP to Jill.

**Sunday, November 10** Children begin in the sanctuary and grades K-5 are sung out to class with Deborah Dunnell. Class this morning will be in our new, upstairs Blocks room.

11:30-1:00 Alliance Room, RE Committee meets. All are welcome.

**Sunday, November 17** Children begin in the sanctuary and grades K-5 are sung out for a group activity. Weather permitting, we will be walking outside. Please send your child(ren) with outdoor gear. An adult helper needed this morning.

2:30-4:30 P.M., Neighboring Faiths class meets in Alliance Room. Today we will be learning about Evangelical Christianity. Adult co-learners welcome, please RSVP to Jill.

**Sunday, November 24** Children remain in the sanctuary this morning for our multigenerational worship service celebrating gratitude and community.

## New Blocks Room!

Deborah Dunnell and the Religious Exploration Committee extend many, many thanks to Tom Julius, John Walter, Barbara Bryce, Tina Stevens, Sylvie Hall, Erik Anderson, Adelle, Ben and Judy Saunders for their help in moving the blocks, shelves and all the accessories upstairs to the new blocks room. Many hands made the job quick and easy, even peeling the old tape off the floor. The new upstairs room will be ready to host the blocks class on November 10, on the theme of Attention.

## Expanded Sunday Morning Offerings for Children

Beginning in November, KUUC will offer Sunday morning Religious Exploration (for grades K-5) three Sundays per month. On the first and second Sundays of the month the children will have a class on the monthly theme, which in November is Attention. On the third Sunday of the month we will have an activity, also related to the theme, but somewhat less formal than a regular class. Adult helpers are always needed, please come along and join the fun!

\*\*In both November and December the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday is a Multigenerational worship and celebration. See you in church!

## Attention!

The Soul Matters theme for worship and RE in the month of November is *Attention*. I have already been thinking a great deal about this idea, because on October 20 the Neighboring Faiths group learned about Quakerism and welcomed two members of the Keene Friends Meeting to the Alliance room. Allison and Bill shared their faith with our group, asked and answered questions, and invited us to be still and listen for, well, listen for whatever may be speaking to and within us. KUUC's young people noticed several similarities between Unitarian Universalism and Quakerism, including that each Friend defines God/the Divine/Creator/Universal Love for themselves, and rarely in exactly the same way. They also noticed that Quakerism finds spiritual inspiration in many sources, that Quakers live their faith and values through social action, often participating in many of the same social justice issues that UUs do, and that Quakers also recognize the authority of each individual person to determine their own spiritual path. Members of the Neighboring Faiths groups all agreed, though, that sitting in silence, waiting for inspiration to speak a truth, sounded like a very challenging way to worship! We'd like to invite you to practice stillness this month. Find a way to create some peace and quiet, and really listen.

## RE Learning Opportunities

Adults who lead or help in Religious Exploration group meetings report that their own faith develops, grows and deepens through facilitating the explorations of UU children and youth.

This year, adults who volunteer to lead or help in RE groups will also enable KUUC to maintain our RE offerings for children. Due to the budget and staffing cuts, KUUC is currently able to offer very limited Sunday morning RE (for elementary age children) and programming for middle school children for only 2/3 of the year. If you can support the development of UU faith and identity in children and youth, please contact Jill Hall or any member of the Religious Exploration Committee. Members are Barbara Bryce, chair, Deborah Dunnell, Sarah Franklin, Betsy Stacey, and Tina Stevens.

**Jill M. Hall, DRE**

## Music Notes

Donna Dearth, Music Director

This month the choir will sing on November 17 and 24. Rehearsals are held every Thursday evening from 7:30 to 9:00. There will be no choir rehearsal on 11/7 and Carin Torp will play for the service on 11/10.

*Donna*

## JOYS & CONCERNS

In recent weeks, our sharing of Joys and Concerns has taken on a different quality than is the usual way at KUUC. Even after I tried to correct it, through a positive approach—using an earnest reminder of what I have always thought wonderful about Joys and Concerns at KUUC—still there were too many announcements and tangential comments. Several congregants talked with me (and I thank you) about their discomfort with this recent change, and even though I know this can be a fleeting matter, something that occasionally arises and falls away in the life of a congregation, it needs to fall away now because Joys & Concerns are part of our worship. So, sharing of Joys and Concerns should in fact:

- Be Brief
- Be truly a Joy or Concern
- Feel worshipful and necessary for you to share and others hear
- Be your own story or one that you have been given permission to share.

