



UUUF Notes

A monthly newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bennington, VT

Kathy's Corner

Meetinghouse Café

Things to Keep in Mind

Monthly calendar

Rev. Kathy Duhon's letter to the fellowship.

Singer/songwriter Lauren Hooker to play at the Meetinghouse Café.

A few more things to remember about what's going on at the UU.

A full month of both fellowship and non-fellowship events.

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Kathy's Corner

"Hunting in the Fall"

I didn't intend to go walking that November morning in the woods. It was deer hunting season and everything I was wearing was some shade of brown. But the two dogs I was befriending in the house I where I stayed now and then, looked at me so expectantly. I'd walked them before in the woods, when there were no hunters yet, and they seemed to remember. So, with some trepidation, off we bounded.

I was determined to keep houses in view, but we couldn't help ourselves -- the woods were so lovely. I decided the safest course would be to sing. Hunters would surely realize there's no such thing as a singing deer. The first tune that came to mind was a Gregorian Chant alleluia, but I didn't sing it solemnly. I couldn't. It was a Fall day in the woods! One alleluia led to another, only the next was a rather bouncy tune from youth group days. I was far enough from the houses by the third alleluia song to feel totally uninhibited and so I just belted out my response to the glory of it all.

November Calendar

Month's Theme: Abundance

- 5 - Lauren Hooker, Singer/Storyteller "Celebrating Diversity with The Fire Children" An Intergenerational Service**
- 12 - "Making Things Better" - Bruce Lierman**
- 19 - "Abundantly Clear" - Rev. Kathy Duhon**
- 26 - "Patience and Pickles and Thankful Prayers" - Rev. Kathy Duhon**

***Items in bold are Services**

The dogs must have wondered about me. After a long walk, we turned back, unharmed. I don't imagine any deer were gotten that morning within a very wide radius of me, the dogs, and those Fall-inspired alleluias.

Are you hunting for anything this Fall? Or following a call to go forth in wonder? May your heart be filled with the glory of the abundance of this season; may beauty, love and hope overflow for you. And if you start belting out songs in the woods, well, that's okay.

Final Class: Understanding the Hebrew Bible November 26th, 12:00 - 1:30 at UUUFB Potluck finger food lunch at 11:30, optional. This is the last Hebrew Bible class and all are welcome. In preparation, please read Esther, Song of Solomon (called the Song of Songs or the Canticle of Canticles in some Bibles), Jeremiah 1-11, and Hosea, or as much as you can of those books.

November 19, 2017: "Abundantly Clear" The season of thanksgiving and generosity is upon us, that much is abundantly clear. Come, faithful pilgrims of the spirit, and we will rejoice.

November 26, 2017: "Patience and Pickles and Thankful Prayers" Kathy will bring to life a Bible story that hasn't been told this way before, and invites you to be patient as we have fun with a bit of midrash, imagine the discovery of pickles, and give thanks from the center of our lives.

Jazz Pianist, Singer Songwriter Lauren Hooker at Meetinghouse Café

Lauren Hooker, a nationally touring New York-based jazz pianist and singer/songwriter will be featured at the Fellowship's Meetinghouse Café on Saturday evening, Nov. 4. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. A \$10 donation is suggested.

She will also be leading a music service on Sunday morning with a completely different program focused on diversity.

Lauren, a UU from the NYC area, is an award winning vocalist/pianist, songwriter, storyteller and arts activist with three critically acclaimed CDs and numerous radio and television appearances to her credit. She has appeared in numerous venues including Smoke Jazz and Supper Club, Barry Harris' Jazz Cultural Theatre, The International Women in Jazz Festival, Greenwich Village Jazz Festival, St. Peter's Jazz Vespers and The Omega Institute.

