



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.

Nurturing Community September Worship Services

Sundays at 10 am Attend on site
(mostly outside) OR online

<https://www.cvuus.org/worship/watch-online/> OR

<https://zoom.us/my/cvuusservice/>



Ronnie Romano



Rev. Barnaby

Sept 5—The No-Rehearsal Pop-Up Sunday Worship

Picnic—Join us on Zoom or at CVUUS for a short Labor Day Worship Service in the Sanctuary, followed by a picnic on our grounds that will become part of the Zoom Coffee Hour. Rev. Barnaby and Ronnie Romano will be collecting your thoughts in Zoom Picnic interviews (bring a reading you love!), the choir will sing outside, and we'll make some picnic bags for families that can't attend because their children aren't eligible for vaccination yet. Some pizza provided but bring your own favorite brunch foods. Our Sept donee will be Vital Voices.



Poppy Rees

Sept 12—High Holy Days—Rev. Barnaby reflects on the first step toward forgiveness is knowing whose lives you touch. Havurah and Middlebury College families will be honoring high holy days of the Jewish tradition in hybrid services Sept 6-16 in our Sanctuary.



Sept 19—Ingathering Water Communion—Does CVUUS have an immune system resisting COVID? How is it holding up? Bring water from your summer travels or favorite watering hole to fill our communal bowl. Led by Rev. Barnaby.

Sept 26—Dismantling Racism -- Rev. Barnaby reflects on how crucial it is to the survival of CVUUS that we take on struggles that are scary, divisive and certain to outlive us as individuals.



Words from Rev. Barnaby: CVUUS as a Family

I have often experienced UU congregations as extended families. The larger ones were more like inter-related collections of extended families organized around shared activities. They were held together as a whole primarily by the UU Principles about how we treat each other, seek truth, and honor the web of relationships in which all things exist.

All of the ones I've known have also aspired to be multi-generational. I was a Sunday School drop-out by 7th grade, but something in how the adults treated me stuck. I returned to church-going immediately after graduating college because I felt an urge to regularly gather in worship and social action with people of all ages. I suspected the nearest UU congregation in North Adams, Mass., would fit that need. And it did, just as CVUUS has for so many people who choose to visit us for the first time as adults.

But the pandemic is a challenge like no other I've encountered. I have watched, heart-sick, at how it is isolating the bulk of the congregation from our families with children, and vice versa. It might be well into 2022 before families can be fully vaccinated. How many will find their way back to congregational life after two years of partial or near total absence is a great unknown.

With Poppy leading the way, we've done many things to let families know CVUUS cares about them. But we need to do more. That could be setting up outdoor "worship-plus-other-things" activities geared 100 percent for families at times other than Sunday mornings. And it could be countless small gestures letting parents know that CVUUS recognizes the reality of their lives. Some of them might simply affirm that we know active parenting is just one part of who they are.

May this month be a time when we grow our understanding of extended family. Blessed be, Rev. Barnaby

Worship Team meets the third Wednesday of the month via zoom from 7 - 8:30 pm.

We seek one or two new members. If you would like to work with a supportive team in planning Sunday worship, please contact Abi Sessions (abi.sessions@gmail.com) to learn more. We also welcome those who would like to play with technology to help us gather and record services.





CVUUS Sept Newsletter

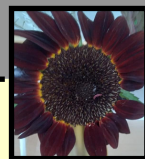
Beauty makers: Alice Berninghausen bedecked our Sunday service and Bob Johnson's memorial service with flowers from her grounds. She prepared the leaves of her "money plant" to glisten white by wiping each one. **Marnie Wood** bedecked our Sunday service with lavender from her grounds. She loves to do this every year around this time, which you can see in the directory picture of her from years ago with a past spray. **Dinah Smith** added a gold leaf sculpture to the front of our sanctuary to experiment with leaving more permanent natural form objects, as we do with tree branches in the winter months. Contact Sue Rasmussen if you are interested in maintaining or enhancing our grounds and Dinah Smith or Marnie Wood (middmarn@yahoo.com) if you would enjoy deploying your creativity in making arrangements for worship. You can use cuttings and natural objects from our grounds or yours or those of our willing congregants.

