



The Mail Pouch

WORSHIP: Sunday at 10 a.m.



"Finding Meaning Together"

We come from all walks of life. Believe different things. Walk our individual paths of discovery and spiritual growth. With others, however, something else happens - also sacred!

Young People's Program with Marion and Alice Posner

For this week's Coffee Hour, the 2nd Sunday of the month, last names G-L are invited to bring refreshments. Thank you!

Zoom service link: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/92959299766>

Ministerial Search Update

From the Search Team: We've initiated our search and submitted our documentation, so our process is underway.

From Rev. Betsy and Grace Ferguson: The UUA search process has changed since the last time around. The UUA Transitions Office - newly reorganized this year - now requires congregations with fewer than 125 members (UUFES has 77) to hire a *contract minister*. (Previously, congregations seeking a new minister would start with an *interim minister* for 1-2 years, then "call" a *settled minister*.) Today, contract ministers sign a multi-year contract, renewed annually. When the contract ends, congregations determine whether to continue the relationship and call that minister.

Here at UUFES, hiring a contract minister has begun with the Search Team creating an extensive "congregational record" which lays out all things UUFES - its mission and story, strengths and challenges, demographics, and financials. Once the UUA search website opens in mid-January, search teams and ministers will contact one another and look for a good match.

Search Team members abide by a vow of confidentiality. Thank you for respecting this! If you know a minister who might be a good fit, have them contact the UUA Transitions Team directly. Meanwhile, urge the Search Team on. Thank them for the long hours they're working! Send them fan mail. Chocolate, too! And all shall be well.

Search Team: Grace Ferguson (chair), Barbara Bald, Kim Hamel, Kelsey Schroeder, David Wilkins



Pastoral Care Corner

Eve Goss is recovering from a fall in her house. Her mailing address is 57 Wentworth Hill Rd, Center Sandwich, NH 03227.

Bobbi Hoyt is feeling better after an apparent TIA last week. Her mailing address is 54 Long Sands Rd, Ctr Ossipee, NH 03814.

Flu and other respiratory illnesses are on the rise. A reminder that the tables in the entrance and on the 2nd floor landing have masks and hand sanitizers for your convenience. Frequent hand washing is also recommended.



Needlecrafts, Anyone?

Who would like to knit a prayer shawl? It will keep you warm this winter! Who has thought of learning to knit? Well, this is the time! The UUFES hope chest of prayer shawls and lap robes is getting low, and right now, today, several UUFESians would surely appreciate a gift of warmth and comfort.

Kristen Porter just put the final touches on a pastel prayer shawl and Eleanor Jenkins and Karen Papetti have projects in the works. To serve dear friends in our faith community, a few more knitters would help bolster our supply. Meditative to make and heartwarming to give, they are deeply appreciated.

This Sunday, Eleanor will bring in yarn for those interested in knitting - the need is real! She is happy to teach anyone to knit at your home or at UUFES, on our own or with a group. Now wouldn't that be fun to do!



Janice in her prayer shawl.



Every UUFES group and every UUFES ministry is cis, trans, and non-binary inclusive. All are warmly welcome!



Book Group - Mondays at 10 in the Library

Zoom option: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/104432872>

Jan. 27: *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver

Feb. 24: *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

On other Mondays, the group discusses what arises – drop-ins welcome.



Tamworth Meditation Group - Tues/Thurs 4:30 in the Sanctuary

Co-sponsored by UUFES & the Tamworth Community Nurse Association

Poetry Group - Tuesday at 4 (Zoom)

<https://uuma.zoom.us/s/5022081578>

All are welcome every Tuesday to consider a poet's work. Next week, however, the Group will be planning its 1/26 Poetry Service. Mark your calendar!



Men's Group - 3rd Wed, 2-4 p.m. Upcoming January 15

We will discuss the longstanding theme, "This I Believe," for its own sake and in preparation for a Sunday service that the Men's Group will lead sometime in the new year. Zoom link and other details to be sent by email.

Men's Group always welcomes transgender, nonbinary, and cisgender persons.



Women's Lunch Group (cis, trans, non-binary inclusive)
1st Thursday, 12 noon - UUFES Library unless otherwise noted

Christmas Eve in Tibet



Rehearsing

A note of appreciation to everyone who made our Christmas Eve service happen. Last year, we publicized a "multicultural" Christmas Eve, just weeks after the Hamas attack on Israel, and it drew a crowd. In the spirit of again broadening understandings and shining light on other parts of the world, Marion and Rev. Betsy decided to create another multicultural service - set in Tibet with a Buddhist flavor: "The Lotus Opens." Again, the sanctuary filled up.

Multi-talented Danielle created the prayer flags that continue to fly. Kim, Sharon, the Prillamans, and Marion strung white lights across the room. The cast of "UUFES players" brought to life refugees and monks of all ages, and Shana's ensemble from near and far presented beautiful music. A special thank you to Richard Posner who reworked a full-length play about Tibet to produce a story for us to share this year. ([Read it here](#)). Thanks, all!

Watch the service:

<https://uuma.zoom.us/rec/share/c7FsRQnsQVEoZH8gYc5ZFDMhmpH5DpOloHQQontEdfDIH9FMrmFsMMXTcvSGd1jj.Ahl1NjohhVRiXTga?startTime=1735068654000>

Passcode: 8YhlujZ!





Willie Mork (1925 - 2020)

Remembering Willie

A celebration of Willie Mork's life will take place on Saturday, February 22, at 1:00 p.m., close to what would have been her 100th birthday, at the Village Players Theatre in Wolfeboro. Rev. Betsy will officiate.

Links to Recent Services

"The Important Things" - 1/5/25 remembering loved ones, what grounds us
<https://uuma.zoom.us/rec/share/cfdgpBUYuVY4YoVjTaMWuvGNq3uAGHp9M8QP-cYTB48qGpwURDcejJAvRMwHNpI.1kXB8mVxnPnqH7AM?startTime=1736085050000>

“Looking Ahead” - 12/29 a time of sharing

While we do not have a public link to this service for music copyright reasons, Rev. Betsy will gladly send you a link for your own use.



Warm thanks to Karen Papetti for her snowy photos.

*What catches your eye? Send 3 photos to Rev. B
for the Pouch & that week's service :-)*

Important Dates:

Stay tuned, and enjoy the crackling beauty of winter....

Rev. Betsy Tabor:

Email is preferred contact, and by all means call when in need. I'm in the office most Tuesdays if you would like to arrange a meeting.

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UUFES Office: Danielle works in the office two midweek afternoons. One morning/week, Becky Thompson manages bills, deposits, and payroll. Please send office business to Rev. Betsy/Barbara Lubin and Mail Pouch correspondence to Rev. Betsy.

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<https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com>

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