They really shouldn't be:

- Announcements or extended thank yous, those things belong in the *Messenger* and/or insert or, with discretion, an occasional Coffee Hour announcement.

- Extended political opinions or anything that a guest or newcomer might mistake for a homily.
- Someone else's story if shared without their permission (see above)

Finally:

- Be careful of describing medical conditions in more detail than is needed to let people know what you are concerned about.
- Be careful, also, of things that might trigger a traumatic response in another who may hear it. (I would be glad to help you get clarity on what that means.)
- We are all human. Sometimes people will go on too long and, as hearers, we will sometimes have to understand that a person needs more time to be heard—and, as I said on October 20—you do that, we do that, very well.

So please hear this in the loving and pastoral manner in which it is meant: what I say above really has to happen. I know that I am not alone in saying that Joys and Concerns are a part of the service that I really love. However, as has been noted in some congregations, they can come across as off-putting; they can seem unwelcoming, hostile or just out place in the Sunday morning services of a spiritual community.

You know how to do this.

Yours in Faith and Companionship,

*Rev. Michael*

## **ACTIVISTS CORNER: UPCOMING SOCIAL ACTION OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AREA**

### **"Talking About Race: Staying Curious, Moving Forward, and Being Part of the Solution": Monday, October 28 at 6:30 P.M.**

This workshop is designed to encourage an open and thoughtful conversation on race, emphasizing how we as a community can learn to appreciate and understand experiences and perspectives different from our own. Facilitated by Allen Davis, an educator and social justice advocate, at the center of the discussion will be the experiences of three local African-American residents, Grace Aldrich, Jim Guy, and Doug Sutherland, and what it means to be an African-American in the U.S. today. Their experiences will be the starting point for our group conversation as the participants examine what they learned and how they can move forward individually and as a community to be even more inclusive and compassionate.

**Grace Aldrich** is a massage therapist, singer, and storyteller. She became interested in the healing practice of storytelling after performing in the Black Fly Story Hour Series in Peterborough.

**Jim Guy** moved to New England in 1973 to work as a sales professional. He is semi-retired, a former president of the Monadnock Rotary Club, and he performs volunteer work for local and international organizations.

**Doug Sutherland** is the executive director of Brantwood Camp in Greenfield, NH. He owns a staff training and team building business that works with camps, businesses, and organizations.



For more information, contact Stella Scott at (603) 852-0507.

## Community + Interfaith Energy Conversations in November

Be a part of “the democratic process...in society at large” (UU 5<sup>th</sup> principle) and express your “respect for the interdependent web of all existence” (UU 7<sup>th</sup> principle) as part of an interfaith conversation on Keene’s planning for 100% renewable energy community-wide.

On Sunday November 10 at UCC and on Sunday November 24 at KUUC, at 11:30 both days, there will be facilitated small-group discussions around visions and strategies for moving to an equitable clean energy future. Members of either congregation may sign up for either date; we do, after all, share many of the same values. Please contact Ann Shedd at [Ladyleafy@gmail.com](mailto:Ladyleafy@gmail.com) or 352-0720 if you would like to participate; if both dates would be possible for you, please let Ann know as we’ll try to “mix it up” with members from UCC and KUUC at the same session. General feedback from these sessions will be shared with Keene City staff to inform the development of a 100% Renewable Energy Plan.

Snacks and beverages will be provided (and your contributions to the refreshments welcomed!).

To learn more about the energy plan project or to get involved further, you may visit [www.ci.keene.nh.us/sustainability](http://www.ci.keene.nh.us/sustainability) (City of Keene project page) or [www.cleanenergykeene.com](http://www.cleanenergykeene.com) (MPA Clean Energy Team website)

## **Social Action Council at KUUC: Activists Directory for 2019-2020:**

We are currently reawakening our Social Action Council and invite all members and friends to participate.

**KUUC (Keene Unitarian Universalist Church)** is an affiliate congregation of the **Monadnock Interfaith Project**. “Building an Interfaith Coalition for Community, Understanding, and Social Justice” For more information: <http://MIPNH.org> **KUUC contact: Tom Julius**

**KUUC is a Green Sanctuary.** We will be [Renewing the Green Sanctuary Accreditation](#), if we have sufficient members willing to help with this process.