High Holy Days worship for **Havurah and Middlebury College families** is planned for our sanctuary over two weeks (Sept 6-16) where we are able to provide adequate space and ventilation while access to Mead Chapel is closed to the public. Please avoid coming to CVUUS during these sacred times:

Mon 9/6, 7-8 pm	Wed 9/15, 7-9 pm
Tues 9/7, 9:30 am-noon	Thur 9/16, 9:30 am -1
Wed 9/8, 9 am-noon	Thur 9/16, 5-8 pm

Memorial Services and Concerts are planned for upcoming weeks in our sanctuary and can be scheduled with the Office. Refer people to how to arrange for our spaces [here](#). They are well-ventilated and feature wifi access and gender neutral bathrooms. We adjust the permitted attendance level and masking requirements depending on COVID conditions so ask the Office when you schedule. [Watch our online calendar](#) for when we are scheduled and when we are available for your small groups or events.

- Point Counterpoint Faculty Concert, Sat Sept 4 & Thur Sept 9, 7:30 pm, free, open to public
- Meet the Singers (Midd Opera Co), Sun Sept 19, 5 pm, ticketed event
- Ann Brousseau Memorial Service, Sat Sept 25, 10





CVUUS Sept Newsletter

Welcome to CVUUS!

Visit us at cvuus.org, FB CVUUSVT, or email office@cvuus.org to follow us.

CVUUS encourages all eligible congregants and friends to be fully vaccinated and to be tested if you have COVID symptoms. Call Caring Network (349-5264) if you want a ride to and from or help scheduling your appointment.



Wishing all some almost-autumn greetings! Here's hoping for some slightly cooler weather as we look forward to fine Vermont fall foliage, enhancing the beauty of the Green Mountains. Meanwhile, the challenges of the pandemic have been stressful for many, in a variety of ways, including the frequent need to adjust to understand, adjust, and accept limitations as recommended by expert health providers. We have had some disappointments when it had seemed we were going to be freed from these limitations and adjustments. Oops, not yet!

However, there are a number of folks in our UU community who have been diligent, and creative too, in sustaining our spiritual life in medically safe and even inspiring ways. For example, the CVUUS website offers the option of viewing a number of the worship services in recent months, including those services in the Summer series on Spirituality and the Arts. Other ways that have been supportive in our community include inviting visitors and new residents of our area to activities of CVUUS, in addition to services, many on Zoom for quite a few months. We can stay updated for these possibilities by reading this monthly newsletter, as well as the weekly emailed Blast (call 388-8080), to have yourself on the mailing lists.

And if you are looking for a welcoming spiritual home, or just passing through our area, you will find us a warm and friendly bunch, who value diverse beliefs and traditions, and appreciate the variety of paths that may lead to finding UU a source of support and inspiration, especially in our current challenging times.

In addition to Rev. Barnaby as a source of more information about our faith, I welcome conversations about UU in general, and the possible path to membership, if you have some curiosity about that.



Warm blessings,
Marjorie Carsen,
Membership Ministry
(453-8457)

What Are Your Pronouns? Celebrate gender identity by designating your pronouns on your name tag.

Can't find yours? Notify the Office, an usher, greeter or Ginny Ashenfelter. See pridecentervt.org for LGBTQ+ **Pride Day Sept 5 offerings** including the big Burlington Church St Parade at 12:30 pm followed by Battery Park festival until 4 pm. Contact Poppy Rees about the future of **CVUUS Our Whole Lives (OWL)** which helps youth explore their sexual identity. See her letter on page 6.



UPDATED CVUUS COVID POLICY 9.1.21

GENERAL RULES

These rules apply to everyone, even if you are vaccinated.

1. Please do not come to CVUUS if you have any **COVID symptoms**, even if you think it's just allergies. If you have symptoms (listed below), you should get a COVID test.
2. **Masks** should fit well and cover your nose and mouth.
3. **Remember to sign in** (for contact tracing).
4. **Use hand sanitizer** before entering or interacting with others.

INSIDE

1. Masks must be worn by everyone unless alone (only exception is speakers at a microphone - mask is optional but encouraged).
2. Maintain at least 6 feet distance from others not in your pod.
3. No group singing - HUMMING is okay.
4. Singing soloists must follow all above rules (mask, 6 foot distance).

