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.

Right Relations

January Worship Services

(Sundays at 10 AM)

Jan. 1 -- Light is Returning: Reflections at Hanukkah—Judith Lashof, a lifelong activist, will reflect on the multiple forms of power and how a deep understanding of non-violence can guide us in the present moment.

Jan. 8 -- Where Was I Going?—Rev. Barnaby recently stumbled upon an article about how video game designers help gamers orient themselves when they resume playing after an interruption. The competing visions of how to manage reality in artificial worlds have some valuable lessons for all of us.

Jan. 15 -- MLK -- What's Truth Got to Do With It?—Drawing in part on his days at the New York Times, Rev. Barnaby speaks on the nature of news, news reporting, and efforts to expand and protect civil rights.

Jan. 22 -- Spring Training—As baseball players gather to prepare for Opening Day at the end of March and a new president rejected by a large majority of Vermonters takes office, Rev. Barnaby asks what kind of stretching we're called to do as UU's.

Jan. 29 -- Chuck Collins joins us for a special service on economic equity. We will have a book signing early the night before on Jan 28th, following the Active Hope workshop (also planned for that day). Follow details at cvuus.org, Facebook CVUUSVT and in weekly blasts.

Meet Your Right Relations Team

Have you run into a situation with a congregant or staff member at CVUUS where you are having trouble making your concerns known to them, or feel you are not being treated with respect? Members of the CVUUS Right Relations Team are ready to hear your feelings and needs, help you get them addressed, and keep our connections healthy. The team members are: Joanna Colwell, John Barstow, and Anne Christie (pictured above).
Words from Rev. Barnaby:

Months ago, I anticipated that you would not want to come back for a Sunday morning worship service on the heels of our wonderful Saturday evening Christmas Eve services, no matter which of them you attended. Sunday morning, I imagined, would be a time for family, visits with friends, and perhaps, if the weather cooperated, an outdoor adventure.

But as I looked forward to Christmas Day, and especially after an election campaign that so many of us found upsetting, I began to feel CVUUS might need to be open as usual on that Sunday, even if we weren't going to worship as usual. Not everyone is always fortunate enough to be engaged celebrating Christmas with family, close friends, or caring neighbors. I imagined a small flock of us showing up in the Sanctuary for a simple gathering to share Christmas memories and music, some time for meditation, perhaps even some games. And so we put the word out, “Welcome!”

On Christmas morning, I slipped away from the family at 9:45 and came in to open CVUUS. The Sanctuary thermostats were still set to a comfy 70 degrees from the night before. Our worship space was filled with brilliant sunshine. And empty. I turned on the sound system and slipped in a CD of Medieval choral music. For nearly an hour, I enjoyed the one thing I had never imagined as part of my Christmas day – total immersion in a unique form of solitude. I could vividly summon up the sensations of being in the midst of beloved community in the same space the night before. But now, alongside that, I was being claimed by silence conspiring with beauty to take me to Love via another route.

Perhaps many of you discovered this face of our sacred space long ago. If not, and you're the kind of person who makes New Year's Resolutions, I want to invite you to put it on your list to check with Laura about times the Sanctuary is empty. Then, treat yourself to a mini-retreat there. The foundation of our fellowship is what we do together, but there is more to it than that. It also rests firmly in our creation of spaces that, in the words of the first hymn in Singing the Living Tradition, “keep hate out and hold love in.” I'm so grateful I had the chance to remember that on Christmas Day.

May the new year bring similar gifts your way... Blessed be, Rev. Barnaby

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 Jan 15 we will inquire again about our ground floor project (see related story page 8). In the last months we have talked about our relationship with the holidays, 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.
January Thoughts from Your Membership Ministry

We all can serve and connect with each other as we greet our members, welcome visitors, and share conversations and refreshments after Sunday morning services, in which we receive spiritual nourishment through songs and words and communal silence. We hope you and your family members will wear a name tag so that we may know one another better. You may let Ginny Ashenfelter know if you can't find yours arranged alphabetically in our racks.

