Our Principles

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

* The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
* Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
* Acceptance of one another and encouragement of spiritual growth in our congregations;
* A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
* The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
* The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
* Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Liberation

April Worship Services

(Sundays at 10 AM)

April 2 -- The True Sign of Intelligence -- It's not knowledge, it's imagination according to Einstein. Rev. Barnaby reflects on our spiritual quest to liberate our imaginations. This service includes our unique Mud commUUnion.

April 9 -- Remembering When We Were Slaves—Judaism's Passover calls for a unique moral and spiritual practice -- identifying with an ancient enslaved group of people liberated by an all-powerful God. Rev. Barnaby reflects on why modern UU's should make the effort by participating in our Apr. 10 Seder.

April 16 -- An End to Pain (an Easter Reflection) —This most Christian of all holidays is steeped in sacrifice and pain, so it remains an important UU holy day whether or not we believe the story it tells. Join us after service for our Third Sunday Congregational Conversation. See page 2.

April 23 -- Earth Day Service, lay-led, details to come....

April 30 -- No Struggle, No Progress—Rev. Barnaby considers whether Frederick Douglass' famous warning is always true. This service welcomes our new members.

SPRING FORTH! SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday Date Night, April 6 & 20

Passover Seder, Mon. April 10, 5:30 pm

Class & Race Conversations Workshop, Sat April 8

Bill Sessions on 1st Amendment, Thur. April 13, 7 pm

Blue Jeans Sunday, April 30

Green Burial, May 11, 7 pm

Rhubarb Festival, Sat. June 3

CVUUS volunteers of all types will be needed ahead of and on the day of the Festival – both to plan and then to participate the festivities. If you are willing to help make RF’2017 happen, please contact Mary Hadley (hadleyme@juno.com, home 382-8572, or cell 377-2270) to volunteer.
Words from Rev. Barnaby:

As I sit down to write this month's greeting to you, the joyfulness of our capital campaign celebration dinner is still fresh in my mind. I looked around the room at the tables at one point and thought to myself, “I'm really blessed to be sitting at this one...and I'd feel exactly the same way at every other one as well.” So many wonderful people in one place, all gathered to celebrate both what we have together and what we can become by building more love.

I hadn't seen so much joy since...since...hmmm, let me think,...since just a couple of days before that when I stumbled across the video clip of Olly that spread like wildfire across the Internet. In case you missed it, Olly is a Jack Russell terrier who competed recently in the rescue dog class of the skills competition at Crufts, the world's largest dog show. Olly burst from the starting gate into a classic face plant at the first jump, skidding and leaping back to his feat in a single motion, and then taking off on a highly personalized, high-speed race through the obstacle course. No one knew where he was going next, least of all his trainer dashing along behind him. But Olly was obviously having a blast and the television announcer was reduced to laughing so hard he could barely talk. Check out the video here if you haven't seen it, or if you just want to see it again: http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2017/03/13/519979168/watch-olly-the-terrier-face-plants-his-way-to-dog-show-glory.

Olly didn't just make me happy. He made me unreasonably happy and I've been thinking why that might be ever since. I know I'm on thin ice projecting emotions onto him. He looks ecstatic but is that what is really going on for him? Maybe I'm just projecting my own longing for ecstasy onto him. When I did a little research, I found an interview with the trainer saying that Olly frequently runs these courses flawlessly in practice. Put him in an arena with a crowd though and he never makes it all the way through without something distracting him.

There are probably lessons in there somewhere about the relationship between focus and joy – maybe they are like waves that often cancel each other out to some degree but lead to peak experiences when they are moving in harmony. One thing seems clear to me though when I think about April: it's a time of year when our Spirit says, “Make way for joy, even if you lose a little focus.”

Blessed be, Rev. Barnaby

Just came across this on Twitter... Mike Greenwood
Unitarian Universalist because
Love centered Justice focused Truth seeker takes even longer to say.

3rd Sunday Congregational Conversation
(Following worship service in the Sanctuary)

Join us after worship service each third Sunday of the month for a conversation about a topic of interest to congregants. On April 16 we will inquire again about what we believe, especially with regard to celebrating holidays, like Passover and Easter. In the last months we have talked about our role in social justice, our ground floor and relationship with money, the meaning of membership, and followed up on our classism workshop. Please join us any third Sunday, and let Council of Ministries’ Colleen Brown or Steve Maier know if there are future topics you would like to explore.
Spring Greetings from Your Membership Ministry

Our team of greeters has the privilege of welcoming visitors, friends, newcomers, and members, new and old. We also hope to foster connections among all these folks, especially those who have just begun to join our worship. When we all wear name tags, it’s easier for everyone. Thanks for remembering to wear them.