OUTSIDE

1. Mask OR 6 foot distance.
2. Group singing IS okay BUT REQUIRES MASK.

CVUUS ZOOM: Ask Laura how you can request a cvuus zoom meeting. **To "claim host" once you are in:** Click the Chat. In the bottom right corner of it, there are 3 dots. Click them. OR click on your name in "participants" and "more options." Click "claim host" and where it asks for the "host key", put in these 6 numbers: **364568**. Click claim or ok or whatever and you'll now be the host. **To allow everyone to share their screen:** Click on "Security" in your bottom toolbar. Click on "share screens" and you should be all set.

COVID SYMPTOMS

runny nose or
congestion
headache
sneezing
sore throat
new loss of taste or
smell
cough
shortness of breath or
difficulty breathing
fatigue
muscle or body aches
nausea or vomiting
diarrhea
fever or chills





RE THOUGHTS



RE-INVIGORATE WE MISS YOU!

Parents with children at home. Kids. The littlest ones in the Nursery. The new babies we haven't even met and yet somehow miss still. The squirrely first and second grade boy crew. The artists, movers, singers, laughers, questioners. Hearing kids in the Sanctuary. Watching them leave for RE. People younger than Poppy (which is ALL of you). Your faces, voices, opinions, yearnings, hands, and hearts. We really, really miss you.

What do YOU miss? What do you want to return to? What do you wish RE & CVUUS were?

The Delta variant squashed our hopes of lots of families returning in September and RE launching in a somewhat normal way. These hopes have been replaced by lots of questions and, once again, trying to figure out **what kids, parents, and the world needs right now** and in the future.



For parents (and many other people), I wonder if it's *RE-invigorate*, rather than the *RE-invention* of last RE year?

Reinvigorate: to give new energy or strength to (*OxfordLanguages*). Because here we are still. Walking (are any of you running this??) the marathon. Many of you are waiting for the vaccines to come (in January?). All of us are back to masks inside (I hope you are right now). Yes, it's better in many ways but...it is still hard and tiring. And parents were already tired.

So. We are thinking about how to give you, RE, CVUUS, the kids, me, all of us, **NEW ENERGY AND STRENGTH**. And not plan too far ahead.

SO – what does this mean for the Religious Exploration (RE) program this year? It means...

- **Being nimble** and able to change plans to fit the latest reality.
- **Trying to meet you where you are** which seems to be all over the place – some people are ready to return in person right now and some are waiting for their children to be fully vaccinated. And some have absolutely now idea where they are.
- **Not returning to “RE as usual”, even after all kids can be vaccinated and COVID numbers are low** We are not planning to just go back to how RE looked pre-pandemic. What do YOU want for your kids? What would you show up for? What does the world need now? What is essential? These are the questions we are asking.
- **Thinking “outside the building”** – not only for outside stuff at CVUUS but RE out in the community, in the state. What could RE be?
- **Continuing multiple access methods:** mailings, videos, emails (your favorite!), Zoom, deliveries maybe AND **** in-person ****.

REinvigorate. Hope. Joy. Action. Justice. Community. And to everyone – I love you. I miss you. I am in this with you. ~ **Love, Poppy - your Director of Religious Exploration**



Music Director Selected: Meet Ronnie Romano



Ronnie Romano, our new Director of Music, is a recent (2020) graduate of Middlebury College, where he majored in music and minored in Chinese. Last year, he served as Music Director and organist of First United Methodist Church in Ticonderoga, NY. Among his ongoing activities are his work as Music Director of the Wellspring Hospice Singers in Middlebury and music instructor for the Choral Chameleon Institute in New York City. He also offers private lessons on ear training, piano, music theory, and score reading and is founding director of a new choir at All Souls Interfaith Gathering in Shelburne, VT.

Ronnie brings remarkable breadth and depth of experience to CVUUS. As a student at Middlebury College, he was music director and pianist for the Middlebury College Musical Theatre performances of *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, *Spring Awakening*, *Cabaret*, and *The Light in the Piazza*. He was also assistant conductor, accompanist, and a singer for the Middlebury College Choir and a teaching assistant for music theory classes. In the summer of 2018, as music director and pianist for *Brecht on Brecht* at the Atlantic Theatre company in NYC, he played piano on stage for the duration of the show's Off-Broadway run. Ronnie spent a semester at Keble College, University of Oxford, and, in 2019, participated in a month-long intensive course at the European American Musical Alliance in Paris. We are delighted to have him on our staff and look forward to his leadership and ideas as we strengthen and grow our music program.