“The Green Sanctuary Program provides structure, leadership and support, in broad collaboration, for the UU faith community to engage in an ambitious Environmental Justice and Climate Justice movement that seeks to live fully our seventh principle and achieve our vision of a viable and just world for all.” For more information:

<https://www.uua.org/environment/sanctuary>

**KUUC contact: Suzanne Butcher**

**We are also a Welcoming Congregation**, which also requires an annual renewal and participants.

“The Unitarian Universalist Association [launched](#) a Welcoming Congregation Program to help us learn how to undo homophobia—and later, transphobia (prejudice against transgender people)—in our hearts and minds, our congregations, and our communities.”

<https://www.uua.org/lgbtq/welcoming/program>

**KUUC Contact: Stella Scott** **Renewal Team Contact: Matt Aversa**

**As a member congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) of Congregations, our denomination connects us with a worldwide network of 1000 congregations.** The UUA also offers assistance to member activists and congregational committees and links us to UU national groups in particular areas of concern. The UUA also partners with affiliate organizations that have staff dedicated to assisting us directly when appropriate and helping us to link our members and congregation-based social action and social justice groups with those in other congregations.

Among those groups are:

**UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee)** Mission: “The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) is a nonprofit, nonsectarian organization advancing human rights together with an international community of grassroots partners and advocates.”  
<https://www.uusc.org>

**SIDE WITH LOVE:** <https://sidewithlove.org/> Side With Love is a public advocacy campaign that seeks to harness Love’s Power to stop oppression. It is sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Association and all are welcome to join.

**Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth (UUMFE).** <https://www.uumfe.org/> “Our Mission: To inspire, facilitate, and support personal, congregational, and denominational practices that honor and sustain the Earth and all beings.

**To learn more about our national efforts to create Economic Justice see:**  
<https://www.uua.org/economic>

**The UUA also has many groups and resources dedicated to undoing Racial Injustice, race-based violence and White Supremacist Culture.** You will find many ways to become involved, plus sources and inspirations at:  
<https://www.uua.org/topics/racial-justice-multicultural-ministries>

**Several of the KUUC members are now working with outside organizations devoted to social action, which we define as seeking to remove the causes of injustice, violence, war and environmental destruction.** There are also opportunities to help provide social services, such as the community breakfasts for the homeless (contact: Carol Hill) and support for immigrants (Sue Hay).

You can receive information on how to join or participate from the KUUC members indicated. Listing does not imply KUUC endorsement. Please let us know if you would like to be added as a contact for any of these organizations or others you would like to add to the list.

## **Climate Change**

City of Keene Energy and Climate Committee [www.ci.keene.nh.us/energy-and-climate-committee](http://www.ci.keene.nh.us/energy-and-climate-committee) Ann Shedd

Monadnock Progressive Alliance Clean Energy Team [www.cleanenergykeene.com](http://www.cleanenergykeene.com)

Ann Shedd, Suzanne Butcher, Chris Brunner

Monadnock Sustainability Network [www.greenmonadnock.org](http://www.greenmonadnock.org) Ann Shedd

Citizens Climate Lobby [www.citizensclimatelobby.org](http://www.citizensclimatelobby.org) Ann Shedd, Suzanne Butcher

Extinction Rebellion <https://rebellion.earth/> Sarah Wilton

## Grassroots Political Action

Monadnock Progressive Alliance (MPA) [www.monadproalliance.org](http://www.monadproalliance.org) D’Vorah Kelley,  
Chris Brunner

## Peace

Keene Peace Vigil [www.keenepeacevigil.org](http://www.keenepeacevigil.org) Chris Brunner

NH Peace Action [www.nhpeaceaction.org](http://www.nhpeaceaction.org) Chris Brunner

World Beyond War <https://worldbeyondwar.org> Joan Roelofs

NH Peace Action Nuclear Weapons Group [www.nhpeaceaction.org](http://www.nhpeaceaction.org) Joan Roelofs

## Middle East

Middle East Study Group Jim Smart

Palestine Education Network [www.nhpeaceaction.org/palestine-education-network-2/](http://www.nhpeaceaction.org/palestine-education-network-2/)  
Jim Smart

## Economic Justice

Rev. Michael Hall is particularly concerned about the impact of economic injustice, wage disparity and capitalism on our culture, morality, world community and environment. Let him know if you are willing to work on this issue, and also if there are issues and organizations to add to our list. We need more involvement. Our methods are education, public witness and in some cases, direct action. Meetings will be announced in the *Messenger* and in the weekly insert.