This is the month for New UU classes, and exploration of potential membership. One of the privileges (and responsibilities) of being a member of CVUUS is eligibility to vote at our annual meeting in June. The Board has thoughtfully proposed some changes to the Bylaws, which would require a vote of approval from the membership. The changes regarding membership make it clearer that we are an inclusive and welcoming congregation. There will also be a vote on proceeding with the "Building More Love" campaign for the ground floor. Having maximum input and participation from all Members is valuable, and just one of several reasons to look into membership. Another is the chance to become part of a caring spiritual community, where together we can accomplish far more than we can by ourselves. Showing up and being present is important in itself; we come to appreciate that we all need each other, whatever tasks we are pursuing.

The first New UU class for potential members takes place after the service on Sunday morning, April 2nd. Nursery care, and snacks, will be available. Please note any further information in the Weekly Blast or Order of Service. And call the office, Rev. Barnaby, or Marjorie Carsen with any questions or concerns. If you have previously taken a class about UU, we still hope you can be part of this group, with a possible option to skip part of the course.

Blessings and gratitude, Marjorie Carsen

Writers’ Group

CVUUS Writers’ Group meets third Monday of the month. We’ve taken the summer and Dec off this year so next one is April 17, 3 PM, in the Fenn House chapel. All are welcome! Bring something to read (with a few copies): fiction, nonfiction, poems. Questions? Contact Nancy Wright (443-8028 or nancymeanswright@gmail.com).

How would you like to assist or be assisted?
Contact a leader or the Office. Follow us at cvuus.org.

Beautify Our Buildings & Grounds

Blue Jeans Sunday
April 30, following service

Bring your tools or borrow ours. Lunch provided. Rain date the following Sunday May 7.

Clean up yard from plowing, sod, gravel
Paint blue board
Weed gravel
Wash windows, tables
Wash siding
Stain Fenn House deck and kitchen door
I am thinking about spring, seeds, bulbs, and mud. Growing things. And about this question: what do I want to grow this year? In my life and in the world?

If I want something to grow, what should I do to help that happen? Just wishing usually doesn’t cut it. A seed needs to be planted – and watered. So, if I want to grow more play time with my kids, I need to plant that seed and water it. I need to do something to start the growth.

The wonderful and amazing thing is that there is a lot that will grow this spring because of what has come before us. We do get to sit back and watch the green growth come out in the world – it’s a gift. So it’s not all work. But it’s worth asking ourselves the growing question, so that we DO plant a seed or two this spring. Otherwise, we will come to July and nothing new will have grown. Plant a seed - it can be small. Seeds usually are. But they are mighty. Like kids - but not as loud or messy!

~ Poppy, your Director of Religious Exploration

APRIL for Children and Youth ~

APR 2: COMING OF AGE and ANY 7th-8th GRADERS - Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for Boston UU Heritage Trip! COA kids and adults should arrive at 7:30 to set up / 8:30 & 9:15 seatings / 10-11:15 with Poppy: cleaning up from the COA Pancake Breakfast and counting the money!

SPIRIT PLAY, HARRY & UU YOUTH GROUP 4-6 pm

APR 9: SPIRIT PLAY, HARRY & UU

**MONDAY, APR 10: CVUUS Passover Seder 5:30** Kid-friendly! Coloring pages/crafts, singing, storytelling, and a delicious meal. Sign up to bring a dish if you can. You don’t need to be Jewish to attend.

**THURSDAY, APR 13, 7 PM, Sanctuary Fundraiser for Youth Group NYC service trip**

Bill Sessions talk on “The First Amendment: a Judicial Perspective”

Bill will outline the various legal issues in the enforcement of the First Amendment, including discussion of the recent rulings on the travel ban. The talk will be a legal discussion using actual cases. It is open to the community and will be geared to a general audience. Time will be reserved for questions. Following the talk will be a dessert reception hosted by the CVUUS Youth Group. There is no charge for the talk, however, the youth will be accepting donations for the reception to help support their upcoming service trip.

