



Sermons for December

December 4 (10:30 am at 214 Concession) "Goodbye, Farewell, May Inspiration Continue"

Rev. Kathy Sage, Service Weaver John Horwood

We've accumulated a lot of memories in our 12+ years at 214 Concession. Bring your memories as we hear from each group in RE, the many ongoing groups that breathe life into our study, caring, and commitment as KUF.

Sr Youth Fundraising Lunch (in support of Spring UU-UNO Spring Seminar trip)

RE Bake-Sale in support of all youth for the all KUF Winter Ski trip (Feb 4-5)

December 11 "The First Sunday of the Rest of Your Life"
Rev. Kathy Sage and KUF Service Weavers

If all goes as planned, this will be our first Sunday in our new home at 206 Concession. Come fill our new hall with singing, laughter, discovery, compassion, and our

excitement about the future as we bring our memories from our years at 214 Concession and our 57 years as Unitarians in Kingston to our new beginning.

World Religion DVD and discussion series in a new space

Please bring your mittens for the KUF mitten tree this week or the next – not to 214

Ski Trip Lunch fundraiser

December 18. Solstice Intergenerational Service: "All the Broken Pieces" KUF RE *The Snow Queen* by Hans Christian Anderson tells of a magic mirror that distorted good and reflected it as evil. This mirror shattered into millions of shards that blow in the wind and can sometimes find their way into people's eyes or hearts, causing them to see only ugliness and feel frozen. A cast from RE and adults will retell this story for today and help us discover the courage to remain fully **engaged**.

NEW member recognition during the service

Shared Lunch right after the service. Bring "finger food" for our festive shared lunch. We'll also celebrate December Birthdays

Amnesty Int'l Letter Writing

The Sr Youth group will have Gingerbread Houses for sale as a fundraiser for their Spring trip to NYC for the UU-UNO Spring seminar.

December 24 Unitarian Christmas Eve 6:00 pm - Rev. Kathy Sage

Our Christmas Eve service asks us to explore this silent night our deepest yearning with music and anticipation.

December 25 10:30 am "What Gift Would I Bring" Rev. Kathy S. Sage

Christmas Day dinner at the Hammonds

January 1, 2012 1:00pm. This is our Annual Interfaith Service. This year's theme is "Community".

January 8, 2012 from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm is the Helen and Arne Henrikson Outdoor day at the Little Catarauqui Outdoor Centre.

For more details on the special holiday services December 24th - January 8th, see page 4.

Anticipated move date to 206 Concession is December 5th. Watch for updates.

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Sage Musings

I love our Unitarian Christmas Eve service, which we end with singing *Silent Night*. We create a circle around our Hall and turn out the lights. From our Chalice we light one taper, and then as we sing *Silent Night*, each person stretches out their candle and passes on the light to the next. It is a quiet moment enjoyed by all ages. One line in that beautiful song says, "...shepherds quake at the sight". On Christmas Eve at 6 pm and Christmas Day at 10:30 am we'll probe the ancient story for glimpses of inspiration today.

Our theme this month is *Engagement*. Or, as the story of the Snow Maiden (see December 18) suggests, if your heart has been frozen, if you've been seduced by cynicism, if nothing moves you, why? And what would be worthy of your Engagement? On what issues might we as KUF want to expend our caring, our thinking, our efforts? We began a journey over a year ago when we discovered that 206 Concession was for sale. Did we think that we had a message as Unitarians that more people would want to experience – if we had more room for RE, more space to welcome newcomers to Services, and parking for day and evening meetings? Did we feel inspired enough to take on such a project? No one knew just what a huge project it would be – or we might have asked if anyone would have any energy left when we moved in to be engaged in efforts of social action, learning, and caring!

Even I have wondered these last couple of months where we were going to find reserves of time and energy to move in and get organized in our new home. When I read the thirty-five "headline ideas" that KUFers wrote in response to the Service on KUF and Social Transformation Sunday November 6, and when ideas and plans from RE and the Senior Youth were added to our December planning, I was relieved. Standing behind those who have been working so hard to prepare our new home are even more KUFers with enthusiasm and a desire to settle in and get involved. The 'headlines' suggesting ways that KUFers might work together to improve our community are posted on the doors across from the cloakroom. Add your interests, consider the issues that are important to you, and

in January we'll begin to sort through the ideas to see what we might consider for our common Engagement.