Choir rehearsal reconvenes in person outdoors!

Come to CSAC tent at 109 Catamount Park off Exchange St (across from Vermont Sun) at 5:30 pm where we will prepare outdoors. We'll perform for Sept services, initially outdoors masked while we beware the Delta variant. We'll be following COVID protocols defined [here](#). Bring: --A chair (we'll have some extras in case everyone doesn't have one) --Any choir binder/music you might have (not mandatory, to sing something we all know) --A securely-fitting mask (to be worn when singing) --sunglasses and hat. We welcome prior and new choir members. Interested in joining or have questions? Want to meet with Ronnie one on one? Contact him at ronnieromanomusic@gmail.com or 201-388-4038 to be added to his list or if you have any trouble accessing the google doc links. Look for email from choir@cvuus.org (and check your spam folders for initial ones). View Ronnie's introduction to us from a recent worship [here](#).

Music Ministry Team: Carol Harden (leader), Ronnie Romano, Chris Murphy, YOU?!
Contact Carol Harden at charden@utk.edu if you have ideas or want to join our ministry



CVUUS Sept Newsletter

Social Action Updates

September “Share the Plate” Donee: Vital Voices

Vital Voices Global Partnership invests in women leaders who are solving the world’s greatest challenges – from gender-based violence to the climate crisis, economic inequities, and more. They are “venture catalysts,” identifying those with a daring vision for change and partnering with them to make that vision a reality. Over the last 24 years, they’ve built a network of 18,000 change makers across 182 countries, each of whom are daring to reimagine a more equitable world for all. More at vitalvoices.org



Future “Share the Plate” Donees Please speak with anyone on Donation Ministry to suggest an organization you’d like CVUUS to support: Allison Cutler (chair), Barbara Karle, Ashleigh Hickey, Chris Murphy, Avi Freund or Rev. Barnaby. Thanks to all who gave to **RIP Medical Debt** and **Fonkoze**, which is made up of three organizations that work together to help rural Haitians -- primarily women, last month. *Track how much we contributed to them and other donees at cvuus.org/justice/sharing-donation-plate/*

Charter House Dinner Prep Team We aim to do this **every SECOND Monday of month from 10 am – 1 pm**. You can come for part of this time for a specific job if that works for you. We provide **baked goods for this meal as well as for Community Dinner on the FOURTH Friday of month**. If you want to help, contact **Alan Moore** alanwmoore1947@gmail.com.

Meals on Wheels Time commitment is based on your availability— vary from one day a week to two days a month (weekdays only). Delivery is typically from **10 to 11:30 am**. Talk with **Mon UU Team** leaders Mary Conlon & Mike Greenwood.

Donate items to Neat Repeats, Buy Again Alley, JuneBug, WomenSafe, HOPE and Addison Allies! Drop off used clothing to Neat Repeats and give them account **#108**

or Buy Again and give them **#504**. HOPE welcomes your excess recycled bags (plastic, brown bags, totes) as well as food and baby supply items. **Addison Allies** needs items for migrant workers. More at cvuus.org/news. Thanks!





Explore Small Ministry Groups: A Different Way to Do Church

Small Ministry Groups deepen and broaden personal spiritual growth. A group usually consists of 8-10 members who meet monthly. They will meet in person at members' homes over the summer. Each meeting is focused on a spiritual or religious topic. To join or form a group, contact Doug Richards (drichard@keuka.edu or 802-989-9387). **Or join one of our affinity groups.**



Writers Group will reconvene **Mon, Sept 13, 7:30 pm** back on cvuus zoom. Contact Bobbi Loney at bobbiloney@gmail.com to be added to the list.

UU Cingles gathers outside (often in the Marble Works near 11th Hour Botanicals or at the Bristol Village Green bandstand) for those **aged 60+** to provide company and conversation during these difficult times. We aim to meet on every other Saturday at 1 pm. Watch the blast for invites. For more, call or email Monty Montgomery, Revell Allen or Marjorie Carson.