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## EVENTS, ACTIVITIES, UPDATES & Other News:

### Poetry Group Oct. 28 and Nov. 25

The Monthly Poetry Group gatherings will be Monday, October 28 and Monday, November 25, at 7 P.M. in the church library. Use the Taylor Street entrance. All are welcome. We read, write, discuss, and listen. Come and share your good thoughts and words.

### Slice of Fellowship – November 1

**Slice of fellowship** is a monthly potluck dinner open to all members and friends of KUUC and is held on the first Friday of every month during the church year in the parish hall. Wine and cheese are at 5:30 followed by dinner at 6:00 pm. **Family Favorites** is our November theme hosted by Suzanne and Larry Butcher. You are asked to bring a veggie, main dish or dessert. **Please bring your own dishes, flatware and napkins.** Call Betty Forrest 357-1534 or email [mandbforrest@myfairpoint.net](mailto:mandbforrest@myfairpoint.net) with any questions.

### Coffee Hour Displays

On Sunday November 3 during coffee hour, the **Property, Music and Greens Sale Committees** will have tables set in the parish hall to visit. This will be an opportunity to talk with committee members to see what is involved and how you might make a difference. Extensive organ work was done by Larry Nevin this fall and updates will be available for you. Our KUUC organ comes under the umbrella of both property and music. The Greens Sale is a fundraising event and is a major source of income for the operation of our church community. Additionally, it is a wonderful time to come together in community.

### “New UU” Talking Circle November 3 11:30 A.M.-1 P.M. Alliance Room

The “New UU” Talking Circle is an ideal opportunity for people who have been attending services, have already made a few friends at KUUC and have come to appreciate the Unitarian Universalist way of building spiritual community to gather, share the story of what brought them to this congregation and discuss the reasons why they are ready (or not quite ready) to join our membership. Rev. Michael and the Membership Committee host this three-session workshop on October 20, 27 & Nov. 3 in the Alliance Room. Bring all your questions and an open mind.

### Christian Scripture Discussion Group Meeting & Monthly

### Evening Contemplative Communion Service: (November 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>)

In the month of November, a potential new KUUC partnership is coming into existence between the Christian Scripture Discussion group and Rev. Michael's Contemplative Community. We hope that many of you will take advantage of these opportunities to explore both of these programs

**On Tuesday, November 5 from 5 to 6:30 P.M.** the KUUC Christian Scripture Discussion Group will meet to explore some familiar passages from the Gospel of John. **BOOK of John 11/5 @ 5P.M.** As always, this group honors both the fourth UUA Principle of, "A free and responsible search for truth and meaning," and the fourth Source of our Living Tradition, "Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves." Please contact Carol Stamatakis at [CStamatakis@outlook.com](mailto:CStamatakis@outlook.com).

**On Tuesday, November 19 from 5:30 to 6:15 P.M.** Reverend Michael invites you to join us in a contemplative service including, a contemplative practice such as a brief time of meditation, as well as prayer, sharing and the ritual of communion. Rev. Michael plans this short service at an hour and length that those who are interested can enjoy it at a time between busyness of day and the promise of a restful night. Please do arrive by 5:30 so we can honor each other's time boundaries and other commitments. Contact Rev. Michael at [rev.michaelkuuc1824@gmail.com](mailto:rev.michaelkuuc1824@gmail.com) with any questions you have.

## **Lunch Bunch – November 20**

**Senior Lunch Bunch** is a monthly potluck luncheon open to all senior members and friends of KUUC, an opportunity to meet and socialize with peers. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at noon, October through May, in the parish hall. **Please bring your own dishes, flatware and napkins.** Call Betty Forrest at 357-1534 or email [mandbforrest@myfairpoint.net](mailto:mandbforrest@myfairpoint.net) with questions.