There are many opportunities to become more involved, informally through talking to visitors, inviting each other to reflect on the messages contained in the service, and planning to participate together in events and activities at CVUUS throughout the whole week. You may be invited to take on a role as a baker, or greeter, or usher, or one of many other ways of helping. And you may choose to volunteer for such a role, knowing that this involvement in service will give you at least as much reward as you will surely provide to others.

The beginning of this new year evokes both hopes and fears, so that being part of our loving spiritual community, that supports us in all joys and sorrows, is to be highly treasured. Warm blessings, Marjorie Car森

Welcome New Member! Mary Ann Deverell

CVUUS welcomed Mary Ann as a new member in November. Classes for potential members are offered each spring and fall, as a series of three meetings, open to all, that present UU history and values, the organization and history of CVUUS, and sharing of our spiritual journeys. Below is a biography of her prepared by Sheila House.

A delightful quirk of fate brought our newest member, Mary Ann Deverell, and her husband, Walter, to our CVUUS sanctuary last year. Invited to speak to our membership, the Town Hall Theater originally chose one board member, who had to decline for personal reasons. So Walter Deverell, THT treasurer, volunteered to speak at our Sunday service. Mary Ann chose a seat at the rear of the sanctuary that day but found, as do many visitors, that the warmth and friendliness of the congregation swept over her following the service. So the Deverells decided to attend another service the following week, just as visitors, and enjoyed another positive experience. In fact, they decided to continue their attendance. Recently Mary Ann joined Rev. Barnaby’s classes and signed the CVUUS membership book.

Mary Ann has already volunteered her time and talent in several ways. She and Walt first contributed by delivering our weekly food donations to HOPE. Her willingness to help others has led her to recently join the Caring Network. You may have encountered Mary Ann in the sanctuary foyer, too, since she often greets our members and friends as folks arrive each week for worship. Her friendliness is immediately apparent to all who enter.

Mary Ann grew up in the Massachusetts community of Chicopee, a favorite locale for Polish immigrants. She was raised in the Catholic Church and attended their services for many years. She attended college at North Adams State, majoring in elementary education. She and Walt met at North Adams. After they married, their goal was to live in Canada. However, foiled by incomplete paperwork, they decided instead to live in Vermont, where they have now been for 40+ years. Mary Ann worked at Mary Hogan Elementary School for 25+ years, so she sometimes encounters adults in the community who ask her, “Are you Mrs. Deverell?” While this is a gratifying experience, Mary Ann is even happier when they give their own names, since she hasn’t changed very much and the children that she worked with have all grown up. Mary Ann and Walt have two children of their own, one in Burlington and the other in the Portland, ME area, where their three grandchildren also live.

Mary Ann wanted a spiritual home that was accepting, non-judgmental, and supportive. She feels that she has found this at CVUUS, where she is encouraged to continue her own spiritual journey. Her goal is to keep love and peace in her heart and spread them wherever she goes. How fortunate we are to have her among us! Welcome, Mary Ann!
RE THOUGHTS

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO IN RE?

WE ARE GROWING
A LOT! 25 of 73 kids are NEW THIS YEAR!

NURSERY ~ lots of arts & crafts, free play – look at walls!, snack

SPIRIT PLAY (preK-gr.1) ~ Spirit Play curriculum – stories told with voice and “story boxes of small props and backgrounds” about Unitarian Universalism, our Chalice, and the 7 UU Principles (Tango Makes Three, The Empty Pot…) followed by wondering questions and free choice exploratory spiritual “work time” – check out the cool materials in the room!

HARRY + UU (gr. 2-6) ~ Harry + UU curriculum – social justice program done through Harry Potter lens, all the kids made wands with special things in the cores of them, spells, potions, “Horcruxes” (world problems) of poverty and homelessness, human rights, Golden Snitches

OWL Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education (gr. 5-6) - Our Whole Lives curriculum – this program is about to start – 8 sessions about the physical and emotional changes of puberty

COMING OF AGE (gr. 7-8) – with Poppy: team-building games, decorating cookies, making peg people lots of conversation / with Barnaby: getting paired with adult Mentors, creating their own obituaries (!) and more -

KIDS FOR KIDS community service helping kids in need – CROP Walk, HOPE Holiday Shop collection, Guest at Your Table - made and sold ornaments – total raised TBA in January

YOUTH GROUP (gr.9-12) – carved pumpkins for Porter’s Pumpkin Open House, apple picking for HOPE food shelf, helped with Service Auction, brainstorming about spring Service trip

Our program offers things that our children and youth are really not getting anywhere else – we matter!

