



Monadnock Interfaith Project

Building An Interfaith Coalition for Community Understanding and Social Justice

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MIP has a vital impact on social justice and spirituality in our region.

Read on about our progress offering training in trauma-informed service, participating in the Swamp Bats All Faith Night, promoting housing access, volunteering at Hundred Nights Shelter, and bringing a peace monument to Keene.



In case you missed it the first time...

The Trauma-Informed Training in June was highly successful!

Anena Hansen is now offering
an evening session

August 15, 6-8pm
Monadnock Family Services
40 Avon Street

This workshop is an introduction to the causes and impact of trauma with advice on how to self-regulate one's own response and work with others experiencing trauma.

[Click here to RSVP](#)

See more details below.

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



JOIN US FOR AN INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP ON
TRAUMA-INFORMED SERVICE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15 6-8PM

COMMUNITY ROOM, MONADNOCK FAMILY SERVICES

40 AVON ST, KEENE

FREE PARKING IN MAIN LOT TO LEFT OF BUILDING

LIGHT SNACKS SERVED

TO RSVP AND FOR INFO CONTACT: AHANSEN@MFS.ORG

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

**Swamp Bats Baseball
All Faith Night
Photo Gallery**



Lainee Ginsberg sings the national anthem.



Interfaith Pop-Up choir sings God Bless America during the 7th inning stretch.



Tom Julius and Roye Ginsberg welcome all to the MIP booth.



Thank you Rev. Becky for inspiring the painting of a beautiful "Love Your Neighbor" banner at the game.



Once more with feeling, the Interfaith Pop-up Choir belts it out of the park!

Housing Development Fund

Your advocacy has an impact!

First, the Keene City Council approved \$50,000 in the 2024-25 city budget for the [Monadnock Housing Development Fund](#). **Now, the Savings Bank of Walpole has pledged to invest in the fund. More investors are on the way!**



This tool will attract and incentivize smart, sustainable housing rehabilitation and development in the region. Stay tuned to hear about more investors who help grow the fund.

A big thank you to the Savings Bank of Walpole for supporting creative approaches to the housing crisis and to the city councilors for taking this step toward support for low to moderate income households!

Peace Monument proposal moves forward!

The Keene City Council voted in favor of the city staff to work with Peace Pole team to bring a peace monument to the city.

Carl Jacobs, the Rotary Club of Keene, the Elm City Rotary, and MIP all have collaborated to move this proposal forward. Stay tuned for updates.

For info on the Peace Monument contact: Carl Jacobs, carljac21@gmail.com



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

August open dates for weekend dinner prep are: August 10, 17, 18, 25, & 31
And remember, you can always check for the latest needs on the website: hundrednightsinc.org.

Join in on the fun at the Hundred Nights 2nd Annual Amazing Race fundraiser, on SEPTEMBER 14. Click [here](#) for all of the AMAZING RACE details!



August Spiritual Holidays

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



August 1 – Lughnasadh

This Gaelic festival and Irish holiday honors the first day of the harvest season. It occurs on the halfway point between the summer solstice and the fall equinox. Also known as Lughnasa.

August 13 – Tisha B'Av

This Jewish holiday is an annual fast day that remembers Jewish history and the destruction of Solomon's Temple and the Second Temple.

August 15 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This Catholic holy day celebrates the day Mary's body and soul ascended into heaven. Also known as Feast of the Assumption.

August 25 – Arbaeen

This day marks the end of the 40-day mourning period after Ashura for Shia Muslims. It marks the day that God delivered Israelites from the Egyptian Pharaoh by parting the Red Sea where they could safely cross.

August 26 – Krishna Janmashtami

This annual Hindu festival celebrates Krishna, a supreme God in the faith. This celebration includes the reading of religious texts, reenactments of his life, and

dance.

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