

KUFLinks



Kingston Unitarian Fellowship

May 2022

Sunday Services at KUF

We gather together in person every Sunday at 10:30am ET. Visitors are also welcome to join us virtually via this link: <https://bit.ly/KUFSundays21-22>.

For more information and current details about upcoming Sunday services please visit our website and our social media pages, or contact the KUF Office by email at office [at] kuf [dot] ca and get subscribed to our weekly MiniLinks e-mail newsletter update.

If you would like more information about KUF, Unitarian Universalism, or if you have any issues accessing our Sunday gatherings you can also reach out to us by email at office [at] kuf [dot] ca.



What if beauty isn't something we encounter but something we become?

Welcome to the month of Nurturing Beauty



Connecting: Exploring This Month's Theme

Welcome to Nurturing Beauty

Beauty.
We appreciate it.
How could we not?
We wonder at it.
Get absorbed in it.
Analyze it, if it's got a frame around it.
We make it.
Grow it.

Point at it.
Collect it.
Share it.
Save it.

But how often do we listen to it?

How often do we ask, "What is it trying to get me to hear?"
Rather than, "Do I like it or not?"

It's just so hard to step outside our mangled view of the world that sees everything in the light of consumption.
Not everything is here for our possession.
Not everything is here to entertain us.

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Not everything is meant to be put to use, even you.

We must find our way back, to those questions that were once alive but now are buried deep: “What if beauty is here to make us wise?” “What if beauty is the way the sacred speaks?”

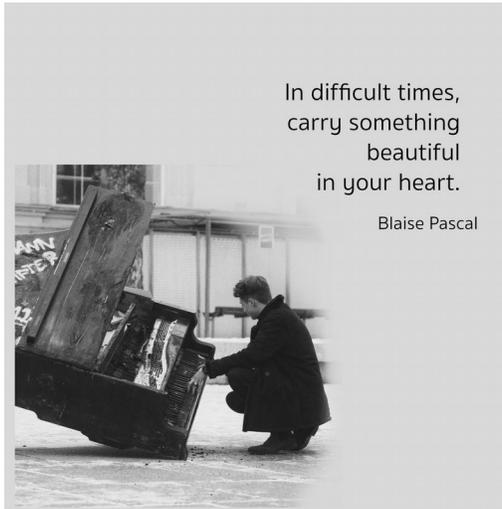
Yes! Yes! It does so much more than decorate. It demands. It calls. It asks for commitment. It doesn't just say “Love and appreciate me.” It says “Protect me! Fight for me!” It steps out in front of us and points to a precious world that needs our help. It paints a picture of new ways of living and declares, “Follow me there!”

It says, “Even in hell holes I find a way to grow.” It sings, “This world was made for more than work.” It whispers, “Use me to heal.”

It pleads, “Nurture a new relationship with me. One that allows me to talk!”

So, what is it saying to you?

(From the 2022 Soul Matters materials on the theme Awakening.)



Notes from the KUF Board of Directors – April 2022

At the monthly meeting, held on the first Wednesday, the Board thanked all those involved in Sunday services, who keep being flexible and patient, as well as thanking all those who contributed to the capital roof campaign and the Board members for calling.

As you know, an alternative roof repair has been suggested and will be implemented requiring a lot less funds. The funds will be held for future roof repairs or if the alternative repair doesn't work.

The Board continues to monitor the pandemic requirements and has determined to continue masking for our events, like Sunday services.

Visioning continues with great involvement with the congregation. The Board

plans to look at all the data and make a determination in the autumn for a forward plan based on the visioning. The building options discussions will continue at this time and the Board will call the vote at an appropriate time, moving forward based on the result.

The Board has approved a pilot project to have co-presidents for the next year to allow for sharing of the duties. The nomination committee will work on this basis. The slate will be presented at the AGM for the congregation to approve.

The following are some other items that you may be interested in:

- No delegates for the virtual CUC AGM stepped forward
- The constitutional review team of Joe Pater, Frances Koziar, and Cindy Dunning put forward their recommendations for motions to be brought to the congregation at the AGM, which the Board approved. Further recommendations will be discussed at the May Board meeting

- A new gift policy was adopted which states:
 - Spending of funds is confined to board approved programs and projects. Each contribution directed toward an approved program or project will be used as restricted with the understanding that when the need for such a program or project has been met, or cannot be completed for any reason as determined by the board, the remaining contributions will be used where most needed.

