



The Mail Pouch

WORSHIP: Sunday at 10 a.m.



"The Promise of Seeds"

Stark November brings a bounty of seeds everywhere we look. Dried stalks, grass fronds, popped pods, pinecones, acorns, berries, and airborne fluff deliver a visible promise of life, hope, and beauty.

Dear UUfarians and UUnearians - Please collect seeds and bring them on Sunday: stems, pods, grasses, cones, nuts and berries welcome. Photos of seeds also appreciated! - Rev. Betsy.

Young People's Program with Marion and Alice Posner

For this week's Coffee Hour, the 3rd Sunday of the month, last names M-R are invited to bring refreshments. Thank you!

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

Special Collection THIS SUNDAY

Tamworth Community Christmas Project

For thirty years, TCCP has helped keep Tamworth kids warm, providing them with new coats and boots so they can be active and comfortable in the winter. With temperatures dropping, this is the perfect time for Donna Ulitz to visit again and educate us about the needs in our area.



TCCP's volunteer board identifies children in need, collects donations, and sends out a merry band of volunteer shoppers to buy warm clothing and small gifts to make for happy, cozy holidays for kids.

As always, please donate in person this Sunday 11/17. Or directly online <https://tamworthchristmas.org/donate-now/> or by check: TCCP, PO Box 230, Chocorua, NH 03817. Thank you!

Ministerial Search Update

The Search Team continues to create the documents to be filed with the UUA by the end of the month. Thank you again for your input.

- Grace Ferguson, on behalf of the Search Team

Trans Day of Remembrance (TDOR)

The annual Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) takes place next Wednesday, November 20. TDOR honors the memory of transgender people who died in acts of anti-transgender violence. This day also serves to advocate for transgender people's rights, educate communities, as well as focus on the many struggles transgender people face due to discrimination and violence.

Transgender activist Gwendolyn Ann Smith began TDOR in 1999 to honor the

memory of Rita Hester, a trans woman brutally murdered in her home in 1998. Today, TDOR commemorates all transgender people lost to violence since then. The past few years have been especially deadly for transgender people.

“In spite of our progress strengthening civil rights for LGBTQI+ Americans, too many transgender people still live in fear and face systemic barriers to freedom and equality. To ensure that our government protects the civil rights of transgender Americans, I charged my team with coordinating across the federal government to address the epidemic of violence and advance equality for transgender people.” - President Joe Biden November 20, 2021

This year the Human Rights Campaign reports that twenty-seven transgender and gender-expansive people have been murdered as of the writing of this article. Take a few minutes to read about these individuals here:

<https://www.hrc.org/resources/fatal-violence-against-the-transgender-and-gender-expansive-community-in-2024>.

Celebrating Nancy Byrd

Over a hundred family members and friends - in person and on Zoom - celebrated Nancy Byrd this past Sunday with stories of her life and beautiful music.

If you would like to view the service, please contact Rev. Betsy for a link to the Zoom recording. (For music copyright reasons, the link is not published.) Order of Service **here**.

Pastoral Care Corner

Dick Byrd's mailing address is 10 White Pine Circle, Wolfeboro, NY 03894.



The family of **Harlene Richardson** looks forward to a gathering in her honor in the spring. Harlene died Nov. 1. Harlene's daughter is Heidi Engman, Box 80 Chocorua, NH 03817. Ellen and Willie Farnum (Harlene's former son-in-law) live at 1854 Great Hill Road, Tamworth, NH 03886.





The Holiday Fair!

December 7, from 10-3

It's that wonderful time of year again with early frosts and the promise of lovely blankets of white to follow. Time with family and friends sharing mugs of steaming hot chocolate while the smell of freshly baked cookies and pies wafts through our kitchens. Please join in for our annual **Holiday Fair!**

- Hope will head up the famous "**Cookie Walk\Bake Sale**" stocked with delicious family favorite recipes.
- Several booths of crafters will offer lovely items for gift giving.
- David Wilkins and Pamela Ambrose will set up tables of festive holiday decor and clothing to brighten the holiday. The crew of UUSED will open for the day to join in the fun.

We would appreciate donations of: holiday decor, clothing, linens, "present worthy" items (new or in excellent shape), toys, childrens' books, and ornaments.

UUSED will be open to receive **non-food donations** in the cloakroom Friday 11/22 and Saturday 11/23 from 10-2 and on Sundays 11/24 and 12/1 after the service.