JANUARY for Children and Youth ~

NOTE: Poppy’s COA group meeting isn’t happening this month due to scheduling conflicts. If there’s enough interest in a COA social time with Poppy, we can find a time outside of Sunday morning this month -

JAN 1: RE FUNDAY Start in main service, then out for all-ages relaxed social playtime with board games, Legos, doll house, Spirit Play things, basic art supplies. Led by Poppy.

JAN 8: SPIRIT PLAY, HARRY & UU
OWL PARENT & CHILD ORIENTATION  10-12
Start in Fenn Chapel  YOUTH GROUP  4-6 pm

JAN 15: SPIRIT PLAY, HARRY & UU
OWL 10-11:30  Fenn Chapel
COMING OF AGE (Rev. Barnaby & Mentors)  4-5:30

JAN 22: KIDS FOR KIDS Fenn Chapel. All-ages kids community service group that works to help other kids. This month: count money raised for Guest at Your Table and other activity TBA – info in blasts  OWL 10-11:30  Fenn Chapel  YOUTH GROUP  4-6 pm

JAN 29: SPIRIT PLAY, HARRY & UU  OWL 10-11:30  Fenn Chapel

For more information, contact Director of Religious Exploration Poppy Rees re@cvuus.org
Social Action Updates

January “Share the Plate” Donee

Committee to Protect Journalists

The Committee to Protect Journalists is an independent, nonprofit that promotes press freedom worldwide. CPJ defends the right of journalists to report news without fear of reprisal.

It was founded in 1981 by a group of U.S. correspondents, who realized they couldn’t ignore the plight of colleagues whose lives were in peril on a daily basis. Nearly 1230 journalists were killed since 1992 including 48 journalists killed in 2016 with Syria being the deadliest nation. 260 journalists have been imprisoned in 2016 and 456 have been exiled since 2008. CPJ has written to Mike Pence and seeks to meet with the Trump Administration regarding 1st amendment protections.

CPJ is made up of 40 experts around the world, with headquarters in NYC. CPJ reports on violations in repressive countries, conflict zones and established democracies alike. A board of prominent journalists helps guide CPJ activities. For more, visit www.cpj.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 and Rev Barnaby. Ask Bobbi Loney about Kids for Kids service projects.

December’s collection raised $1836.48 for Migrant Justice

$1285 on Christmas Eve for HOPE/Clergy Rent Fund

as well as greatly appreciated staff bonuses.

Thank you for your generosity!

Kids for Kids
CVUUS Kids’ Community Service

Thirty-two wonderful kids got together on a November Sunday to assemble UU Service Committee’s Guest At Your Table boxes to take home, and to make ornaments to sell in support of it. They sold the ornaments before and after church, and many of those sold adorn our CVUUS tree. The kids will count up all the money from ornaments and Guest at Your Table boxes when we meet in January, and we’ll send off a check to UUSC. Thank you, everyone!

The next Kids for Kids gathering will be Sun, Jan 20, 10 am in Fenn House. Besides counting money for GAYT, we’ll be making fantastic welcoming cards and pictures for Syrian children who will be arriving in Rutland in the new year. (maybe cookies, too!) Guest At Your Table boxes need to be returned by then, and can be given to Bobbi Loney and Poppy, or put in Fenn kitchen.

Clean out your closets and raise funds for CVUUS!