Let's take this theme of Engagement this month and exercise it in celebration, not only of the holidays, and of gaining access to our new building (assuming that we will get the occupancy permits from the city), but also by giving gifts of our time and resources to family, friends, community, and to KUF. A special thanks to those who have contributed in so many ways. I hope that everyone at KUF has a relaxing and wonderful holiday season.

As new walls appeared on the top floor of 206 in mid-November defining our new Hall, I dared to believe that the schedule for our first service on December 11 might have a touch of reality. Walls provide a place for the bright sunlight streaming in the windows on either side of our new Hall to reflect the sun and add a feeling of warmth and welcoming. It is easy to imagine music filling the space and children coming to the front for the Story for All Ages. A ramp outside the front of the building welcomes all, and the elevator inside will provide anyone with mobility challenges easy access to all KUF activities. We plan to keep a wheelchair at KUF for those who might bring a walker from the car and enjoy our own version of "wheelchair valet comfort". We have room to accommodate baby strollers as well. We plan as a part of our first service at 206 on December 11 to have our youngest members (babies and toddlers) and our Elders bring the "memories" that we will share on December 4. Let's fill the hall with KUFers of all ages. Come and join us in celebration of our new premises and the holiday season including the January 1 Interfaith Service at 1:00 pm. See you at KUF.

Rev. Kathy

Jan 1, 2012 1:00 pm

Annual Interfaith Service:
COMMUNITY is the theme
Invite friends and family

President's Report

Cindy Harvey

"The chief beauty about time is that you cannot waste it in advance. The next year, the next day, the next hour are lying ready for you, as perfect, as unspoiled, as if you had never wasted or misapplied a single moment in all your life. You can turn over a new leaf every hour if you choose."

Arnold Bennett, British Novelist

Time is an interesting entity. There is always more time available, and yet sometimes I feel that I don't have enough. Anyone who has done renovations understands that time is not quite linear. A promise made for that next year, the next day, the next hour doesn't consider who is waiting for its fulfillment and seems to be on a schedule of its own. The Kingston Unitarian Fellowship has used time this year to move from 214 to 206 Concession Street. After purchasing the property in the spring, the actual move will take place in early December. This is an amazing timeline, and other Canadian UU congregations are asking details about it. I am truly amazed with this adventure.

The Board and I, personally, would like to thank Betty-Anne Howard for her years of service to the KUF Board. Betty-Anne, for personal reasons, has stepped down from her position as Vice-President. However, she will still be around for special projects including an upcoming fundraiser. We wish her the best.

The November Board meeting was busy and productive. The following are the highlights. The full Board meeting minutes are posted at KUF for every member of the congregation to review.

- Dave Toupin will be the chair for the Alcohol policy sub-committee. Valerie Colgan has agreed to be a member. If you are interested in being on this committee, please speak to Dave
- Caroline Farrell has agreed to a 2-year term on the Committee on Ministry
- The new web page needs updating regularly. If anyone has articles or information that should be on the web, please contact Hans Boldt
- The main floor of 206 has been leased and the lease agreements will be signed soon
- WTC will provide communications and the alarm system for 206 Concession. Allan Hammond will be working out the details
- The elevator should be operational on or about Nov. 15
- The moving date from 214 to 206 Concession will be Monday, Dec. 5. The last service on Dec. 4 at 214 will be a minimalist service, since most items used during a regular service will be packed. Anne Coward will be coordinating the move
- Pushcar Janitorial Services will be cleaning 206 Concession
- We're still looking for snow-plowing services
- The Jan. 1 Interfaith service will have a special collection for the Community Garden Project through Loving Spoonful
- Dave Toupin, as nominating chair, will be seeking a new Vice-President for the current year

The month of December is a great time for cocooning and being warmed within as the temperature drops outside. We will once again find our home at KUF as part of a wonderful caring community, just in a new space. Please come, explore and build new memories at 206 Concession.



Salutations from RE!

Shawn Cox

Greetings to everyone interested in the goings-on of our RE Youth. It's time for us to focus on the youth's part in the inter-generational service on December 18. We will be adapting and performing Hans Christian Anderson's "The Snow Queen". This play is going to require a lot of practice, so please do your best to come to church on time and as often as possible.

The move down the street is right around the corner. Moving is sometimes bittersweet. The memories that are made in one location feel sometimes like they're tied to that spot. We are going to be putting together memories to share and bring to the new building.

Our Annual Helen and Arne Henrikson Outdoor Day!

