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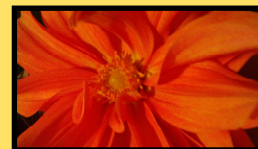
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Our Principles

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 November Worship Services



Sundays at 10 am Attend on site indoors OR

online <https://zoom.us/my/cvuuservice/>

Nov 7—Heroes -- Assuming we need them, can Unitarian Universalism help us pick ones who stand the tests of time? We'll collect for *Honor the Earth* as Share the Plate donee for Nov.



Nov 14—What Is the “Beloved” Community & How Do We Create It?—Rev. Christina Sillari returns to our pulpit as guest worship leader. She and Rev. Barnaby exchanged pulpits in Fall 2019.

Nov 21—From Courage to Resilience: Navigating These Challenging Times—With Rev. Christina Sillari

Nov 28 —“Savages” —Rev. Barnaby looks back on this year's Thanksgiving with a reflection on Benjamin Franklin's ironic use of this insult in his largely forgotten essay on Native American civility, which he saw as exemplary and deeply rooted in healthy communal relationships.

Pathways to Connections

Coffee Hour returns onsite following worship in Fellowship Hall

Radical Love Giveaway Online
Raffle & Fall Appeal

Widening the Circle, Thurs Nov 11
& Dec 2, 5:15 pm, online

Mexican Consulate Visit, Nov 20

More inside & at cvuus.org





Words from Rev. Barnaby

I was an active UU congregant for most of my life, including childhood, before I entered ministry. I know full well that the line on a Sunday between going to church and not going can be a fine one. I'm speaking here about those who have been among us and enjoyed it, whether or not they are members of the congregation.

I should have said this in my monthly letter long ago, but better late than never: please be assured that I always assume when I don't see you in the Sanctuary that you are where you should be. Thanks to Covid, I can now suspect you are participating on line. But I've always assumed, because I know from experience, there are plenty of no-brainer and even some wonderful reasons for missing church.

Work, health issues, visitors from out of town who you know wouldn't want to come with you, parenting demands, travel, the need to restore one's spirits in a more playful way – the list is endless. Sometimes, missing church isn't missing church but going to worship in another setting (a very UU thing to do by the way – it's rooted in our Neighboring Faiths program for older kids in our religious exploration program where we introduce them to other faith traditions and, if you are visiting another UU congregation, the covenant among the earliest Unitarian congregations in New England to support each other).

I'm more conflicted about people who share UU values but have not walked through our doors. It's less clear to me that they have had the opportunity to make a good choice for them. I can't help but wonder whether they have a lot mistaken assumptions about what we have to offer them, and what they have to offer us. I can't help but wonder whether we have failed to invite them in properly and genuinely.

One of the biggest ways Covid is harming us is the restrictions it puts on our hospitality options. But as we head into what can be a hard time of year for many people, I pray that will be a challenge for us to encourage each other to be more creative and attentive to outreach. I'm biased, of course, but I believe we have thousands of neighbors in our region who would benefit from deciding every week whether this is a Sunday to skip being with a UU congregation they have come to love.

Blessed be, Rev. Barnaby

WORSHIP SERVICE OPPORTUNITY IS NOT ONLY KNOCKING; IT'S POUNDING LOUDLY!

Zoom Social Host: Hold the space for online visiting after worship.

Usher: Greet, pass out bulletins, oversee donation collection.

Safety Volunteer: Watch doors; oversee COVID protocols.

Hospitality: Make coffee; oversee set up and clean up as we pilot it.

These and other roles beckon you. If you're interested, contact Abi Sessions abi.sessions@gmail.com).





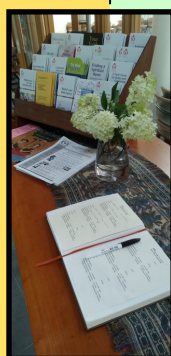
Welcome to CVUUS!

