



Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society

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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.



What does it mean to be a people of...**POSSIBILITY?**

January Worship Services

(Sundays at 10 AM)



Jan 6 —The Tao of Possibility—Rev. Barnaby considers what might be Yang to the Yin of possibility.

Jan 13 —Livin' on a Prayer—Piper Harrell reflects on parenting, teaching, worshipping and the radical act of creating a home.. RAD Love Fest follows!

Jan 20 —The Promise and the Practice—Dr. King was a theological Unitarian rather than what evangelicals call a "true Christian," but would he have been comfortable worshipping with us?

Jan 27 —Loving the Unlovable—Does love conquer all or does our love have limits? Ann Webster leads our service.

2018-2019 Worship Themes
What does it mean to be a people of ...

Sept—**Purpose** Oct – **Transformation** Nov – **Hunger**
 Dec – **Hope** Jan – **Possibility** Feb – **Perseverance**
 March – **Simplicity** April – **Emergence** May – **Freedom**

SAVE THE DATE! Details inside & at cvuus.org

Community Supper, Fri. Jan 11, 5 pm

RAD Love Raffle & Fest, Sun. Jan 13, 11:15 am

Women's March, Sat. Jan 19, 10 am—12 pm

Congregational Conversation, Sun. Jan 20, 11:15 am

CVUUS Contra Dance, Sat. Jan 26, 6:30 pm

Youth Group hosted pre-dance dinner 5:30 pm

Leveling the Playing Field, Sun. Jan 27, 3 pm

Love: Taking It to a New Level Party,

Sun. Mar 3, 11:15 am

Our New Fellowship Hall Opens!





Words from Rev. Barnaby:

I've been thinking about what kind of game could celebrate being a people of possibility – our January theme. My one rule given all the woes of the world would be to make it a fun break. And a stretch. I began thinking about a spelling/word game with 31 turns – one for each day of the month. Players would share answers. So here goes:

Day 1 – do *something* with the letter P. (Like make it so big you could fit “e” and “a” and “c” and “e” inside the half-circle).

Day 2 – do something with “Po” that doesn't spell out our theme word. (Like “*Poppy's* on sabbatical! I hope she enjoys it.”)

Day 3 – Pos...”*Pose* a great question – do the world a favor.”

Day 4 – Poss... “*Possitive* is not spelled like this – I'm sure of it!”

And of course it gets harder if you take it too seriously as the week progresses, so I suggest welcoming increasing silliness. And then you get to....

Day 11 – Possibility....”*Possibility* lends itself to proverbs.” And you can just play with the possibilities for the rest of the month.

Day 12 – “Possibility makes the cat curious.”

Day 13 – “Possibility expands at the speed of might.”

Day 14 – “Possibility has no creed.”

Day 15 – “Possibility ain't what it used to be.” And don't forget that puns are allowed after the second week, so...

Day 16 – Possibilitia could be the most popular drink of the 21st century!

Plurals are also allowed in this game after week two so

Day 17 – “Possibilities are endless.”

All good things must end but...

Day 31 - “Let us be possibili-teachers and possibili-reachers.”

Blessed be, Rev. Barnaby

CVUUS Frequently Asked Questions

DRE Director Sabbatical (Jan-Feb) Frequently Asked Questions

General Questions: Contact Office Manager Laura Asermily at office@cvuus.org or 388-8080. Bookkeeper at fm@cvuus.org. See hours in directory and cvuus.org.

Worship Questions: Contact Ann Webster (388-7506).

Pastoral Questions/Concerns: Contact Laurie Borden (545-2052) or Sue Grigg (462-2966).

Caring Network: If you or someone you know in the congregation needs support such as calls, visits, meals or rides, contact Nita Hanson (345-0489)

Web Site: cvuus.org **WIFI Password:** 1BamaDiva!

Librarian: Artley Wolfson

Calendar of Events: Under News at cvuus.org

Building Use Schedule, Policy & Rates: Contact office@cvuus.org or refer to Building Use Binder in the Sanctuary or our website.

Email Blast: The office sends out weekly email notices listing current CVUUS events. Contact Laura to get on the email list. Send news by noon Wednesday.

Newsletter: We send out a monthly newsletter. Contact Laura to get on the mailing list. Specify if you'd like it by email or postal mail.

Directory: We send out a directory monthly by email to those listed in the directory. There are two versions: one with photos and one without photos. A reference copy of the photo version is in the lobby. Extra copies of the version without photos can be taken from the lobby. Contact Laura if you'd like to be added, need to report a change or add a photo.

Religious Exploration: RE for children and youth happens during Sunday services and Sunday afternoons. Contact Director of RE Poppy Rees for more (349-8508). RE is also available for adults and announced in our newsletter. Contact Doug Richards about Small Group Ministry options.

Choir: The choir practices weekly on Wednesdays at 5:45 pm and many Sundays 9 am, except over the summer. If interested, contact Choir Director Lucy Tenenbaum (342-8348, lucytunes@me.com)

Membership: Contact Marjorie Carsen (453-8457) to learn what it means to be a member. Ask her about new member classes each fall and spring to orient you to CVUUS principles.

Name Tags: Ask Ginny A (453-5648)