



Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society

January 2022 - Volume 24, Issue 6

2 Duane Court, Middlebury, VT 05753

(802) 388-8080

Our Principles

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

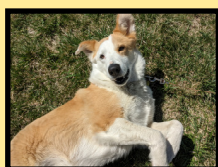
- * The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- * Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
- * Acceptance of one another and encouragement of spiritual growth in our congregations;
- * A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- * The right of conscience and the use of the 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 January Worship Services

Sundays at 10 am Attend onsite indoors (resuming Jan 9 pending COVID & severe weather conditions) OR online anytime

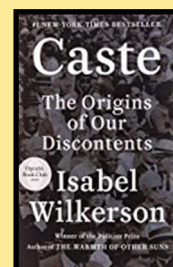
<https://zoom.us/my/cvuuservice/>

Jan 2—Reflection on 2021—Online only. Led by Rev. Barnaby. We'll collect for *UNICEF* vaccination efforts for Jan.



Jan 9—Celebration of Animal Lives—Rev. Barnaby leads us in reflections on what real otherness teaches us. We'll be looking for people to share short vignettes of memorable animals in their lives, not necessarily pets, and will light candles for pets who have died or should be blessed.

Jan 16--New Ways to Listen to MLK—Led by Rev. Barnaby. Join the *CVUUS Race in America* book group in discussing *Caste* on 3rd Wed of month Jan through April via Zoom at 7 pm starting Jan 19. More inside and at cvuus.org.



Jan 23—How to Read the Bible—Rev. Barnaby likes what the Bible says about where we encounter God, not who God is, especially when we consider who is speaking and whose voice is left out.

Jan 30—Spirituality and the Arts with Christal Brown—Christal (pictured right with Francois Clemmons in 2018) returns to our pulpit. More about her work teaching dance at Middlebury College and in our community at cvuus.org. We'll collect for *Rokeby Museum* as our special 5th Sunday donee.





Words from Rev. Barnaby

Our second pandemic Christmas is still on my mind as I write this. To be honest, I was sad to see that the number of us who gathered together in person and online to celebrate at about 70 -- the lowest Christmas Eve number by far in my time as your minister.

Of course, I know that those of you who didn't join us were where you needed to be. I hope many of you will take the opportunity to view the service on our website. Either way, I'm deeply grateful though to every congregant, past and present, for helping create a CVUUS that could pull off what felt like a very special service.

A full choir led our music live in the Sanctuary. Everyone was masked, but what a step forward from a year ago! We got warmed up for it listening to the Harrington family band and Neil Chippendale on clarinet playing pre-service carols.

The ritual highlight was darkening the room, lighting some 50 candles, and singing *Silent Night* together at the end of the service. I could envision others of you lighting candles at home and singing along maskless. Earlier, I got to look around the beautifully decorated space as we listened to -- and saw Francois Clemmons on the new screen -- singing the day-lights out of *O Holy Night* in his home. We also received the blessing of Ronnie on piano and Carol Harden on viola playing a gorgeous version of *In the Bleak Midwinter* during our offering collection for HOPE.

But I was most proud of the video we commissioned of Rev. Lynn Ungar reciting her new poem *What the Angel Didn't Say*. Lynn's poem names future sorrows the Angel fails to mention in announcing that Mary had been chosen among all women for the joy and honor of giving birth to the Lord's son. Then in a surprising twist, Lynn concludes:

Maybe she knew, and said yes anyway.

Maybe the big ask

is to open the door to suffering,

which is the door marked Love.

A tough thought, perhaps, but a more honest one than we often hear at Christmas. I pray we hold it close as we support each other in 2022. Sometimes, the price for loving what Life needs from us gets steep. May knowing that enable CVUU's to help each other embody fellowship, courage, and compassion, and model it for our children.

Blessed be, Rev. Barnaby

Pictured right is one of the four wreaths we bedecked with climate action messages as part of an ICAN holiday project. Find more holiday memories on p. 12 and 13.





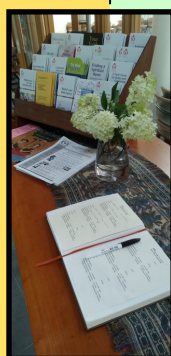
Welcome to CVUUS!

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

WALKING EACH OTHER HOME

I have spent more time inside my **home** in the past year than I care to remember. Inside my house, I should say. Which is also my **home**. I usually feel pretty “at **home**” here: able to be myself and be seen for who I am. Which is very lucky and I am grateful to have a family that allows this to be true.