APR 16: EASTER Start in main service, then do Spring/Easter activities with Poppy

COMING OF AGE with Rev. Barnaby and Mentors 4-6 (not 5:30)

**FRIDAY-SUNDAY, APR 21-23:**

Coming of Age UU Heritage trip to Boston

APR 23: RE FUNDAY TBD – info to come. Start in main service, then out to Fenn. YOUTH GROUP 4-6 pm

APR 30: KIDS FOR KIDS 10-11:15 Fenn Chapel All-ages kids social justice group that works to help other kids. This month: building love by planting flowers at CVUUS (it’s Blue Jean Sunday!) –wear outdoor clothes.

Do you know any non-CVUUS families that are interested in their 7th or 8th grader doing OWL (the Our Whole Lives sexuality program) next year? We have an unusually small group of our own kids in these grades next year, so we have more openings than normal. Please talk to Poppy ASAP or ask your interested friends to email her re@cvuus.org

This year’s OWL group at right
Social Action Updates

April “Share the Plate” Donee

The Pride Center of Vermont provides a wide range of support services to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Vermonters, one of the largest marginalized populations in the state. Its mission is to promote the health and safety of these Vermonters, as well as to educate and spread awareness of the challenges they face to Government agencies and all residents of the state.

The Pride Center opened in 1999 and was operated entirely by volunteers until an Executive Director was hired in 2002. Since then, it has grown to offer programs for a range of social groups of various ages and sexual orientations, legal and health clinics, parenting and relationship training, and medical referrals, among other services.

The Pride Center’s Burlington headquarters includes a Drop-in Resource Center, community meeting spaces, 3,000-volume lending library, and David Bohnett Cyber Center where LGBTQ young people can access educational internet sites banned in their schools. It provides a model for comprehensive service to these marginalized people that has gained attention in many other states. For more, visit pridecentervt.org.

Please speak with anyone on Donation Ministry to suggest an organization you would like CVUUS to support: Jason Duquette-Hoffman, Parker (Monty) Montgomery, Bob Johnson, Ashleigh Hickey, or Rev Barnaby. Ask Bobbi Loney about Kids for Kids service projects.

We raised $1326.13 for Addison County Parent Child Center in March. Thank you for your generosity!

Kids for Kids
CVUUS kids' Community Service

Kids for Kids will meet Sunday, April 30, 10 - 11:15 to do work for Blue Jeans Sunday, CVUUS' annual beautification day. We’ll look back over the year and have a special treat! It will be great to have the 5th and 6th graders back with us! Kids of all ages are welcome, and grown-ups are welcome to come and participate too. Check out bulletin board that the kids helped make in Ilsley Library's Children's Room.

Clean out your closets and raise funds for CVUUS!

Bring your used clothing to Neat Repeats and give them the CVUUS account number (108) or Buy Again Alley and give them account number (504). It’s easy way to raise funds for the CVUUS budget and Youth Group while also helping people who are in need of reasonably priced, good clothing. Donations are tax-deductible.

Donate items to WomenSafe!

Look for the WomenSafe heart-wrapped box in our sanctuary lobby near the welcome table. WomenSafe is especially in need of large bars of soap, deodorant, tampax with applicators, Pampers, hairbrushes and combs. They can also use toothbrushes and toothpaste, face cloths and towels, shampoo and conditioner, baby dolls and stuffed animals, gift cards and gift certificates to local laundromats, restaurants, hair salons, etc. Thanks so much!!
How Would You Like to Stand for Justice?

**Black Lives Matter Ally Group:** CVUUS Black Lives Matter Ally Group organized last fall and is led by Piper Harrell and Judith Lashof. They’re focusing their work more tightly on understanding and responding to the African American experience of racism, on white privilege and on institutional racism in coordination with other local justice groups such as Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ). They encourage you to:


2) Watch 13th documentary (online) about racism in the criminal justice system since the passage of the 13th Amendment to Constitution.

3) Attend the *Class & Race Workshop* on Sat April 8.

To get directly involved in action, see Piper or Judith or visit BLM online (cvuus.org/justice/black-lives-matter-ally-group or on Facebook).

**Migrant Support:** Do you wish to understand and assist our migrant farmworkers? The Addison County Migrants Ally Group invites you to their next check-in Wed, April 19, 4:30 pm in Fenn to coordinate other ally trainings, migrant help, such as with grocery shopping, future speaker events, and screenings of related documentaries such as *Clínica de Migrantes* April 17, 7 PM, Middlebury College Warner Hall (Hemicycle).