January 8, 2012, from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm

This year our annual celebration of winter will again take place at the Little Cataraqui Conservation Area Outdoor Centre off Division Street. On Sunday, January 8, the last day before the children return to school, our room at the Centre will be available to us from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm. (**Please note:** this is a time change from last year.)

You are welcome to stay for the afternoon to take part in the outdoor activities. Weather permitting, cross country skiing, hiking and skating will all be possible, so bring the appropriate equipment. If you prefer to stay warm inside, hot water for hot chocolate, coffee or tea will be available.

This is a potluck lunch, so also bring food to share, as well as your own plates, cups and utensils. Lunch will be served between 11:30 am and 1:00 pm. Electrical plugs will be available to plug in crock pots for hot dishes.

- **Another note:** There will be no Sunday Service or Religious Education at KUF on this day.

Sunday Sermons, Continued

December 24 Unitarian Christmas Eve 6:00 pm - Rev. Kathy Sage

We begin our annual Christmas Eve service in darkness, and we end in a circle around our new Unitarian Hall as one by one we light our candle from the light held out by another while we sing *Silent Night*. How could a baby cause "...shepherds to quake at the sight", as the words of that familiar song reveal?

December 25 10:30 am "What Gift Would I Bring" Rev. Kathy S. Sage

Wear your most comfortable clothes, bring a mug of coffee or hot chocolate; and a brunch treat to share as we create an informal circle around a "modern-day crèche of human dignity" and explore what gift of **ENGAGEMENT** we wish to bring to the "human dignity for all" that has been struggling mightily to be born for eons. Yes, I know it is Christmas morning - you'll be glad that you came to KUF! RE activities for the youngest, but Jr and Sr Youth are encouraged to participate. Visiting friends and family welcome.

A holiday tradition at KUF is Christmas Day dinner at the Hammonds. This year the dinner is at 4 pm. If you would like to attend, please indicate what you will bring on the sign-up sheet at KUF or contact Allan or Elaine.

January 1, 2012 1:00pm. This is our Annual Interfaith Service. The theme this year is "Community". Please come and hear perspectives on this theme from members of various faith communities in our area. The offering will go to Community Gardens via Loving Spoonful and the nearby Oak Street Garden.

January 8, 2012 from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm is the Helen and Arne Henrikson Outdoor day at the Little Cataraqui Outdoor Centre. Bring food and cutlery for the potluck planned from noon – 1:00 pm. Plan to stay on for outdoor activities the rest of the day. No service will be held at KUF on this day.

Soul Matters

Kim Irvine-Albano

December's theme is "engagement". Maybe the most important question is simply: Are you engaged? Does at least one thing in your life have your passion? Your full attention? We currently have four groups meeting to discuss how these monthly themes connect with us personally, and we are looking to start a fifth group. If meeting in a small group to discuss the monthly themes is for you, contact Kim by phone or at kimirvinealbano@bell.net.

The meeting times in December will shift because of the December holiday schedule. The facilitators have yet to talk about this but will be contacting their group members to keep them informed of the correct meeting times. The times will not be published in the calendar this month, since they may be incorrect.

Soul Matters Group Forming in Belleville

Paula Marentette

A "Soul Matters" group is starting in Belleville to give those of us who don't live near Kingston the opportunity to become involved in this Adult RE offering. We will be meeting once a month and will be following the same theme as the groups meeting in Kingston.

The Belleville sessions will be held the first Monday of each month from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Prince William Apartments on Herchimer Avenue just north of Dundas Street (the building is easily recognizable by the solar panels on the roof – how UU!).

Thanks to KUF friend Linda Sheppard for agreeing to facilitate the sessions and for publicizing the program in the Belleville and Trenton areas.

If you would like more information about the Belleville group, please contact Paula Marentette at pmarentette@cogeco.ca or Linda Sheppard at lfsheppard@cogeco.ca. Rev. Kathy Sage also would be happy to answer your questions.

Open Circle Too

Anne Graham

Open Circle Too will take place the second Thursday of every month in the KUF main hall from 2 to 4 pm.

Our choice for our next read is "A Complicated Kindness" by Miriam Toews. Canadian writer Sarah McIntyre reviewed this book and has this to say about it:

"I think readers who are confident they know everything about God already and have set answers to life's questions will struggle with this book and find it irreverent. But I think other readers will be inspired by Nomi's quest in faith to find acceptance, forgiveness, joy and a love which extends beyond tidy definitions."