- KUF has been confirmed as a 6th Principle recipient based on holding a UN Sunday services plus making donations to the UU@UN office

If you have any comments or questions, please reach out and ask a Board member.

Cindy Dunning,
President of the KUF Board

Share Your Vision for KUF!

Visioning is defined as developing a plan for the future. Visioning is more than wishing and dreaming because it is a plan of action.

From February to May, the KUF Board will be leading the visioning process by looking backwards at our roots, looking at the present for our current existence, and then developing a plan for the dream of the future.

KUF Visioning has 3 parts:

- 1) Individual visioning – the Board asks each of you to vision for KUF using the workbook (which can be found by clicking here). Whether you have been here for 3 months or 30 years, you each have something to offer and dream for KUF.
- 2) Visioning Mini blocks – these are 10 minute blocks that will occur throughout the visioning months.
- 3) Visioning discussions – these are hour long discussions after service spread over the visioning months.

You are invited to participate in all or part of this visioning! If you cannot attend, please share your thoughts and ideas with Cindy Dunning. The Board will take the visioning results, develop a plan, and use it to take action to build, grow, and govern KUF.

Visioning Dates:

May 8 - Visioning mini – how to explain us to others

Visioning discussion – who are we?

KUF Publications

KUFLinks: The monthly newsletter. Please send submissions by the 20th of the month. It is usually published on or about the last Sunday of the month. Send submissions to news@kuf.ca. Past issues of KUFLinks can be found on the KUF website, <http://www.kuf.ca>, by clicking on the “News” tab, and then the “Newsletter” page.

MiniLinks: A weekly reminder of upcoming events sent out by e-mail every Thursday as a supplement to the monthly KUFLinks. Send submissions to news@kuf.ca.

Website: www.kuf.ca. To comment on website content, send an e-mail to news@kuf.ca.

Facebook: Be sure to share postings of interest with your friends: www.facebook.com/KingstonUnitarianFellowship
www.facebook.com/KingstonUnitarianFellowshipChildrenRE

Calendar: We constantly update the KUF calendar. For the most up-to-date snapshot of what’s coming up at KUF, please go to the “News” tab at <http://www.kuf.ca> and click on the “Calendar” page.

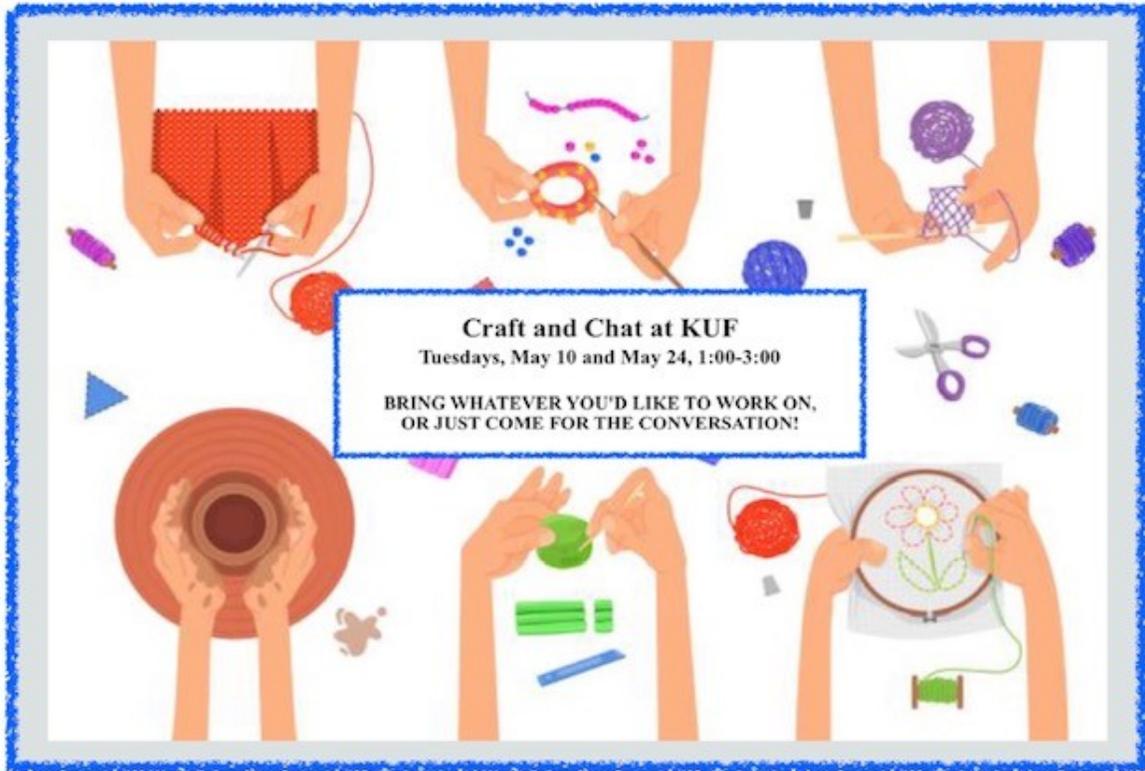
If you use Google Calendar, you can also view KUF events on your own calendar. Check the instructions on the “Calendar” page on the KUF website.