I know that “**home**” doesn’t mean this for everyone. But when I think of places where I feel “at **home**”, it means places where I can be myself and feel like I belong.

I have other **homes**. My childhood **home**, just across town. I did nothing to be in that **home** the first time around but the second time took intention: JP and I moved back to Middlebury when I was pregnant with my second child, Callie.

Another **home**: CVUUS. It wasn’t home at the beginning. I was self-conscious, wanting to prove myself as a worthy DRE. I was still learning a lot about Unitarian Universalism which also made me not really feel at **home** because I was hyper-aware of myself. But now, many years later, this is a true home for me, where I am able to be myself and feel seen and feel like I am part of the community. I can be vulnerable here.

And - I have spent very little time inside this **home** in the past year. Physically, very very little. The most at **home** I felt here, in 2021, was after worship had been happening on Zoom for months and months. I could come into it with the ease of previously walking into the Sanctuary – knowing where things were, how to turn the lights on, happy to see all the faces of who was there. Then summer came, we went back to “in person”, and it felt kind of foreign and awkward for me. I missed the intimacy of my Zoom CVUUS **home**.

Now we are HERE, wherever that is. It’s the start of a new calendar year which marks beginnings... but I feel very much still in the middle of...I’m not sure what. So what do I want this year? To feel at **home** again – in my home (not so sick of being there), at CVUUS (finding my work again, in this different world) and – especially – inside myself.

When Ram Dass said, “we are all just walking each other **home**”, he was talking about how we need each other, to help us get to our true home, our true being, inside ourselves. To me, that is one of the biggest reasons to be part of CVUUS. Because I am constantly encouraged to come back **home**, to the part of myself that isn’t constantly freaking out about everything. And I definitely need others to help me do this. And I love – LOVE – walking others back **home** with my words, stories, songs, expressions, and goofiness. It’s an honor when I get to hear that something helped.

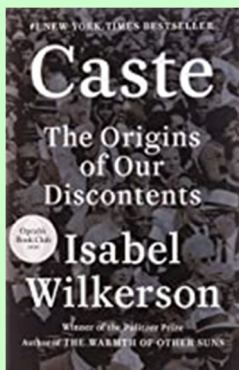
As we start this new year, I want to say thank you to all of you for walking with me, in good times and bad. And for showing up, even when it’s awkward. At our **home**.

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



Coming in January 2022, CVUUS Race In America Book Group

continues with the reading and discussion of



The Pulitzer Prize–winning, bestselling author of *The Warmth of Other Suns* examines the unspoken caste system that has shaped a number of countries including the United States and shows how our lives today are still defined by a hierarchy of human divisions. Make sure you have a copy and join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, **beginning January 19, 2022, 7 PM via Zoom**. Already read it? Read it again and join the discussion! For more information, and to join contact Jean Terwilliger at twigvt@gmail.com or Mike Greenwood at mike802vt@comcast.net. **Session dates: Jan 19, Feb 16, March 16, April 20 and May 18, 2022; 7 PM on Zoom and/or live as COVID rates subside!**

Jean and Mike led a common reading and discussion of *Breath: A Letter to My Sons* by Imani Perry last year (Jan -April 2021). CVUUS has conducted other common reads on race including *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin DiAngelo and *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Byron Stevenson. You can borrow a copy of these books and many others on race from the CVUUS Library located on lower level (see p. 10). We offer reading lists [here](#) on race and related topics.

How Racism Impacts UU's and Our Congregation Study Group

Rev. Barnaby led a 5-session class last fall based on the UU Association's *Widening the Circle of Concern Report*, an in-depth study issued in 2020 looking at how racism shows up within Unitarian Universalism. Look for more at cvuus.org/news.

New to UU? Become a Member

Thanks to the pandemic, it's been a while since CVUUS has experienced the joy of welcoming new members as part of Sunday worship. If you are a newcomer wondering about how to get more involved and what it means to be a UU, so that you can decide whether you would like to become a member of this congregation, please [ping](#) Rev. Barnaby. He's hoping to create an alternative to the traditional new UU classes that introduces newcomers to each other, but is a better fit for the pandemic environment.

WORSHIP SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Zoom Social Host: Hold the space for online visiting.



Usher: Greet, pass out bulletins, oversee donation collection. See Mike Greenwood.
Safety Volunteer: Watch doors; oversee COVID protocols.