If you would like to join us please contact me, Anne Graham, by phone, by email at annegenator@gmail.com, or send me a note at home.

Yours, loving and living in the moment,
Anne.

Sacred Circle Dance

Judith Hazlett

There will be no Sacred Circle Dance until further notice. If you wish to have your name on the list to be notified of future dances, please call Judith Hazlett (see directory).

Caring Connection

The Caring Connection Dispatcher for December is Ann Copland. She can also be reached by phone or at coplanda@kingston.net.

Call for support from the KUF Caring Community. Do you know of someone who is ill or in hospital? Please let us know, as we would like to send a card.

Child Haven international 2012 – Save the Date!

Mary Ann Higgs

We're gearing up for Child Haven 2012 in Kingston. This is our annual fundraiser for Child Haven International and the work they do in homes for destitute children in India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Tibet.

This year, our event will take place on the evening of Saturday, March 31, 2012 at Memorial Hall in Kingston City Hall. Fred and Bonnie Cappuccino will be with us to update us on their work. They also will bring goods from the areas in which their homes are located that can be purchased at a bazaar table by silent and live auction. Of course, there will be great food and entertainment!! So mark your calendars and consider which neighbours and friends you'll invite to join you.

For more information about this wonderful organization, go to www.childhaven.ca. To view the 2-part CTV W5 program about Child Haven that aired in April of 2011, go to <http://www.ctv.ca/CTVNews/WFive/20110401/w5-childrens-champions-110402>. It also can be found at [ctv.ca](http://www.ctv.ca) by searching for "Child Haven".

Anyone who would like to be involved in the fun of planning and implementing this event can contact Mary Ann Higgs at mhiggs@bellnet.ca or by phone.

Mitten Tree

Sarah Adams

KUF will once again be having a Mitten Tree as part of our Holiday caring for the Kingston community. We invite all members and friends of the fellowship to bring in NEW mittens, hats, scarves, and socks to "decorate" the tree on December 11 in our new building. Please bring in NEW items only - these are gifts that will be donated to the Salvation Army for distribution. Please have your contributions on our tree by

- December 18 to be sent to needy families in time
- for Christmas.

Thank You, Laura Burget!

Elaine Harvey, KUF Envoy to the UU-UNO

Laura Burget has served as KUF's UU-UNO Youth Envoy for two years, starting in September of 2009. As Youth Envoy, she helped to coordinate KUF's youth as they participated in various UN activities. These activities include assisting at the 2009 UN Sunday, organizing a Youth-led UN Sunday in the fall of 2010, and attending the annual UU-UNO Intergenerational Seminar in April 2010. She also contributed to articles that have appeared in KUFLinks. Laura's efforts as Youth Envoy, along with the guidance and support of KUF's Youth Advisor, Emily Cummins-Woods, are very much appreciated.

Laura is now a first-year student in engineering at the University of Toronto. We wish this talented young woman our very best wishes in the pursuit of her studies and future endeavours.

Contributions of KUF members to Our United Nations Office Gratefully Received

Elaine Harvey, KUF Envoy to the UU-UNO

On UN Sunday, October 16, KUF Members contributed a total of \$585.00 to the Canadian Unitarian Council for the work of the UU United Nations Office. This is a strong statement in support of the new role that the CUC will be playing in coordinating Canadian UUs commitment to our United Nations Office. It will give Canadian UUs a greater and unique presence at the UN. Thank you, KUF members, for celebrating this new relationship with your generous support.

If you have not yet donated, you may do so on-line at <http://www.cuc.ca>. Select "Donate Now" in the left column and then under "Fund Designation" select "UU-UNO". You also can send a cheque to the Canadian Unitarian Council at 100 - 344 Dupont St., Toronto, ON, M5R 1V9. Indicate "For UN work" on the memo line.

Supporting our UU-UNO is affirming the UU goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all.

Annual Welcoming Ceremony for New Members

Sarah Adams

As part of our regular Sunday service on December 18, we will have our annual ceremony at which our newest members of the congregation will be formally introduced and asked to sign the register book.

Although membership is welcomed any time during the year, this is the one service at which we formally acknowledge this joining. If you are thinking of joining our congregation and adding your name to our voters' list, please put in your Membership Application prior to December 6, the date of the KUF Board Meeting. All potential candidates for membership must be voted in by the Board before they officially become members.