**Refugee Resettlement Support:** Middlebury Area Refugee Resettlement Committee met in March to propose how to get recent refugees from Chittenden County out to see other parts of the state. Contact Abi Sessions if you wish to be added to their listserv to stay posted on other ways to help.

**Addison County ICAN (Interfaith Climate Action Network):** ICAN meets the third Thur of each month at 8:30 am, at Weybridge Congregational Church. All welcome. They’ve started a *Standing for the Earth Vigil* the first Saturday of each month from 10:30-11:30 am at the Middlebury Town Green (fountain). All welcome. Bring signs as you see fit. Celebrate *Earth Day* on April 22 by attending a vigil that morning as well. Same time and location.
From the Board: A Pregnant Moment

Piper Harrell spoke on March 25th about how rather than thinking about this time of darkness as a tomb, we should be thinking of the darkness as a womb—preparing for birth and a new turning. She also spoke about how if we just keep breathing and pushing, we will get there, despite not always knowing exactly how to move forward. I feel something similar about the Building More Love campaign to finish the ground floor. We are making preparations for the birthing of a whole new space full of possibility, activity and radical love. We may not know exactly how we will use the space, but we will open ourselves to a multitude of possibilities.

The recent congregational conversations regarding social action at CVUUS have brought forward the struggles many of us share in finding a path that means something to us and brings us strength. For Steve Maier, Sunday's discussion brought forward a number of thoughts:

- What would happen if we renamed our "social justice" team or group or committee the "Radical Love Team?" Would that change the nature of the conversation? Would that lead us to doing or choosing things differently?
- I've also been thinking about the "how." For me, a lot of social justice work is just about showing up and pitching in. But is it different if I show up as part of CVUUS? If so, how and why? What does it say to others? What does it mean to me, deeply and personally?

If we were to "train" ourselves in how to do justice work as UUs or CVUUSers, what would be in the curriculum? Radical Love maybe, but what does it look and feel like? Is it different than just showing up and pitching in? Could we generate a list of "hows?" What would doing any of these with "Radical Love" mean? Can we name these things?

The board and the Council of Ministries would love to hear your thoughts on how we do social justice work. I look forward to having more space to practice Radical Love with each other and the wider community as we birth new space on the ground floor.

Jean Terwilliger

Upcoming Opportunities for UUA Involvement

New Orleans...the French quarter, jazz, Cajun cuisine and 2017 UUA General Assembly, June 21-25!

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. Anyone may attend but you have the opportunity to represent CVUUS at General Assembly as one of our voting delegates.

GA is a unique opportunity to worship, participate in governance of our national denomination, and learn among and socialize with thousands of UU’s from all over the world. There are over 150 workshops, film screening and worship services to choose from and you can witness Reverend Barnaby being officially credentialed by the UUA in the annual Service of Living Tradition where UUs honor their newly fellowshipped and credentialed religious leaders.

Ask Rev. Barnaby, Margy and Jordan Young, Robin and Ted Scheu and/or Elizabeth Golden-Pidgeon about their participation at recent GAs. Speak with Barnaby or Board Chair Jean Terwilliger if you’re interested in attending. Financial scholarship is available. For more information: http://www.uua.org/ga

Who do I talk to about my Annual Pledge? Inquiries regarding your Pledge go to our bookkeeper Heather Seeley who is in the office on Mondays. Call 388-8080 when she’s in or email fm@cvuus.org to contact her anytime. Thank you so much for your pledges.
Night Sky Wonders for April

April 7th features a key event (for astronomers anyway). Jupiter reaches opposition, meaning that it’s high in the night sky, and we are as close to it as we get as we orbit the Sun. Jupiter is five times further from the Sun than we are, but this month it will be only 418 million miles away from planet Earth. On April 10th the Moon will cuddle up to it. Look for this love affair in the southeast around 10:00 pm.

Mars now sits extremely low in the west as the evening darkens, and will be found near the Pleiades. As it dives into the Sun, it will be on the opposite side of our star, thus 218 million miles away. Mercury reaches its highest altitude of the year early in early April and will be found below Mars. You’ll need a clear western horizon and clear skies to see this.

Meanwhile, Venus has past between us and the Sun and now appears in our morning sky. As it pulls away from Earth, traveling at 76,000 mph, it will climb higher and higher in the morning sky. By the end of April it will be 40 million miles from us. Also by the end of the month, Saturn will be rising around 11:30 pm. As it approaches opposition, it’s now only 883 million miles away.