Bring your used clothing to Neat Repeats and give them the CVUUS account number (108). It’s easy way to raise funds for the CVUUS budget 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!!
Middlebury and VT organizers are filling buses to go to Washington DC for the Women’s March on Washington on Jan. 21, 2017. If you would like to go on the march, please go to rallybus.org where you can reserve a seat on the Middlebury bus for $230 (the prices keep going up so check). This bus will leave the CVUUS parking lot at 11:16 pm on Friday Jan 20. It will arrive in DC at 10 am and leave DC at 6:30 pm. We will arrive back at the CVUUS parking lot at 4:43 am on Jan 22. You can park overnight in our lot or the MUHS lot. Please contact Theresa Gleason (theresachancegleason@gmail.com) if you have any questions, concerns, suggestions.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT NATIONAL ORGANIZERS: On Jan 21, 2017 we will unite in Washington, DC for the Women’s March on Washington. We stand together in solidarity with our partners and children for the protection of our rights, our safety, our health, and our families -- recognizing that our vibrant and diverse communities are the strength of our country.

The rhetoric of the past election cycle has insulted, demonized, and threatened many of us--women, immigrants of all statuses, those with diverse religious faiths particularly Muslim, people who identify as LGBTQIA, Native and Indigenous people, Black and Brown people, people with disabilities, the economically impoverished and survivors of sexual assault. We are confronted with the question of how to move forward in the face of national and international concern and fear. In the spirit of democracy and honoring the champions of human rights, dignity, and justice who have come before us, we join in diversity to show our presence in numbers too great to ignore. The Women’s March on Washington will send a bold message to our new administration on their first day in office, and to the world that women's rights are human rights. We stand together, recognizing that defending the most marginalized among us is defending all of us.

We support the advocacy and resistance movements that reflect our multiple and intersecting identities. We call on all defenders of human rights to join us. This march is the first step towards unifying our communities, grounded in new relationships, to create change from the grassroots level up. We will not rest until women have parity and equity at all levels of leadership in society. We work peacefully while recognizing there is no true peace without justice and equity for all. HEAR OUR VOICE.
From the Board

It was great to see so much interest in both the November classism conversation and the recent board listening session on membership - thank you for showing up and sharing your thoughts! Notes from both sessions will be available on the CVUUS website, along with further resources for exploring both topics. Stay tuned for a spring workshop tying together racism and classism. As board member Rich Wolfson reflected on the membership discussion, "I thought it rose to the high, principled, ethical plane that CVUUS is often capable of. Great comments all round!" A major topic of interest was developing a membership policy/practice guide that was more welcoming than the by-law’s legalistic language. The board will be developing a new draft membership by-law to discuss at a spring congregational conversation. If you still have questions or comments, please contact a board member.

I have been hungry for words of inspiration about how to take action, and the board and I found the following words from "A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals" by Shane Claiborne a great reminder of how to live out our UU principles (thanks to Kate Gridley for sharing):

"Peacemaking doesn't mean passivity. It is the act of interrupting injustice without mirroring injustice, the act of disarming evil without destroying the evildoer, the act of finding a third way that is neither fight nor flight, but the careful, arduous, pursuit of reconciliation and justice. It is about a revolution of Love that is big enough to set both the oppressed and the oppressors free."

Here is wishing all of you a Happy New Year full of active peacemaking - Jean Terwilliger

THURSDAY DATE NIGHT!
Introducing FREE evening childcare for young families!

For CVUUS families with children ages eleven 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, starting in February.

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 chap-erones, chefs, and caregivers ready for your children: kmgridley@gmail.com

Feb THURSDAY DATE NIGHTS are: 2/2/17 and 2/16/17 from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. at Fenn House.

Refugee Support
If you intend to help in the Rutland VRRP office, please pick up a copy of US Commission for Refugees and Immigrants Volunteer Application in the Sanctuary coat rack area, or ask Laura at the CVUUS office to mail you one. See cvuus.org or Abi Sessions for more details.

Snow Cancellation Possibilities: It is impossible to predict winter weather conditions that might warrant our closing. In an effort to provide an approach that might enable members and friends to anticipate what to expect, the following guidelines are being offered: 1) In the event of a major snow storm on a Saturday night/Sunday morning, check the office voicemail (802-388-8080) and our website (www.cvuus.org) 2) Don’t take any unnecessary chances. If you feel that there is significant reason to question your safety while traveling on the streets, stay home. 3) If an ice storm is in progress, stay home.