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



Arrange access to our spaces

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.



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. Check the Welcome Table basket in our lobby for collected and blank ones. Contact Poppy Rees about the future of **CVUUS Our Whole Lives (OWL)** which helps youth explore their sexual identity.

Adult Religious Exploration

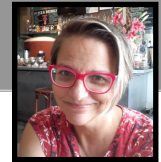
See Rev. Barnaby about an orientation to UU and CVUUS history and values as well as an overview of our many small group opportunities.

Honoring Indigenous People CVUUS worship opens with a ringing of the bell and saying: *"We recognize that CVUUS gathers on the land of the Western Abenaki people. We respect their spiritual relationship to the land. We hope to learn from them how we can live together in peace and justice."* See more at cvuus.org/news/honoring-indigenous-people.

CVUUS COVID GENERAL RULES

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 you should get a COVID test.
 2. **Masks** should fit well and cover your nose and mouth.
 3. **Remember to sign in** (contact tracing).
 4. **Use hand sanitizer** before entering or interacting with others.
- INSIDE**—Mask AND distance from those not in your pod; no group singing except for final song. HUMMING is okay.
- OUTSIDE**--Mask OR distance; group singing IS okay BUT REQUIRES MASK. Humming does not require a mask.

CVUUS ZOOM: Ask Laura (388-8080 or office@cvuus.org) how you can request a cvuus zoom meeting. **To "claim host" once you are in:** Click on your name in "participants" and scroll down below the list of names and click "claim host" and where it asks for the "host key", put in these 6 numbers: **364568**. You can also do this from "chat." In the bottom right corner of Chat, there are 3 dots. Click them. Click claim. **To allow everyone to share their screen:** Click on "Security" in your bottom toolbar. Click on "share screens" and you should be all set.



RE THOUGHTS

RE-CONNECTION and ANTIRACISM

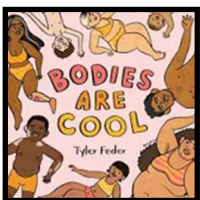
It is SO amazing to be able to meet in person again. Right now in Religious Exploration (RE), this mostly applies to the older kids and youth. Many families are waiting for vaccinations for 5-11 group. **We went into this pandemic together but we're coming out of it at different times, in different ways.**

As kids get vaccinated and we get more volunteers, we hope to increase our RE offerings. We are very grateful for the 3 groups we have so far: Sunday RE for grades 6 and down, OWL 7-8, and Youth Group.

Our RE themes this year: **REconnection and Anti-racism**

SO FAR THIS FALL...

- **OWL 7-8 & Youth Group** both went apple picking for HOPE
- **Youth Group** pizza & Capture the Flag
- **"Sunday RE"** started = during worship 10-11 am, grade 6 and younger, inside or outside, Joys & Concerns, UU activity, some free play, snack to take away



- > food hunt to prep for CROP Walk (raised \$1500+!)
- > *Bodies Are Cool!* (this book is amazing) and other books
- > made hanging bats for Halloween
- > playing again with the cool stuff at Fenn Chapel

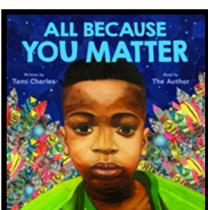
- **MANY picture books purchased which center Black**

(shifting the balance in our RE library)

- I participated in 5-session UUA **Leading UU Culture Change "anti-racism, anti-oppression, multicultural"** training for UU Religious Professionals. Thank you for supporting professional development for our staff!

COMING UP...

NOVEMBER: Sunday RE: *Annual Guest At Your Table Ornaments* with Bobbi



- > this year's theme: *"Now is the time for courageous change"* (I'll say!)/ make and sell ornaments for UUSC

OWL 7-8: Nov. 7 & 14, 10-12:30 at Otter Creek Yoga Studio

Youth Group: Nov 7 & 14, time TBD Make ornaments?