CVUUS Sangha & Meditation

If you're interested in developing a meditation practice, you're warmly invited to join us **Sunday mornings 9:15 to 9:45 AM** when **Colleen Brown** or **Dinah Smith** give instruction and guided meditations. It's aimed at those who are new to meditation or already have a meditation practice. Please feel free to contact Dinah with any questions. Zoom link [here](#)



Native Moons Book Group *Zooming on the Full Moon*

(although in-person clustering is smiled upon). The Native Moons Book Group has chosen

to learn about Abenaki history more deeply and more intimately. We will be meeting with *Aunt Sarah, Woman of the Dawn-land*. This biography by Trudy Ann Parker is of Trudy's great aunt Sarah, who lived to be 108 years old. Her journey from the 1820's to the 1930's within the State of Vermont is a slow loss of indigenous culture and rights, and a complex relationship with the dominant settler culture.

Other Meetings:

Monday, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. Indian Corn Moon, and pages 1- 46

Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. Falling Leaves Moon, and pages 47-90

Friday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. When Deer Drop their Horns Moon, and pages 90-138

Join Zoom Meeting

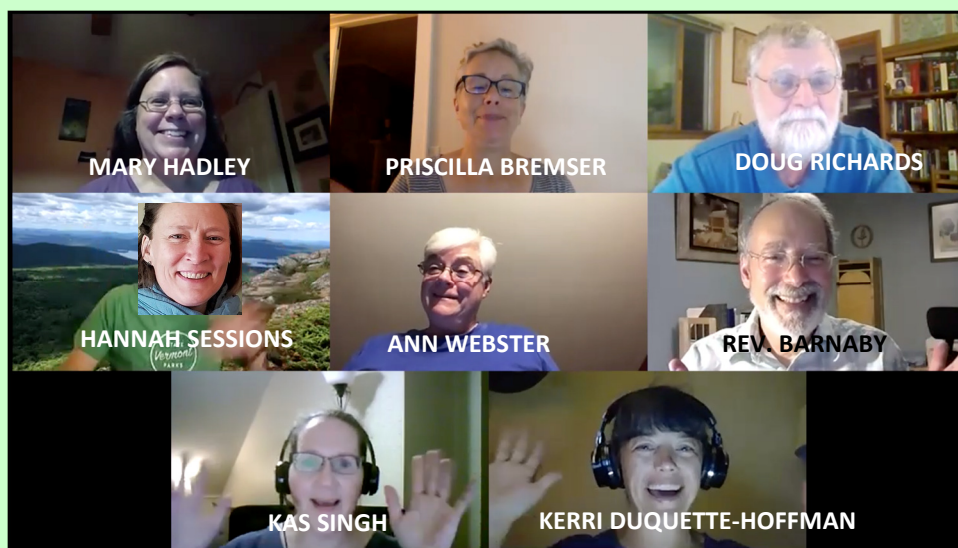
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8670084161>



Green Sanctuary Ministry is

led by Elizabeth Golden. Track our efforts at reducing our carbon footprint in **response to climate**

change and **environmental stewardship** at cvuus.org [here](#). We have made great strides in accessing solar power for ourselves and others, gleaning for HOPE, participating in the Interfaith Climate Action Network of Addison County (ICAN), hosting climate action initiatives in coordination with Climate Economy Action Network of Addison County, 350.org, Green Mountain Club, VT Interfaith Power and Light, and others.



FROM YOUR CVUUS BOARD: Mary Hadley

Wow, is it hot in here, or what?! As I swelter through another afternoon “more warm than I’d prefer” (did I really say that aloud), I smile reflecting back on all the HOT (as in really great) services we’ve had celebrating spirituality and the arts this summer.

What an amazing collection of friends, members, and co-creators of Sunday services we’ve shared over the past few months. I’ve enjoyed being in person when that worked for me as well as the flexibility (for a number of different reasons) to still connect to the congregation via Zoom or also by You Tube (including one particular service that I watched with different audiences a total of 3 times.)