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 Jan 16, 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).
Building More Love
Right Here, Right Now

Ground Floor Completion
Project Update

The Ground Floor Capital Campaign team is pleased to announce that the results of the feasibility check-in review study are in (conducted by Full Harvest Fundraising’s Peter Heinrichs and Susan Lewis), and our project is moving ahead on schedule! While we are still calculating our actual campaign goal, it is clear that we will be able to raise enough money to create a usable space on our lower level, and, who knows, maybe even a beautiful one. Exciting news!

And we have a theme: “Building More Love” (thank you to Ann Webster and Theresa Gleason for the inspiration and to Marjorie Carsen for connecting the dots!). It was clear in the feasibility study interviews that there is broad enthusiasm for our greater presence in the larger community, and the smoother (and more fun!) flow of our congregational life that finishing the lower level will allow. “This project is a commitment to the future of our church,” said one person. “This place will help us demonstrate when we say ‘I know a place that will lift your spirit!’”

Mark your calendars for a congregational meeting after the service on January 15, where we will announce the goal and give an update on the project, including the latest designs for the lower level space. In the meantime, we are working on a logo and campaign materials, skits, announcements, and other ways to remind everyone that with more love, we can do much more.

If you would like to help with the campaign, we would love to have you! Just write to us at groundfloor@cvuus.org, or contact Steve Maier.

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

A bouquet of roses to:

...Neil and Julie Chippendale for assisting Sylviane Acker with hospitality and Jessica Rouse and others for special baked treats.

...Lois Alberts and Artley Wolfson for all their cataloging of new and returned books (check them out!).

...Theresa Gleason and Judith Lashof for organizing the BLM Ally Group Beyond the Safety Pin Workshop (pictured) and Theresa for also organizing the bus for the Women’s March (DC).

...Ann Webster for her Is God on My Side? sermon.

...Abi Sessions and Rev Barnaby for another sleepout night in the cold.

...Robin Scheu and Peter Conlon for their successful campaigns to serve in the Vermont House.

...Ashleigh Hickey and Ginny Ashenfelter for helping with the Christmas Eve candles.

...RE Council (Brett, Kas S, Heidi S, Tracey H, Natali W, Chris M), Flower Co-op and Bobbi and Gerry Loney for all their efforts with the Pageant and seasonal activities.

...Bob House, Mitch Kramer, Llyn Rice and Alan Moore for pellet furnace cleaning.

...all who assisted Kathryn Schloff in making and serving the community supper.

From Johanna Nichols: Laura Asermily for her all-out effort to welcome and serve the Mexican Consulate and the Mexicans who came for documents on Sat Dec 10th. Laura was on the go for two days. She was a huge, affirmative support to hordes of volunteers. A host who kept elegant order all day. Let your hearts be warmed by the open doors of this sanctuary and the members who participated. See Boston Globe story link at cvuus.org.
**CHOIR NOTES**

After taking New Year’s Day off, the CVUUS choir begins in January with a rehearsal on Jan 4 in preparation for Sunday, Jan 8. Our anthem that day asks in Spanish, “A donde Voy?” “Where am I Going?” We will also share Holly Near’s powerful “Listen to the Voices” which draws our attention to the First Nation Peoples and our connection to them.

Jan 11 will be the 2nd rehearsal of the new season, and the choir will celebrate with a Pot Luck Supper before our rehearsal. The CVUUS choir throws a wonderful supper, not to be missed!! Then we will look ahead at the music we will be learning to bring to services from January to June. This would be a wonderful time for any new singers to join us for a meal, and get a chance to sing with the choir for an hour where we play and sing through a half dozen to 10 pieces ahead. The supper begins at 5:30 and the singing starts at 6:45, so the rehearsal runs to at least 8 that evening. Usually I let the choir go promptly at 7!

The choir celebrates MLK Day with “Let Justice Roll Down” arranged by Joanne Hammil, a composer/arranger well known to UU musicians and congregations. Jan. 22 the choir will either take the Sunday off, or there will be a Pop Up Choir. See your Weekly Blast for an update about that choral possibility.