Bake cookies for Charter House? Scavenger Hunt?



YOUTH GROUP
aims to meet every
other weekend

DECEMBER: Sunday RE: Antiracist story time and activities **Sell ornaments** and **decorate our CVUUS tree/ Christmas Pageant!** **OWL 7-8:** Dec. 5 & 12, 10-12:30 at Otter Creek Yoga Studio

Youth Group: firepit, Yankee Swap

REconnect. 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



Radical Love Giveaway Raffle – 2021 Edition



For our fall fundraiser this year, we're going to try an online version of the Radical Love Giveaway Raffle. Here's how:

- **OFFER SERVICES & ITEMS:** CVUUS members and friends will offer services or other items to give away **between now and Dec 3.**
- **CHOOSE SERVICES & ITEMS:** Everyone (adult or child) will get ten virtual tickets to throw into virtual baskets connected with the items that appeal to them **until Dec 10.**
- **WIN SERVICES & ITEMS:** For each item, the raffle team will randomly select a winning ticket, and notify the donors and winners. Posted **after Dec 10.**

FAQ's: Q. Wait – how does this raise any funds for CVUUS?

A. Good question! The Giveaway Raffle focuses on the fun and fellowship of traditional fall fundraisers. You will be getting a separate letter from Rev. Barnaby explaining why we need to repeat last fall's financial donation program to take care of the fund-raising part. Your financial gifts in response to that letter are needed and will be deeply appreciated. But they won't affect anyone's ability to participate in the Giveaway, which is more about staying in touch with each other.

Q. What can we contribute to the Giveaway Raffle?

A. Suggestions so far include baked goods, soups, shopping service, yard work, custom-decorated wreath or centerpiece, hand knit accessories, housecleaning, ironing, mending, photography session, "takeout" dinner for a family. (No dinners in your own home this year, please.) We welcome your creativity! If you're comfortable springing for a gift card to a local business, perhaps one of the new ones in town, that would be a welcome raffle offering as well.

Q. Where do we contribute to the Giveaway Raffle?

A. Here! <https://cvuus.breezechms.com/form/RADLOVEDonation>

Please contact **Priscilla Bremser** (bremser@middlebury.edu) or **Mary Hadley** (hadleyme@juno.com) if you want to join the raffle team.

2017 Radical Love Party Memories





CVUUS Nov Newsletter

FALL FUNDRAISING APPEAL



2019 RAD Love Memory: Meal & Games hosted by Kate Gridley & John Barstow. This year offer a "takeout" meal for a family.

To the Congregation,

A year ago, we entered a pandemic Fall like no other in CVUUS history. Reluctantly, we concluded that the only safe course was to give our volunteers a break from trying to plan and run a service auction or other event. Instead, we asked those of you who were able to do so to step up with financial donations to fill the gap in the budget left by taking a year off from linking a fellowship event to fall fundraising.

You stepped up magnificently, both at that time and in your steady Pledge fulfillments. By the time we reached Rhubarb Festival season in late May, we were able to continue our wonderful tradition of sharing a substantial portion of the income from the festival proceeds with Project HOPE for its anti-poverty programs. And we finished the fiscal year June 30 with a slim surplus to carry over to this year's budget.

We hoped that fall donation request would be a one-off adjustment. Alas, the pandemic is still with us. A full return to our traditional party-driven fall fundraising is not yet safe or prudent. But we are resilient! Our Finance Team, the Council of Ministries, and lay leaders like former Board President Priscilla Bremser have a plan to pair a donation request like last year's with a socially distanced version of our innovative Radical Love Party from 2018.

First, here is some important background:

1) CVUUS is in good shape financially compared to most churches. We have also continued to invest in visionary changes that should help the congregation thrive for years to come. For instance, we are upgrading the skills and equipment needed to master production of live worship and other events that are also simultaneously available on Zoom. And we created a new director of music position (shout out to Ronnie Romano for his fantastic start in proving the wisdom of that!).