Speaking of 3, I’m three paragraphs in, and still no talk about finances and money – how refreshing for me. As you may recall, at the annual meeting in June we voted Ann Webster in as the new Treasurer and so after 3 years with that role, I am now “simply” a Board Member without other officially named responsibilities. While I loved getting to know so many folks through money and finances, it is a great pleasure to focus more on other aspects of CVUUS. Please feel free to reach out to any member of the Board with any suggestions and ideas for how we can best continue to support and lead the congregation forward. Stay HOT!

Have You Discovered Our CVUUS LIBRARY ? CVUUS Library of Things(LoT) ?

Need UU fall reading material? See our CVUUS Library reading lists at <https://www.cvuus.org/learning/library/reading-lists-2/> . We’re happy to locate books for you & accept returned books & “book sale” or library donations. Arrange with awolfson@middlebury.edu or Office.

Library of Things (LoT) is a listing of useful items, owned by congregants, that they are willing to lend to other community members: **baby equipment, medical equipment, furniture, kitchen equipment, craft or hobby equipment tools** Let Artley know what items you are willing to lend. Visit <https://www.cvuus.org/connection/library-of-things/> to view what’s listed so far.





Roses to... Spirituality and the Arts Summer Worship Services



[Abstraction and Spirituality](#). We wrapped up our Spirituality and the Arts summer worship services with Haitian artist Sophia Domeville as our featured speaker accompanied by **Esther Thomas**. (Aug 29, 2021)

[Something Wonderful—In the Beginning](#). Rev. Barnaby reflected on how the arts help us understand what it means to be staging a beginning and introduced us to **Ronnie Romano**, our new music director. **Poppy Rees**, our religious exploration director, addressed us about her beginning back in the sanctuary delivering Time for All Ages for first time in 530 days and how she is reminded that she is not alone. (Aug 22, 2021)

[Do What Must Be Done](#). We attended worship remotely at [UU Congregation at Montclair, \(NJ\)](#), the congregation Rev. Barnaby attended for more than 10 years before entering seminary in 2008. (Aug 15, 2021)

[Spiritual Practice of Farming and Art Making](#). With **Hannah Sessions**, Blue Ledge Farm co-owner, assisted by **Julia Chant** as worship associate. (Aug 8, 2021)

[Raising Whole Kids through Music](#). Lifelong music educators and performers [Glendon Ingalls](#) and [Bear Irwin](#) provided varied instrumental music and reflections along with students Amanda Kearns and Caleb Benz assisted by **Martha Fulda**. (Aug 1, 2021)

[Artistic Collaboration: Kate Gridley and Francois Clemmons](#). Watch the interview produced in Kate's studio with **Francois and Kate** discussing the nature of their collaboration with worship associate **Karl Lindholm**. (July 25, 2021)

[The Art of Being Mindful of the Natural World](#). **Liam Battjes Greenwood** led this service infused with *Braided Sweetgrass* reflections from **Native Moons members**. (July 18, 2021)

[Five Poems that Made My Day](#). Rev. Barnaby shared five poems, assisted by **Becky Strum** and **Chris Murphy**. Dr. Francois S. Clemmons sang *Lift Every Voice*. (July 11, 2021)

Thanks to our intrepid stream team **Richard Hopkins**, **Rich Wolfson** and **Margy Young** for gathering and recording our worship elements for later viewing at cvuus.org and **Abi Sessions** for convening worship planning and hosting zoom for so many of our summer services.

Thanks to our **Facilities Team** led by **Bob House** for advancing work on our water, heating and ventilation systems and options.

Thanks to our Council of Ministries conveners **Lise Anderson** and **Brett Millier**, Board chair **Doug Richards** and RE co-chairs **Tracey Harrington** and **Jess Rouse** for organizing summer retreats and picnics.

Thanks to **Chris Murphy** for securing the CSAC tent for choir rehearsals and **Mike Greenwood**, **Avi Freund** for ushering and **Ann Webster** for money counting.



Quick Reference 2021-22

General Questions: Contact Office Manager Laura Asermily at office@cvuus.org or 388-8080 when she works mornings Mon-Fri in the office. You can reach our Bookkeeper Kris Butler at fm@cvuus.org or call her Tue and Fri (10-2) when she works remotely from home 989-7346.

Pastoral Questions/Concerns: Contact Rev. Barnaby revbarnaby@cvuus.org or 989-9303. In his absence, contact Pastoral Care. If you or someone you know in the congregation needs support such as calls, visits, meals or rides, contact Caring Network.

