



**Monadnock Interfaith Project**  
*Building An Interfaith Coalition for Community Understanding and Social Justice*

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## December 2023

**Dear Friends,**

This is the time of year that many of our faith traditions celebrate with Advent and Kwanza candles, Hanukkah menorahs, and lights for Winter Solstice celebrations.

**In this eNewsletter you will find a look back at a year in the life of MIP interfaith activity, an invitation to make an end of year donation, special services coming this month, and more.**

We wish you and your loved ones, hope, joy, peace, and light in this season!

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### MIP's year of 2023 through photos



Building community at  
Lay Leader Gatherings



Celebrating together at the Interfaith Picnic  
in Congregation Ahavas Achim's sukkah.

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Exploring Nature & Spirit at Stonewall Farm



Guiding Councilors getting down to business at the MIP Annual Meeting



Sharing housing stories at [mipnh.org](http://mipnh.org)



MIP Faith Leaders in solidarity at Cohen Center's Kristallnacht Remembrance



Community Breakfast Teams cooking things up at Hundred Nights Shelter



Building understanding at the MIP interfaith Passover Seder



Singing together at every opportunity

The photos above illustrate the beloved community we have created together.

And, there is so much more MIP has done:

- Advocated for affordable housing at Keene city council and committee meetings.
- Worked closely with local bank and economic leaders to move a housing development fund forward.
- Sponsored a book discussion with the Covenant Living Community.
- Networked with various local congregations and social action groups.
- Strengthened our connection with the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and with the Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies.

MIP is truly a place where head, heart, and hands come together to make more good things happen in the Monadnock region.



**Now...  
we invite you to  
support MIP with an  
end-of-year donation!**

Donors are very important partners for fueling our collective work.

Together we build a strong community!

Contributions large or small make a difference.

Your tax deductible donation will enable MIP to thrive into the future.

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**Special services  
in this season  
of light and love...**



**Blue Christmas** - *For those experiencing grief and struggling with loss.*

Dec 13, 12pm, United Church of Christ in Keene, 23 Central Square

Dec 20, 7pm, St. James Episcopal Church, 44 West Street, Keene

**Menorah Lighting** - *In honor of the Jewish festival, Hanukkah.*

Dec 14, 5:30pm, Keene YMCA, 200 Summit Road, Keene

**Holiday Sing-along** - *Celebrating together in song. Donations of warm hats, scarves, and gloves are encouraged.*

Dec 16, 3pm, Keene Unitarian Universalist Church, 69 Washington St.

**Longest Night Remembrance** - *In memory of those who lost their lives while experiencing homelessness.*

Dec 21, 5:30pm, Location to be announced





## HUNDRED NIGHTS

*Reaching for the Warmth of Home*  
Cold Weather Shelter & Open Doors Resource Center

Providing shelter and crisis related services to those at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

Hundred Nights is looking for volunteers to help with weekend meals. They are seeing a significant increase in people coming in for dinner on the weekends and are now serving between 65-80 people. **Volunteers needed to help serve dinner in December 24 and 30.** Weekend dinner information can be found at this link: <https://hundrednightsinc.org/weekend-dinners/>.

You can always check the latest wishlist on the Hundred Nights website here: <https://hundrednightsinc.org/help-us/wish-list/>

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**In faith, hope, and love,**

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