Your application can be given to Rev. Kathy Sage, our President Cindy Harvey, or to Sarah Adams, the Chair of our Membership and Caring Committee. Rev. Kathy Sage at kufmin@kingston.net or Sarah Adams at sadams@cogeco.ca would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Canvass Campaign 2012 Living our Mission – How Then Shall We Give?

Anne Coward

December arrives with Beth Pater and Anne Coward, Canvass co-chairs, busy collecting and organizing all the valuable comments we received during our Annual Fall Canvass. Thank you to all members and friends of KUF who contributed time, financial support, energy, caring and their opinions to make our Canvass such a success. We greatly appreciate your contributions and we'll be reporting in January on the views expressed and the comments received. A summary of the comments will then go to the relevant committees to discuss how they could incorporate the ideas and suggestions received. A special thank you goes to the canvassers, who so generously gave of their time and good will.

Home Ownership at 206 Concession

by Allan Hammond

When you finalize the purchase of a house, you own it - in a way. But real ownership comes later, after you've put up the curtains, rearranged the furniture a few times, repainted, had friends for dinner, planned improvements, and achieved a comfortable feeling that you are part of it. With KUF and 206, we are really just beginning the process of making it our home; however, more than a dozen of us made a start at it on Saturday Nov. 5.

The work was not glamorous: trimming overhanging trees, pulling weeds at the edges of the parking lot, raking leaves; and inside the building, cleaning chairs left by DigiGraphics, and moving those chairs and other things out of the way of workers doing the final steps in plumbing and dry-walling. But at the end of the job, and after a nice lunch provided by other generous volunteers, I believe all of us went away with a feeling of satisfaction. We now appreciate the size of the parking lot, we see where the neighbours are, we understand where the various spaces in the building are, and we see the potential the new space has for KUF. The feeling of doing in addition to thinking and talking about the building and what had to be done contributed immensely to the feeling of satisfaction of the work. I'm sure that in the months that follow all members of the congregation will participate in activities that develop a similar sense of satisfaction as our sense of ownership of 206 grows.

Take a walk or drive through the parking lot - perhaps some of you already park there - and notice the clean parking lot, the canopy and the sign by the door on the west side of the building near the back. 206 is becoming our new home.



December 2011

Reverend Kathy Sage has office hours but can also be contacted for appointments:
613-544-8777 or kufmin@kingston.net

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 am VV Rehearsal 10:30am Sunday Service & RE 2pm Quakers 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Behind the Headlines 	29	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30pm Rental 	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12pm Rev Kathy's office hours 2pm M&C Cmte space reserved 	2	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9-1 Rentall (downstairs) 2-4 RE Cookie decorating at Burgets
4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 am VV Rehearsal 10:30am Sunday Service & RE 12pm Cheese Orders Due 2pm Quakers 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7-9 pm Soul Matters Belleville 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm KUF Board K1 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30pm Rental 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12pm Rev Kathy's office hours 2pm Book Group 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:30pm Writers Group 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9-1 Rentall (downstairs)
11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 am VV Rehearsal 10:30am Sunday Service & RE 12pm Cheese Delivery 12pm World Religions 2pm Quakers 	12	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2pm Cmte on Ministry (OS) 6-8pm Facilitatory meeting Soul Matters 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4pm Sunday Services Cmte 5:30pm Rental 9pm KUFLinks Deadline 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12pm Rev Kathy's office hours 7:30pm Open Circle 	16	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9-1 Rentall (downstairs) 5-7pm Re Play Practice & Pizza at KUF 9am Turn of the Wheel OS
18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 am VV Rehearsal 10:30am Sunday Service & RE 12pm Shared Lunch & Birthdays Amnesty International letter-writing 2pm Quakers 	19	20	21	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12pm Rev Kathy's office hours 	23	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9-1 Rentall (downstairs) 6 pm Unitarian Xmas Eve Candle-light service
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12th Annual Kingston Interfaith
New Year's Day Service

You are cordially invited to join us to hear speakers of various
Faith Traditions share their thoughts and music on the theme -
Community

Sunday, January 1st, 2012

1:00 p.m.

at

The Kingston Unitarian Fellowship
206 Concession Street
Kingston

Join us for refreshments following the service and celebrate with
us our new building

Our new facility is at 206 Concession Street. There is a spacious parking lot in the back and an entrance door on the back west side. As well there is handicap parking in the front near the ramped entrance to the front door leading to the elevator inside. Later in the spring we will have a more formal community dedication of the new space, but we warmly invite you to this annual public event in our new home.