



## Monadnock Interfaith Project

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

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### June 2024

What a wonderful day of celebrating the diversity of faith we had at our first Monadnock Faith Festival! This photo shows the enthusiasm of the festival's Pickup Choir making beautiful music with Dr. Lainee Ginsberg and Rev. Becky Poor. More photos below!



MIP has a vital impact on social justice and spirituality in our region. Read on for about opportunities to speak up for access to housing, work with people impacted by trauma, gather in prayer at the St. Francis Chapel, and volunteer at the Hundred Nights Shelter.

See below about how you can support this community growing in love and solidarity by giving generously to MIP during the NH Gives campaign!



### Housing Actions!

**1) Show up with MIP at the Keene City Council Budget Hearing, Thursday, June 6, 7pm** in support of Keene's contribution to the [Monadnock Housing Development Fund](#). Meet up at 6:50pm in City Hall first floor lobby, 3 Washington St. Meeting is on the second floor. Several MIP Housing Team members will be speaking in support!

**2) Visit the Housing display at the Keene Public Library, entitled: What do we imagine for future development in Keene?**

MIP worked with the Keene State College architecture program sophomore class to envision a mixed residential and commercial district along the Gilbo Avenue corridor in Keene.

Students created designs that would attract residents and visitors to this undeveloped area of Keene and enhance the existing character of the

city. See the 3-D models and posters results on display in the library atrium through June 17.



## MIP to participate in NH Gives June 11-12

NH Gives is a powerful, statewide, online fundraising event designed to connect donors with impactful organizations and generate excitement about the nonprofit sector.

We are grateful for the many ways people partner with MIP. Please save the date and be on the lookout for updates on how you can give.

## Trauma-Informed Service Workshop The Community Kitchen Friday, June 28 Lunch 11:30am/Program 12-2pm [Click here to RSVP](#)

MIP is partnering with The Community Kitchen (TCK) and Monadnock Family Services to offer a workshop for volunteers at TCK, Hundred Nights, and other places where we are likely to encounter people whose lives are impacted by past and/or ongoing trauma.

This session will be led by Anena Hansen of Trauma Responsive Monadnock. RSVP above or contact Jodi Newell, TCK Volunteer Coordinator, [jnewell@thecommunitykitchen.org](mailto:jnewell@thecommunitykitchen.org).

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO **GROW** AS A VOLUNTEER?



JOIN US FOR A WORKSHOP ON  
**TRAUMA-INFORMED SERVICE**

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

12-2PM

LUNCH AT 11:30AM (OPTIONAL)

@ THE COMMUNITY KITCHEN, 37 MECHANIC ST, KEENE

TO RSVP EMAIL [JNEWELL@THECOMMUNITYKITCHEN.ORG](mailto:jnewell@thecommunitykitchen.org) BY JUNE 21

PARTNERSHIP OF THE COMMUNITY KITCHEN, MONADNOCK INTERFAITH PROJECT & MONADNOCK  
FAMILY SERVICES



## Prayer of St. Francis

Sunday June 23, 1:30 - 4:00 pm  
Saint Francis Chapel  
Stone Pond, Marlborough, NH

The size of the chapel limits registration to 40, so sign up early. If you like to sit on the floor, please bring your own cushion. Chairs will also be available. Light snacks and drinks provided. Admission is free with donations gratefully accepted to defer costs. [Click here for tickets](#)

Four groups will offer their musical interpretation of the Prayer of Saint Francis, a widely known ecumenical prayer for peace.

- 1:30 Arrival
- 2:00 Opening
- 2:15 - 4:00 Recitation and Closing

This interfaith event is hosted by Abhai Raj and Gwir Llewellyn a Sikh couple living in Dublin, NH honoring all sincere spiritual practices and seeking to promote interfaith peace and understanding. Gwir's music is published under the name Sat Purkh; you can find her on Spotify or your other favorite streaming players.



# Love Your Neighbor Faith Festival Photo Album

Wonderful expressions of Buddhist, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Baha'i, and Hindu traditions were shared at our Love Your Neighbor Faith Festival.

There was singing, dancing, games, poems, prayer, crafts, wheel of kindness and canned goods donations, fellowship, and of course delicious food, to nurture the body, spirit, mind, and soul.

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the planning, made a presentation, provided a game, staffed a table, brought food, and all those who came in fellowship and love.









# HUNDRED NIGHTS

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

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

## **WEEKEND DINNERS:**

Our Weekend Dinner schedule for June and July open dates is as follows. Any support is appreciated and volunteering in our Kitchen is a wonderful opportunity for connection! Please respond to this email if your organization would like to sign up to provide a Weekend Dinner this summer!

June-8, 22, 29 & 30

We have several volunteer opportunities for those excited to engage with those at risk or experiencing homelessness. See below for more info!

## **Reception:**

For those who like to meet new people, and engage with others while being a Hundred Nights ambassador, Support our mission by greeting those from the community, answering the phone, and attending to daily mail. We're looking for (3) people M-W from 1-4 pm and (4) people on Thursday and Friday; from 9-12 pm and 1-4 pm. If this piques your interest, please email [rgadbois@hundrednightsinc.org](mailto:rgadbois@hundrednightsinc.org) to sign up!

## **Donation Room:**

We are blessed to receive generous "in-kind" donations of clothing, footwear, personal hygiene supplies, and more from our community. Our EIM Donation Room is available to ANYONE in the community and all items are FREE! If sorting, washing, and folding laundry is your "therapy", consider volunteering in our Donation Room! If helping people receive adequate clothing and basic supplies makes you feel good, our Donation Room is a great fit! We need (2) people on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday to cover any hours between 9-5! Email [rgadbois@hundrednightsinc.org](mailto:rgadbois@hundrednightsinc.org) to sign up!

## **Serving Meals:**

Dinners are served DAILY, from 5-6 pm, at Hundred Nights, Inc., in our Kingsbury Resource Center and Kitchen. If food is your "love language" and you enjoy providing and serving nourishing meals in a warm and grateful community, please consider signing up for a shift, from 4:30-6:30 pm. Email [rgadbois@hundrednightsinc.org](mailto:rgadbois@hundrednightsinc.org)!

And remember, you can always check for the latest needs on the website: [hundrednightsinc.org](http://hundrednightsinc.org).

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## **June Spiritual Holidays**

Visit [Interfaith Calendar 2024](#) for a detailed list.

### **June 12-13 – Shavuot**

Celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. Shavuot is the Hebrew word for "weeks," and the

holiday occurs seven weeks after Passover. Like many other Jewish holidays, Shavuot began as an ancient agricultural festival that marked the end of the spring barley harvest and the beginning of the summer wheat harvest.



### **June 14-19 – The Hajj**

One of the five pillars of Islam, each believer is called, at least once in their lives, to make the Hajj, the annual pilgrimage that starts and ends in the holy city of Mecca located in today's Saudi Arabia. The journey recreates Muhammad's own path as the native son returned to his tribal home as the leader of a vibrant new religion.

### **June 17-20 – Eid-al-Adha**

The Feast of Sacrifice, is a commemoration of Ibrahim's act of obedience and his willingness to follow God's command without question. Eid al-Adha is a big Muslim celebration. People dress in their finest garments, often having bought new clothes for the occasion, and meet with family and friends to celebrate together.

### **June 21 – Litha**

This Pagan and Wiccan festival is also known as Midsummer, the Summer Solstice. For modern day pagans, Litha is a day of inner power and brightness. This pivotal day gifts us with the longest stretch of daylight in the Northern Hemisphere, a vibrant celebration of fire and the sun, our essential source of life.

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