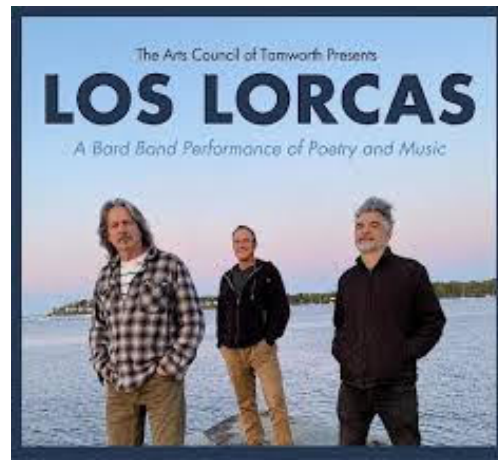
Please contact Pamela Ambrose (Holiday Fair) or Hope Hutchinson (Cookie Walk\Bake Sale) with questions.

☐☐☐Don't miss this fun and festive event to kick off your holiday season .

Los Lorcas at UUFES TOMORROW!

Nov. 15, 7-9 p.m.

In the spirit of Federico Garcia Lorca (1898-1936) – musician, legendary poet/playwright and ebullient performer – poets Partridge Boswell and Peter Money and guitarist Nat Williams fuse poetry and music in a passionate, surprising mash-up. Los Lorcas blur boundaries between spoken word and song, weaving poetry with Andalusian ballads, blues, rock, folk, reggae, hip hop, Americana and jazz in pursuit of the *cante jondo* (deep song) Lorca ardently championed.



Free Entry - Sponsored by the Arts Council of Tamworth



Please Don't Be Alarmed!

Fellowship Sunday, November 24

Seeking 2 soup-makers and some potluck desserts

At our annual Thanksgiving service, UUFES has a tradition of setting a table for the occasion. This year, we will have an additional exciting feature – a Fire Drill!

Following the service, we will gather for a luncheon of soup and bread.



Thanksgiving Service 2023

Gratitude Service

Thanksgiving Weekend

Rev. Betsy is off the weekend after Thanksgiving and the weekend after Christmas.

- Who will help create a lay-led service about gratitude on December 1?
- Who would like to co-create a New Year's service?



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>

Nov. 25: *A Man's Place* by Annie Ernaux

Jan. 6: *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* by Mark Twain

Jan. 27: *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver

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

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

"To a little more than half of us, the outcome of our choices was what we expected and we can now let the experience go as we move about our day-to-day. For the rest, who did exactly the same thing, we ended with different results." Read Breathing Room Issue #70 [here](#).

Co-sponsored by UUFES & the Tamworth Community Nurse Association

Poetry Group - Tuesday at 4 (Zoom)

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

All are welcome every Tuesday to consider a poet's work. Next week we'll read "Weaving," a powerful poem by 19c poet Lucy Larcom:

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/55895/weaving>. Thanks to Sam Perry for this suggestion. To receive a reminder Tuesday morning, please contact David Wilkins.

Men's Group - 3rd Wed, 2-4 p.m. NOVEMBER 20

The Men's Group will next meet at Dick Byrd's house with a Zoom option.

Topic: The state of the nation and New Hampshire. The 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 :-)



Thanks to Kim Hamel for her fall images

Seeking: Bright Loaner Quilt

Please contact Rev. Betsy if you have access to a brightly colored quilt to display on the east end of the room for a few months. And thank you to Betsy Ginsberg for lending UUFES this gorgeous art quilt made by her cousin Patricia Bailey, now at the west end of the sanctuary, .



[Links to Recent Services](#)

"Taking Stock" - 11/10 about centering love after last week's election

https://uuma.zoom.us/rec/share/QtyOYdUgIX_X3YyQZ-yYoc8uXytgjkhlSgQ7eLeYDH-3kwvnbUykJtvX198cgjrtK.kzBj5-g-iISx3lTU?startTime=1731247254000

Passcode: 3QU&AeM5

"The Long View" - 11/3 about national angst over the years

<https://uuma.zoom.us/rec/share/3L6LB1G5VXS3EfmUy4FVJLFrVxAj78uVP64YnztKDHWceUWRHI6bOvaBTohnCBEg.7VDJGVbhOM2y2quh?startTime=1730641982000>

Passcode: b2\$CV6eh

Important Dates:

TOMORROW, Fri November 15: UUFES hosts Los Lorcas 7 p.m.

Fri & Sat, November 22-23: Holiday Fair non-food donations (cloakroom)

Sunday, November 24: Fellowship Sunday

- Our annual Thanksgiving Service will include a Fire Drill
- Then a Soup & Bread Lunch
- Needed: TWO soup-makers and some pot-luck desserts
- Holiday Fair non-food donations drop-off (cloakroom)

Saturday, December 7: Cookie Walk\Bake Sale and Holiday Fair 10-3

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.

Email: revbetsytabor@gmail.com

Cell: 603-431-6693

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.

Using the Online Directory

If your email address is in the UUFES directory, you can access the directory online. Log in as an InstantChurch

member: <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com>

Office 603-323-8585

UUFES WEBSITE LINK: www.uufesnh.com





Try email marketing for free today!