## **BOOK CLUB: Next Meeting November 17th**

KUUC Book Club's next meeting is on Nov. 17 to discuss *Ishmael* by Daniel Quinn. We will also be able to pick up copies of our next book, *The End of Your Life Book Club*. If you would like to get on our member email list, contact Ruth Shepard [ruthshep47@gmail.com](mailto:ruthshep47@gmail.com)

## **GREENS SALE is coming up!**

Autumn is here and before you know it we will be setting up for the Greens Sale. You can help that effort by returning your berry bowls to the window sills in the kitchen. Also if you have

balsam firs in your yard that we could use for Christmas wraths, please let Hazel know.  
([hazelderdo@gmail.com](mailto:hazelderdo@gmail.com))

## The Shawls of Love Knitting Group

The Shawls of Love Knitting Group makes shawls and lap robes that are given to members and friends who are experiencing significant life events such as illness, death in the family, weddings, births, etc. We have some donated yarn, needles and patterns to help you get started. Call 355-8220 or email [darcydoyleo@gmail.com](mailto:darcydoyleo@gmail.com) and leave a message for more information.

## KUUC Outdoors

KUUC Outdoors provides opportunities to experience the interconnected web of life and enjoy being outdoors together. We endeavor to plan a variety of events for participants of all ages, ranging from low to moderate levels of challenge. All activities are led by volunteer members of KUUC and depart from the church. The schedule is weather dependent and subject to change. The next event is **Dec. 7: Night Sky Observing at Keene Amateur Astronomers Observatory, Sullivan**. For general KUUC Outdoors information: contact Tom Julius at (603) 357-4521 or [tjulius54@gmail.com](mailto:tjulius54@gmail.com).

## COMMUNITY PICTURES: (Thanks to David Teubner)





## **COMMITTEE CONTACTS:**

<b>Circle of Caring:</b>	Betsy Zimmerli
<b>Covenant Groups:</b>	Carolyn Antrim
<b>Investment:</b>	John Bordenet
<b>Membership:</b>	Melinda Hildreth-Honkala
<b>Music:</b>	Carin Torp
<b>Personnel:</b>	Open
<b>Religious Exploration:</b>	Barbara Bryce
<b>Senior Lunch Bunch:</b>	Betty Forrest
<b>Shawls of Love:</b>	Darcy Doyle
<b>Slice of Fellowship:</b>	Betty Forrest
<b>Social Action/Green Sanctuary:</b>	Ann Shedd
<b>Stewardship:</b>	Carol Stamatakis
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jenn Wyman
<b>Wayside Pulpit:</b>	Vicki Keller
<b>Worship:</b>	Jenn Wyman
<b>Property:</b>	Bob Hill
<b>Fundraising:</b>	Open (contact Mickey Cronin)

Greens Sale: Open

Welcoming Congregation: Open

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Coffee Hour Clean-up Request

On several occasions folks from outside our church community have attended a function and found clutter, dirt, and crumbs in the hallways and rooms. After coffee hour or meals are served, it would be helpful for the individual/individuals in charge to sweep and clean up spills on the kitchen and parish hall floors. The next group coming in then will not need to clean up after them. This would be most appreciated.

### Check the Calendar/ Schedule Meetings

Please contact Susan at [office@kuuc.org](mailto:office@kuuc.org) to inquire about scheduling a meeting. If possible, do so in advance.

### Rev. Michael's Office Hours, November 2019:

Rev. Michael's Office Hours for November will be Tuesday afternoons from 2 to 7 P.M. Although he is often in the office during the week, this is the best time for appointments. Please contact him at [rev.michaelkuuc18242gmail.com](mailto:rev.michaelkuuc18242gmail.com) or (508) 821-6092 to schedule an appointment on this or another, more convenient day/time.

### Office Hours for Susan

It is best to call for an appointment or see if your business with Susan can be conducted via telephone or email [office@kuuc.org](mailto:office@kuuc.org).

### DECEMBER MESSENGER DEADLINE:

The deadline for the December *Messenger* is 5 P.M. on Friday, November 15. Going forward, the due date for Messenger submissions will be the 15<sup>th</sup> of the prior month (the only exception being June 15, as there is no July Messenger). Send all your articles and notices directly to Rev. Michael at [rev.michaelkuuc1824@gmail.com](mailto:rev.michaelkuuc1824@gmail.com).

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

## STAFF

Sunday Services:	10:00 A.M.	Minister:	Rev. Michael Hall
Religious Exploration:	10:00 A.M.		<a href="mailto:rev.michaelkuuc1824@gmail.com">rev.michaelkuuc1824@gmail.com</a>
September-June			(508) 821-6092
Summer Services	10:00 A.M.	Director, Religious Exploration:	Jill M. Hall
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