KUF Admin Office: There are currently no in-person gatherings scheduled at Unitarian Place, and the Admin Office here at KUF currently remains closed for in person meetings and appointments to help limit the risk of spreading COVID-19 in Kingston and the KUF community.

However, Office Administrator Sean Fenlon is still available via e-mail during this time of suspended in-person services and meetings. Administrative comments and queries, as well as any questions about what's going on in the KUF community and how to stay connected in these trying times, can be sent to office@kuf.ca

Lay Chaplains: Please refer our lay chaplains to your family and friends for weddings, memorials, and child namings.

For more information please go to the "Weddings" tab at <http://www.kuf.ca> or go to <https://www.kingstonweddingofficiant.com>



Craft and Chat at KUF
Tuesdays, May 10 and May 24, 1:00-3:00
**BRING WHATEVER YOU'D LIKE TO WORK ON,
OR JUST COME FOR THE CONVERSATION!**

CHILD HAVEN INTERNATIONAL

KUF'S BENEFIT FOR LOCALLY RUN CHILDREN'S HOMES
IN INDIA, BANGLADESH, NEPAL AND TIBET IN CHINA



6:00 SAT., JUNE 25, '22
ROYAL KINGSTON CURLING CLUB, 130 DAYS RD.

LIVE
JAZZ

LIVE
AND
SILENT
AUCTIONS

CASH
BAR!
DELICIOUS
CHAI!

FANTASTIC
AUTHENTIC
INDIAN
SUPPER

BOLLYWOOD
DANCE
LESSONS TO
JOIN OR JUST
WATCH

BRING A FRIEND!
NEW ATTENDEES' DRAW
FOR A KINGSTON GIFT
CERTIFICATE!

TICKETS

AVAILABLE FROM:

OR

OR

\$40 (CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER FREE)

NOVEL IDEA, 56 PRINCESS ST.

WWW.CHILDHAVEN.CA

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Board of Directors 2021-2022 Committees and Board Liaisons

Role	Director	Liaison
President	Cindy Dunning	Shared Ministry/Lifespan Learning – Youth & OWL
Vice President	David Wendt	Buidling Facilities
Secretary	Sandra Woodhouse	Sunday Services
Treasurer	Victoria Vincent	Finance
Directors at Large	Audrey Foster	Membership
	Susan Howlett	Interfaith
	Kim Irvine-Albano	Lay Chaplains
	Kathryn Morrissey	Lifespan Learning – Children
	Mara Shaw	Social Justice

(For e-mail addresses and phone numbers see KUF Directory.)

*Working with a committee is a great way to get to know each other better – working with other Unitarians helps us to practice our principles in a safe space and learn from each other.
(See "Serving with Grace" Eric Walker Wikstrom" Chapter one "The Spirituality of Service")*