Web Site: cvuus.org **WIFI Password:** 1BamaDiva! **Librarian:** Artley Wolfson (awolfson@middlebury.edu) **Webmaster:** Margy Young (margy@gurus.org). **Tech help:** Jordan Young and Brian Mason

Calendar of Events: Under News at cvuus.org. Check with Laura (office@cvuus.org) about **scheduling on site or online using our CVUUS Zoom account**. Click "claim host" by putting in these 6 numbers: **364568**.

Building Use Schedule, Policy & Rates: Contact office@cvuus.org or refer to our website. *Please sign in on the clipboards at our entrances so we can track who is entering.*

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.

Religious Exploration: Contact Director of RE Poppy Rees for more (349-8508).

Membership: Contact Marjorie Carsen to learn what it means to become a member.



Staying Connected

Sunday Morning Zoom Coffee Hour (~11 am): Join exchanges after worship where we check in with each other. Login <https://zoom.us/my/cvuuservice/>

Weekend Greeting (Fridays): Rev. Barnaby shares inspirational thoughts, music and readings in a regular email from revbarnaby@cvuus.org. Not getting these? Email office@cvuus.org.

Weekly Blast (Wednesdays): Provides pathways for connection with links to our upcoming worships, past services, events. Not getting these? Email office@cvuus.org.

Yellow Card Milestones & Passages: Submit them before Sunday at <https://cvuus.breezechms.com/form/YellowCard>

Small Groups: Contact Laura at office@cvuus.org if your group wants to schedule **in person or Zoom meetings**. Explore *small group ministry* and our *affinity groups* [here](#).

Council of Ministries: Lise Anderson and Brett Millier convene reps from our ministry groups on 1st Monday of month at 5:30 PM in the Blue Room to brainstorm and update each other, except for Sept due when we will meet on Tues Sept 7 due to Labor Day. Look for opportunities galore for you to promote, celebrate and stay connected with CVUUS.



SEPT BIRTHDAYS



Deanne Morse 9/1
Nita Hanson 9/2
Livia Sessions Bernhardt 9/2
Jeanne Van Order 9/3
Ginny Moser 9/6
Chris Murphy 9/10
Parker Mol, 9/10
Faith Comstock 9/12
Robin Scheu 9/12
Journey LaRose 9/16
Dimitri Rodrigue 9/17
Bobbie Andrews 9/19
Julia Anderson 9/19
Ellen Flight 9/19
Missing you? Contact Office!

Autumn Spritzer 9/19
Laurie Borden 9/21
Dinah Smith 9/21
Steve Orzech 9/22
Catie Raishart 9/22
Don Groll 9/24
Evy Hickey-Briggs 9/24
Mark Raishart 9/24
Janie Wulff 9/24
Juniper (June) Mason 9/25
Abby Andres 9/26
Hannah Sessions 9/26
Gus Goetz 9/27
Chris Hammond 9/29
Melissa Hammerle 9/30

Wheel of Life CVUUS commemorates births and deaths. Listen to **Milestones and Passages** each Sunday for these and share your own. See how on page 2. Also see the **Seasons of Life Fund** below. We'll celebrate longtime member Ann Brousseau's life on Sept 25 at 10 am in our sanctuary.

Online Giving <https://cvuus.breezechms.com/give/online> See how to choose options [here](#) or by code to right.



for online giving



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. Thanks to Becky Strum for a generous donation on behalf of her husband **Chuck Strum** whose life we celebrated last month. **Planned Giving:** Contact Mary Conlon, Rich Wolfson or John Berninghausen for help.

Pastoral Care

CVUUS is blessed with wise and well-trained individuals providing support to members and friends in various kinds of distress. **Jordan Young** and **Marjorie Carsen** lead this.



Our Caring Network provides support, such as calls, visits, meals, and rides, to those in need. We offer rides to any member or friend who might want a ride to and from their covid-19 vaccination appointment. If you or anyone you know could use a ride, please call or email Kathryn Schloff (kathrynschloff@gmail.com or 349-5264) and arrangements will be made.

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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<https://www.cvuus.org/worship/watch-online/>
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Attend onsite (mostly outdoors) OR online

Nurturing Community Fall Worship Services 10 am

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