Jan. 29 the Choir asks the hard question posed by Ysaye Barnwell, “Would You Harbor Me?” and joins in the congregational hymn, “When I am Frightened,” with 4 part harmony. Come sing with us! New singers are welcome at any time. We practice from 5:45 to 7 pm on Wednesdays, and at 9 am on 3 Sundays a month when we bring an anthem to the worship service to share. There is one Sunday a month with no choir.

**Blessings, Lucy Tenenbaum**

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**Night Sky Wonders for January**

Now deep into winter, Orion the hunter stands firm in our evening sky. He’s easy to find, tall in the southeast. His right shoulder features Betelgeuse, a Red supergiant star. Above his left shoulder sits the Constellation “Taurus the bull.” The head of the bull features the Hyades star cluster, the closest cluster to Earth. These stars are sisters born in the same dense cloud of gas and dust only 650 million years ago.

Venus is the highlight of planet spying this month. You’ll find Venus shining brightly in the southwest, climbing to its highest elevation of the year. This month it will be up for 4 hours after sunset. Cloud-covered Venus is the twin of Earth, but because of its closeness to the Sun, it’s HOT (870 degrees…making it a nice pizza oven). Earth in a billion years or two will be even hotter.

This month Mars can be found in the southwest, above and to the left of Venus. Jupiter is rising around midnight and climbs high overhead just before sunrise. Saturn, blocked by the Sun last month, once again becomes visible in the east two-to-three hours before sunrise.

Earth is at perihelion (closest to the Sun) on the 4th of the month. The Moon will be a thin crescent in the southwest as the month begins, reach first quarter on the 5th, and full on the 12th of January.

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
CVUUS Sangha Space

Would you like to give your mind a rest from the everyday challenges of modern life?

Meditation is a way to calm and quiet the mind by focusing on the present moment. What’s going on right now rather than what I did yesterday or what I have to do tomorrow.

Join us on Sunday evenings for an hour of quiet contemplation. We meet from 7 to 8 pm in the Fenn House Chapel, except on holidays.

We spend the first 50 minutes of the evening in silence with two 20 min. sitting meditation periods split by a 10 min. walking meditation. The last 10 minute period is available, for those who want, to share their experience. No meditation experience is necessary. Our format is simple and instruction will be given to newcomers.

All are welcome.

Contact Colleen Brown, Richard Swanson or Marsdin Van Order with questions.

Have You Discovered CVUUS LIBRARY yet?

Check out the children’s book collection in Fenn House chapel, and our adult library collection in the sanctuary meeting room. Feel free to borrow any of these books, including ones on this month’s reading lists!

If you’re an Amazon shopper, start your shopping at Amazon Smile, https://smile.amazon.com/, designating us as the beneficiary. Your Amazon shopping will help CVUUS Library. For more information about our library, see CVUUS web site’s library page under the Learning or contact Artley Wolfson.

CVUUS UU’re Home Bed & Breakfast

Would you consider being a host?

Our host families have been generous and gracious. Most guests request a bed and not breakfast. Middlebury College families with UU ties enjoy lodging with fellow UUs. Please give it some thought and contact me for more information.

Johanna Nichols
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Join Addison County Interfaith Climate Action Network

ACTIVE HOPE WORKSHOP
Sat Jan 28 (9-4), Sanctuary
(snow date Feb 11)

We’re planning a workshop based on Joanna Macy’s book Active Hope in conjunction with the Middlebury Area Clergy Assoc facilitated by Middlebury College’s Marc Lapin. $10 suggested donation. To register, contact Heidi Willis redsprings@myfairpoint.net 352-4327.

We’ve also started a Standing for the Earth Climate Witness Vigil the first Saturday of each month from 10:30-11:30 am at the Middlebury Town Green (fountain). All welcome to join us on Jan 7. Bring signs as you see fit.

ICAN meets the third Thur of each month at 8:30 am, at Weybridge Congregational Church. All welcome to our next one on Thurs Jan 19.
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.

Pastoral Care

Our 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.

Our Caring Network provides support, such as calls, visits, meals, and rides, to those in need. Please contact Linda Shubert (458-3365 or jlshu68@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.

Visit www.uua.org to learn about the wider work of UUA and our affiliates. Visit www.cvuus.org to explore our happenings and most current calendar.
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