2) We rely on annually pledged donations by members and friends to cover close to 90 percent of each year's operating budget. Unlike many churches, we do not have a major tenant like a nursery school providing lots of income. And we are too young to have accumulated a huge endowment on which we can draw.

3) Close to half of the non-pledge budget gap is filled by two major fund-raising efforts – our Rhubarb Festival and some sort of Fall Fund-Raiser. Because we choose to share Rhubarb Festival proceeds with Project HOPE, the Fall fundraising effort is the most important for us financially.

4) Historically, the Fall Fundraiser brings in somewhere between \$8,000 and \$12,000. But it has also been our major fellowship building event of the year. Most of the effort has gone into creating a year's worth of parties, learning opportunities, nature outings, and distribution of goods and services that help us forge deeper connections with each other! We missed that last year.

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FALL FUNDRAISING APPEAL (Continued)

Which brings us to the plans for this year. Just as we did last year, our fund-raising planners have decided the only safe, feasible approach is to directly ask those of you who feel financially comfortable to make a fall donation beyond your Pledge to CVUUS. Hence this letter from me.

So how would this work? We are asking everyone who can to make some sort of Thanksgiving financial gift to CVUUS in the coming weeks. It could be anything from a few dollars to a much larger sum if the pandemic restrictions and strong stock market have left you better off financially than you expected. Four percent of everyone's pledge would get us to our goal. If you are able to round it up to a bit more in the "We've Got You Covered" spirit to compensate for congregants who cannot be that generous, so much the better. As your minister, I can assure you that the amount you give matters far less than the communal spirit we nourish by responding in a way that acknowledges we are all in this together.

But, and this is the big difference from last year, our fund-raisers are also determined to provide us with an online version of the memorable 2018 Radical Love Party to reemphasize that fund-raising should have a joy and fun side. You will be hearing about this at the same time as the financial fund-raising, but it is a vastly different form of generosity we are seeking from you. We are asking people to submit descriptions of gifts of experiences, goods, and services they would like to share with others throughout the coming year.

These offerings will all be listed in an online lottery format with every congregant given free "virtual" tickets to enter for the prizes they want to win – as with the original Radical Love Party that was designed to counter classist aspects of traditional auctions, you do not have to be well-off financially to have an equal shot at what is being offered!

You will get your tickets in late November. The lottery drawings will occur in December. Watch for a separate mailing from our **New Radical Online Love Party** organizers telling you about some of the exciting lottery offerings already in hand and suggesting ideas for you to consider.

We are well aware that at this time of year all of us are inundated with many other worthy requests for financial donations. Indeed, CVUUS will be part of that with our weekly share-the-plate collection for our outside donees during worship services and our traditional mid-December bonus pool offering for our part-time employees. But I hope you will find joy and satisfaction, as Michele and I will, in both making an extra fall financial gift and showing that the pandemic cannot keep us from living out our Radical Love vision of fellowship with our free online lottery.

Carol Harden wins a guided bike ride from our office manager Laura in 2019 Radical Love Giveaway Raffle





Social Action Updates

November "Share the Plate" Donee:



Based in Minnesota, **Honor The Earth** is a Native-run non-profit that works to both raise public awareness and funds for grassroots Native environmental groups. They are the **ONLY** Native organization that provides both financial support and organizational support to Native environmental initiatives. **Honor the Earth** develops their resources by using music, visual arts, the media, and Indigenous wisdom to ask people to recognize our joint dependency on the Earth.

They believe a sustainable world is predicated on transforming economic, social, and political relationships that have been based on systems of conquest into systems based on just relationships with each other and with the natural world. They are committed to restoring a paradigm that recognizes our collective humanity and our joint dependence on the Earth. Since their founding in 1993 they have re-granted over two million dollars to over 200 Native American communities.