Here’s wishing you (and me) clear skies. If you have astronomy questions, or would like to visit the observatory, drop me an e-mail at astromanvt@gmavt.net

Building More Love!

“Come, build some love with us.” The Ground Floor Capital Campaign is in its “second wave” now and visitors are talking with members and friends of CVUUS, making connections and establishing relationships that are bringing us closer and closer to our dream of finishing the ground floor of our sanctuary building—including a lower level entrance, beautiful south-facing windows, an elevator, a splendid kitchen, a new meeting room, bathrooms, a large lecture/performance hall, and robust sound insulation!

“Come join the project where all will be welcomed.” The Campaign will conclude in May (though pledges can be paid over the next three years). At the Annual Meeting in June, the congregation will vote on whether or not to proceed with the project. If the design process goes forward, there will be many opportunities for input and suggestions before we see detailed plans. The goal is to create a new space to allow or own programs to expand, and to serve the wider community.

“In troubled times, a chance for loving more.” Think nationally and globally; act locally. Imagine the many ways our building—with kitchen and downstairs bathroom—can be a resource for the community, and help the campaign however you can. Share your “love thoughts” about CVUUS with us at groundfloor@cvuus.org and find more information about the project at our website cvuus.org/connection/ground-floor/ (Thank you to Ted Scheu for the wonderful hymn rewrites we’ve been singing, quoted here!)
CHOIR NOTES

Greetings and Salutations to CVUUS folks! No, I am not hanging out in my web in the barn... but I have been working hard to find great music for the Choir Anthems for the spring.

April 2nd we open the month thinking about Liberation. Our first Choir Anthem is May You Have Peace by Lynne Fisher McCanne. She has been involved with UU congregations since her youth, and has composed a few wonderful choral pieces that really express the right thoughts for the UU sensibility (as I can ascertain, of course). The choir has April 9 off. We return to sing on April 16. Since I grew up Episcopalian, I have a basically different view than UU folks. I was struggling with Easter music. Kate Gridley helped make it easy. We picked from the Grey Hymnal, #61 Lo the Earth Awakes Again, to the wonderful tune from the Christian Tradition, “Easter Hymn” from Lyra Davidica from the 1700s. It is the only surviving tune from that collection. I am adding the descant from the Episcopal hymnal, but the text is not the Christian one, rather one celebrating spring and new life. Just right? I hope so!

On April 23 we have a special anthem with Mezzo Soloist Ellie Gebarowski that the CVUUS choir sang back in 2002 (and 2009). Cool of The Day is the perfect song with which to celebrate Earth Day. I have the recording of the 2002 performance, and it was so exciting, I wanted to try it again with the current choir. Ellie adds so much to our sound—she started singing with the choir in March, and she really lifts the rest of the choir up, adding strength, clear soprano sound, and a warmth of tone that makes all the other voices sound even better. My heart leaps up with gladness to hear such beautiful music with the CVUUS choir!! We have some other new voices, new singers joining over the spring season. Thanks to all of you singers, new and ongoing. Our choir wouldn’t be the strong presence it is without both the sustaining group and the new folks joining. If you’re not growing you’re shrinking!! Come be a part of our spring growth, or let me know if you’re thinking of joining in the fall. It’s never too early or too late to become a CVUUS choir member!!

The choir is not singing an anthem on April 30. It is Bach Sunday in Middlebury, but it’s the 5th Sunday in the month, so the choir is going to come celebrate the day as congregants, each in their own way!!

Amen and Blessed Be! Lucy Tenenbaum, Choir Director

HOSPITALITY

ANYONE?

Can you help SET up? Make coffee/tea. Arrange tables. Supply half & half, half-gallon cider, iced tea or juice. Takes about a half hour so arrival by 9 or 9:30 am helps. Let Sylviane Acker know.

Can you CLEAN up? Clear counter and tables. Wash used mugs, spoons etc using hot water from tea pot. Restore kitchen and sanctuary. We’re encouraging less use of paper products and appreciate greatly your use of our mugs or your own.

FLOWERS ANYONE?

Would you like to join the Flower Co-op Team in beautifying our sanctuary for worship services? Offer your creative expression. We’ve explored many arrangement techniques incorporating seasonal elements from our natural world. Contact Marnie Wood or Dinah Smith.
CVUUS Sangha Space  What is the CVUUS Meditation Group?