Lauren has appeared on a number of television shows including NJN Public Television's State of the Arts: "Abstractions in Music, Art and Theater" filmed live at the Cape May Jazz Festival and on BCAT "Brooklyn Sings, Brooklyn Swings Series." She has also performed and/or recorded with some of the best in the business including Rufus Reid, Mike Richmond, and Billy Holiday's former pianist, Mal Waldron to name a few. Christopher Loudon (JAZZ TIMES) states... "Hooker's ability to add lyrics to instrumental classics is flat out masterful... (and) as craftswoman of original tunes can hold her own against pretty much any singer-songwriter in the business." www.laurenhooker.com



Lauren Hooker

Office Hours Change

As Kathy Duhon will be unable to drive after ankle surgery, office hours will be cancelled for the first 4 weeks of November. She'll back on Wednesday, Nov. 29th, from 3-5 p.m. If you need pastoral care, please call Kathy - [518-794-0021](tel:518-794-0021) or [518-821-2891](tel:518-821-2891) - or email her at kathyduhon2@gmail.com.

The Committee on Ministry: *Is something on your mind, but you don't know who to talk to? The Committee on Ministry can help. The committee welcomes comments—both positive and negative—and the fellowship in general or about something in particular. Speak to either Ed Dauenheimer (while he's still here) or Fronia Simpson and let your voice be heard.*

Treasurer's Notes

November 2017 - Ed Connelly

As of September 30th, at 25.0% of the year, we have received 29.6% of our budgeted revenue and have spent 23.0% of our budgeted expenses.

Our pledge total now stands at \$53,318. Our budget is \$54,500. If you have not yet submitted a pledge form, please do so soon. As of October 29th we have received 34.7% of the pledge total. Early payment is appreciated.

However, seven pledging units have not yet paid any part of their pledge as of October 29th. If your circumstances have changed and your pledge needs to be lowered please let me know. Your action will remain confidential; knowing our expected revenue is lowered will allow for planning and adjusting the budget accordingly.

As always, financial reports are available upon request. The current monthly reports are sent on the same day they are sent to the board members, at least two days before the meeting. Please do not hesitate to ask me any question about the Fellowship finances, the only confidential information, per our by-laws, involves pledge data at the individual/family level.

10/01	Schoerke Foundation/Ghana	\$53.50
10/08	UUUA-NNED-Chalice Lighters (100%)	\$201.00
10/15	Sunrise Family Resource Center	\$26.50
10/22	GBICS Kitchen Cupboard	\$33.11
10/29	Planned Parenthood of Northern New England	\$61.50

Spiritual Practice Experiment

For November we are trying an “amazement journal” - keep a notebook handy and try to write at least one thing that amazes you each day.

Memorial Service for Dora

At 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 11th, UUFB will host a memorial service for Dora Polatsek. Please bring your stories about Dora and some food to share afterwards, and we will celebrate her wonderful life.

November 2017

- US Holidays
- Non-fellowship events
- Fellowship events

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 10:00 AM Sunday Morning Services & Coffee 1:30 PM The Detectives' Testimony: Guest speaker: Brian D. Baker	30 3:00 PM Bennington Children's Chorus rehearsal	31 Halloween 3:30 PM Mighty Food Farm CSA Pick up	1 3:00 PM Rev. Kathy Duhon Office hours	2 6:00 PM Greater Bennington Peace and Justice Committee Meeting	3	4 9:30 AM GBPJC mailing work session
5 Daylight Saving Time ends 10:00 AM Sunday Morning Services & Coffee 1:00 PM Understanding the Hebrew Bible	6 3:00 PM Bennington Children's Chorus rehearsal	7	8 7:00 PM UUFB Board Meeting	9 7:00 PM Climate & Culture. 7:00 PM WHIPS Board Meeting	10	11 Veterans Day 11:00 AM Dorothy Polatsek Memorial service
12 10:00 AM Sunday Morning Services & Coffee 11:30 AM Board Chat	13 1:00 PM Soul Space Meeting 3:00 PM Bennington Children's Chorus rehearsal	14	15	16 6:00 PM Climate Solutions via Consensus Building	17	18
19 10:00 AM Sunday Morning Services & Coffee 1:00 PM Understanding the Hebrew Bible 5:00 PM GMC Annual Dinner	20 3:00 PM Bennington Children's Chorus rehearsal	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25
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