Currently, **Honor the Earth** is supporting the efforts behind the movement, "Stop Line 3", a proposed pipeline expansion to bring nearly a million barrels of tar sands per day from Alberta, Canada to Superior, Wisconsin. It was proposed in 2014 by Enbridge, a Canadian pipeline company responsible for the largest inland oil spill in the US. Enbridge seeks to build a new pipeline corridor through untouched wetlands and the treaty territory of Anishinaabe peoples, through the Mississippi River headwaters to the shore of Lake Superior. See more at honorthearth.org

Future Share the Plate Donees

If you think you might like to join the Donations Ministry Team and want more information about how we choose donees and present information about them during Worship, contact Allison Cutler

(allisoncutler56@gmail.com)
Thanks to all who gave to **Habitat for Humanity** and **UUA Disaster Relief Fund** last month. Track how much we contributed to them and other donees at cvuus.org/justice/sharing-donation-plate/





Volunteer and Know You Make a Difference with Your CVUUS Teams

Meals on Wheels provides more than just a meal. When you knock on that door, you make a connection. The friendly visit, safety check and nutritious meal are a lifeline to many. Age Well, which organizes Meals on Wheels, is currently in need of volunteers in the Addison County. Delivery is typically from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30a.m., week days only. Volunteer for a day or volunteer or to be an occasional substitute driver. For more information, contact Mary Conlon mcolon@shoreham.net or Mike Greenwood mike802vt@comcast.net



Charter House Dinner Prep Team We make dinner for Charter House residents (25) **every SECOND Monday of month**. Right now these are prepped ahead in the homes of volunteers and gathered at CVUUS between 10 am and 1 pm for delivery to Charter House. In addition, we provide **baked goods (250 cookies) for Community Dinner on the FOURTH Friday of month**. If you want to help, contact **Alan Moore** alanwmoore1947@gmail.com to get on his email sign up list. See how it works in his google doc sign up [here](#).

Donate items to Neat Repeats, Buy Again Alley, JuneBug, WomenSafe, HOPE and Addison Allies! Let them know you are donating on behalf of CVUUS.

Mexican Consulate Visit Once again, we are preparing for the mobile Mexican Consulate's visit to Middlebury on Sat Nov 20 (appointments 9 – 2 pm) at CVUUS. The consulate staff come each year to help Mexican citizens living in the region with legal documents. To welcome the Consulate team and our Mexican neighbors, this year we will provide food and drinks, information tables (outdoors), preventative health checks, and child care so parents can take care of business and relax. Community support in years past helped to create wonderful (and organized) events with a festive atmosphere, tamales and all! Now, with the pandemic lurking, we have to scale back some activities. With your help we expect to have a safe masked event with the same joy as ever. There are several ways you can help this year.



- **Volunteer, [sign up here](#)** either to set up on Friday afternoon, or for numerous important roles on Saturday. Two hour shifts, 8 AM- 6 PM. We need your smile on the team. We welcome Spanish *and* English speakers.
- **Bring food. [Sign up here](#)** to cook, bake or donate apples, cider or other treats.
- **Donate checks, cash, or \$25 grocery gift cards.** Donors can bring cards (\$25) or cash/ checks to the office. Thanks! Looking forward to working with you.
Lise Anderson, liseand55@gmail.com on behalf of CVUUS, The Open Door Clinic, Addison Allies Network, Viva El Sabor and collaborating organizations. 734-255-3434



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. 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 meets the **second Monday of the month at 7:30 pm** on cvuus zoom. Contact Bobbi Loney at bobbiloney@gmail.com to be added to list.

UU Cingles gathers for those **aged 60+** to provide company and conversation. Meets every other Saturday at 1 pm. Watch the Blast for location. 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 evenings at 7 pm** when **Dinah Smith** gives 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](#)

Depression Peer Support Group is forming for those who wish to share how they have coped with their own depression or how they have helped a depressed loved one. Contact Monty Montgomery (middmont@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining such a group.