The CVUUS Sangha changed the name of its weekly meeting to the CVUUS Meditation Group because it seems meditation is especially important in our world now and we want to make sure all who might benefit from it know it is available at CVUUS. The word Sangha is the Pali word for community. We will continue to be a community. And, we hope to see our community expand and become more diverse. So, whether you are interested in meditation from a Hindu, Buddhist, Christian, mindfulness or other perspective, you are welcome. No prior meditation experience required.

Many of us are struggling with how to respond to what is going on in the world, and seek a path that both leads to justice and reflects compassion. Meditation can be a very valuable tool in that struggle. It teaches us how to just “be” in ourselves, released from the noise and distraction of our minds and the world. From that place it is possible to feel more grounded, to intentionally formulate the “right action” for us to take, and to act with integrity. We hope more will join us as we seek a path that will lead us forward with compassion and wisdom.

We meet every Sunday evening at the CVUUS Fenn House at 7 PM. We sit silently for 20 minutes, walk in silence for 15 minutes, sit in silence for 15 minutes more, and then engage in conversation about our meditation practices or discuss questions for the final 10 minutes. If you have any questions about the CVUUS Meditation Group, call Colleen at 989-9974 or Van at 388-2142.

THURSDAY DATE NIGHT!
Introducing FREE evening childcare for young families! For CVUUS families with children ages 11 and younger, our members and friends whose children have left the nest offer care for your children the first and third Thursday evening of each month from 5:00-7:30 pm at Fenn House. Next are April 6 and 20.

We’ll feed your young ones, oversee their homework, help with piano practice, read to them, and supervise quiet activities so you may have some time with your spouse/partner or friend.

Please contact Kate Gridley ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE to sign up, so that we have the right number of chaperones, chefs, and caregivers ready for your children:
kmgridley@gmail.com

A bouquet of roses to:
...our indomitable snow removers Karl Lindholm, Ron Hallman, and Bob House.
...Ellen Flight for an amazing Building More Love celebration and all who helped her.
...Jay Harrington for sharing his testimony.
...Kate Gridley, Barb Karl, Carol Harden, Barbara Merz, Mitch Kramer and Bobbi Carnwath for gatekeeping for the expanding variety of events in our buildings.
...Laurie Borden for helping organize the Being Mortal viewing and Kate G and Helen Young for being inspired to start a Death Café at CVUUS on Apr 27, 5:30 pm (see them or deathcafe.org).
...PiperHarrell for an amazing Let’s Get Radical sermon (hear it online), Poppy Rees for leading Quiet, Margy Young for leading more conversation on how we do social justice, Mike Greenwood for another workshop.
Welcome to Our Recent Visitors!

Julia Anderson Zehner
Linda Andrews (returning)
Priscilla Jimenez & Mila Alejandra
Jason W. Scott
Donna Bailey (guest)
Susan O’Brien (CA)
Emma Cotton

CVUUS Seasons of Life Fund

Our Seasons of Life Fund is a way to share your joy or concern with the CVUUS community. Members and friends can commemorate personal milestones and passages through financial gifts to CVUUS that provide extra money for us to fulfill our mission statement. The names of the donors and the occasions of the gifts are noted in our monthly newsletter. There is no minimum amount and the size of your donation will not be made public. Please consider the Seasons of Life Fund the next time you—or someone you know—want to honor a birthday, marriage, retirement, anniversary, death, or achievement of any sort. Thank you for recent donations in honor of Bob Kellogg.

Pastoral Care

CVUUS is blessed with many wise and well-trained individuals beyond Rev. Barnaby capable of providing temporary counseling support to members and friends in various kinds of distress. Sue Grigg and Laurie Borden lead our Pastoral Care Team.

Our Caring Network provides support, such as calls, visits, meals, and rides, to those in need. Please contact Linda Shubert (458-3365 or jlishu68@gmail.com) or Ginny Moser (989-7586 or tvmoser117@gmail.com) for assistance.

We thank all the faithful folk who have participated in our efforts to support our members—providing lots of meals and myriad rides to doctor’s offices, doing errands and paying visits. We encourage members of the congregation to call on us. We have an extensive network of willing helpers standing by that we can call or email on your behalf. You can also let us know if you would like to join this network. We hope you’ll attend our program on Green Burial, May 11, 7 pm in the Sanctuary. More in May newsletter.

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