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 meet monthly to reflect on with *Aunt Sarah, Woman of the Dawnland*. **Next Meeting:** Friday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. When Deer Drop their Horns Moon, and pages 90-138. Join Zoom Meeting [here](#)



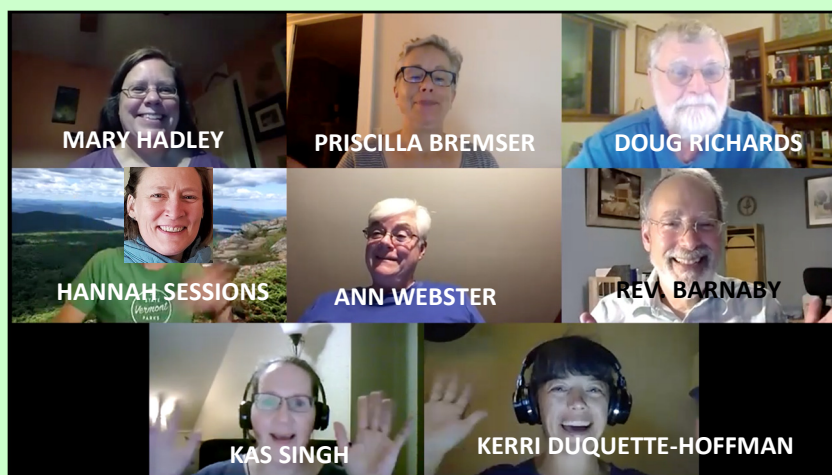
Green Sanctuary Ministry is led by Elizabeth Golden. Track our efforts at reducing our carbon footprint in **response to climate change** and **environmental stewardship** at cvuus.org [here](#). We have made great strides in accessing solar power for ourselves and others, gleaning for HOPE, participating 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.



Music & Choir Choir rehearsal is back in our sanctuary! Come **Wednesdays 5:30 pm** where we will prepare for services with our special masks. It is never too late to join. Want to meet with Music Director Ronnie Romano one on one? Contact him at music@cvuus.org or 201-388-4038 to be added to his list. Look for email from choir@cvuus.org. More at cvuus.org [here](#).

NURTURE Your Spirit.
Help HEAL Our World.





FROM YOUR CVUUS BOARD

As this article goes to print, I have officially been serving as Treasurer of CVUUS for four months. I certainly have much to learn, and I am grateful for the support of our previous Treasurer, Mary Hadley, our bookkeeper, Kris Butler and the rest of the Finance Team, John Berninghausen, Mary Conlon, Alan Moore and Rich Wolfson.

The pandemic continues, but each week CVUUS takes baby steps to reestablish traditions and rituals that have previous-

ly helped define who we are and provided opportunities for connection and fellowship. During this past year and a half, I have found ways to stay connected to CVUUS by serving on the Board, maintaining my involvement with my small group ministry, attending worship on Sunday mornings via Zoom and by keeping up to date on weekly blasts from the office. I have recently been attending services in person and am excited to feel the energy of people anxious to make those personal connection.

Getting back to “normal” also makes me acutely aware of what is not normal. I miss seeing a strong family presence on Sunday mornings and the children connecting with each other during a Time for All Ages and as we sing them out for their time together. I miss singing. I miss hearing Poppy sing! I miss greetings with hugs and holding hands. I miss the smiles on people’s faces! One thing I know for certain is that no matter what normal you would like to get back to, no matter what you miss, no matter what changes you are excited to see carried into the future, those in this congregation who were able have stepped up financially during this pandemic to support CVUUS in its mission to nurture the most vulnerable in our congregation and the extended community. I hope everyone takes the opportunity to read the letter to the congregation in this newsletter regarding this year’s fundraising.

Several years ago, we decided that each week CVUUS would divide the money from the offering with a charity or organization aligned with our principles that does meaningful work in our community and the wider world. Thus Share-the-Plate was born. This practice is something that has continued to flourish during the pandemic and something we should be proud of. It is a way we learn more about the social causes our friends and neighbors are committed to, and more importantly, it raises our awareness of the enormous needs of so many people. But for our bookkeeper this practice can create some challenges. Because our collection basket is also used to submit pledges or gifts it is not always clear where someone wants their funds to go. See right for a breakdown of the memos that are included on the checks and how we determine where the money goes. Thank you to all members and friends for your generosity if it comes in the form of money, of time or your compassionate presence. **Ann Webster**

Make all checks out to CVUUS.

Total check amount is split equally between CVUUS and the monthly donee if:

- Nothing is written on the memo line
- Memo indicates 50/50 or Share-the-Plate
- Memo indicates 50/50 or Share-the Plate and the Name of the Donee

Total check amount (100%) will go to the donee if:

- Memo indicates the name of the donee
- Memo indicates All to Donee/Outreach Only

Total check (100%) will go to CVUUS if:

- Memo indicates Pledge
- Memo indicates Gift, Non-Pledge Gift, Extra Gift or Seasons of Life

All cash is split 50/50 between CVUUS & the donee unless a note is securely attached indicating one of the above allocations.



Roses to...

...**Jess Rouse, Chris Hammond, Tracey & Mary Harrington** for assisting with Sunday morning RE

...**Jess Danyow** for co-leading Youth Group with Poppy

...**Joanna Colwell & Jordan Young** for launching OWL (Our Whole Lives) for grades 7-8

...**others** who delivered RE Bags.

...**Priscilla Bremser** and **Mary Hadley** for leading the 2021 Radical Love Giveaway Raffle effort.

...**Mike Greenwood** and **Alan Moore** for all they do to flank worship with fellowship—greeting arrivers and experimenting with a return of on-site Coffee Hour.

...**Paul Stone** and **Rich Wolfson** for their extra efforts in researching what to do about our existing ash trees and planting and watering new trees to expand our canopy.

...**Worship Team members** for stepping up to tech tasks, including **Julia Chant & Martha Fulda**



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>

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. Look for opportunities galore for you to promote, celebrate and stay connected with CVUUS.



Lise



Brett

Have You Discovered Our CVUUS LIBRARY & 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. Arrange with Office or awolfson@middlebury.edu. Library of Things (LoT) is a listing of useful items, owned by congregants, that they are willing to lend to other community members. Let Artley know what items you are willing to lend. Visit <https://www.cvuus.org/connection/library-of-things/> to view what's listed.





NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Pam Berenbaum 11/1
Ted Scheu 11/2
Caroline Carpenter 11/2
Martha Soderberg 11/8
Declan Timmons 11/8

Gayle Muenchow, Nov 9
Jason Duquette-Hoffman 11/11
Theresa Gleason 11/13
India Danyow 11/14
Doug Smith 11/15
Catherine Goldsmith, 11/17
Tori Hovde, 11/17
Layne Chant 11/18
Jude Sylvia 11/18
Steel Roark 11/20
Sina Adam (Richards) 11/21
Kathryn Schloff 11/22
Hendrix Sylvia 11/22
Johanna Nichols 11/26
Jude Stein 11/26
Ginsy Frost 11/29



Thanks to our Flower Co-Op for stunning fall arrangements repurposed into smaller bouquets for our congregants by **Marnie Wood**.

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 12. Also see the **Seasons of Life Fund** below.

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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. Thanks to **Mary Hadley** for a gift in honor of Ann Brousseau.



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Pastoral Care

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



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.



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Nurturing Community
Fall Worship Services 10 am
Attend onsite indoors OR online
<https://zoom.us/j/7000000000>
Coffee Hour returns onsite following
worship in Fellowship Hall
Radical Love Giveaway Online Raffle
& Fall Appeal
Mexican Consulate Visit, Nov 20

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