Flower Co-op: Bedeck our sanctuary with seasonal arrangements.
Worship Associate: Help create the service, welcome attendees, make announcements, light our chalice, etc. If you're interested, contact [Abi Sessions](#)



Social Action Updates

January "Share the Plate" Donees: UNICEF & Rokeby

Given the existence of COVID-19 and its many forms, to kick off 2022, the Donations Ministry has decided to support an organization dedicated to the Global vaccination effort. CVUUS will be sharing its plate with UNICEF's Covid-19 Response for 4 of the weeks in January. On the 5th Sunday, we will be collecting for Rokeby.



Fatimetou shows her slate, which reads "I love school". After months of COVID-19-related school closures, Mauritanian students finally took their exams, wearing masks and practicing social distancing.

UNICEF's COVID-19 Response: Stopping the spread of the coronavirus means making sure that people everywhere are protected. That's the governing principle behind the COVAX Facility, a groundbreaking multilateral initiative aimed at guaranteeing that vaccines are distributed equitably worldwide. As a key partner in COVAX, UNICEF is leveraging **75 years of building expertise building a global health network for children** to coordinate delivery of COVID-19 vaccine doses to more than 180 countries. According to the WHO, preliminary evidence suggests Omicon may carry a higher risk of reinfection than other variants...which underscores the necessity of every country gaining equal access to the tools to fight COVID. **Vaccine delivery is key to stopping new variants and making a return to normal life possible.** As of the end of November 2021, **COVAX has shipped** more than 563 million COVID-19 doses to 144 countries. Track this effort [here](#).

Rokeby Museum: From 1793 to 1961, Rokeby was home to four generations of Robinsons — a remarkable family of Quakers, farmers, abolitionists, artists, and authors. Today, the Robinson family's home is a [National Historic Landmark](#), designated for its exceptional Underground Railroad history. Located off Rt 7 in Ferrisburgh. More [here](#).



*Thank you for your continued support of the Donations Ministry. Thanks to all who gave to **Charter House**, **HOPE** (Christmas Eve) and **UUSC** (ornaments) last month. Track how much we contributed to them and others at cvuus.org/justice/sharing-donation-plate/*



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



Volunteer and Know You Make a Difference with Your CVUUS Teams

Meals on Wheels provides more than just a meal. The friendly visit, safety check and nutritious meal are a lifeline. Age Well, which organizes Meals on Wheels, needs drivers. Delivery is typically 9:30 to 11:30 am, week days. Volunteer for a day or to be an occasional substitute driver. CVUUS has a longstanding team on **Mondays** coordinated by [Mary Conlon](#). Contact her.



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](#) to get on his email sign up list or sign up [here](#).

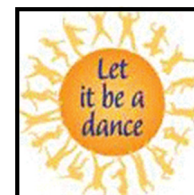
What's up with planning for the annual Spring canvass pledge drive?

We will have one -- we have to do so to meet our obligation to present a balanced budget for the congregation to vote on at the annual meeting in June. We are a young congregation. We lack the kind of massive endowment that sustains many older churches and we have no major rental tenant providing a big chunk of income. *What we collectively pledge is close to 90 percent of what we can prudently plan on having available to spend on staff, facilities, and programs that embody our values.*

Haven't I usually heard more about the pledge drive by now? Yes, but this year we have so far been unable to recruit lead organizers. Everyone we speak to is struggling to deal with the uncertainties of the pandemic, past leaders need to take a break, and some congregants are feeling less connected to the congregation after two years of social distancing.

So is nothing happening? No, a lot is happening. The Board has been discussing new ways to break up responsibilities for doing what needs to be done. Leaders for some aspects of the work have stepped up. Most importantly, the Finance team, led by our Treasurer Ann Webster, has begun preparing a preliminary proposed budget for the annual meeting that will clarify how much we are looking for in pledges and one-time gifts. We are ahead of the curve in that respect.

What's the theme this year? That's one thing we haven't chosen yet. What do you think it should be? We seek leaders for our spring pledge drive canvass fundraiser. Let [Rev. Barnaby](#) know if you're interested. It launches in March and often included a signature social gathering in April in pre-COVID times. Bring your creativity to a theme and efforts to foster fellowship and awareness in our still-COVID times.





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 usually in Fenn Chapel during colder months while face to face meetings are permitted. 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](#)



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 at 7 pm to reflect on with *Aunt Sarah, Woman of the Dawnland*. Contact Liam or Mike Greenwood to be added to their email list for meeting reminders.



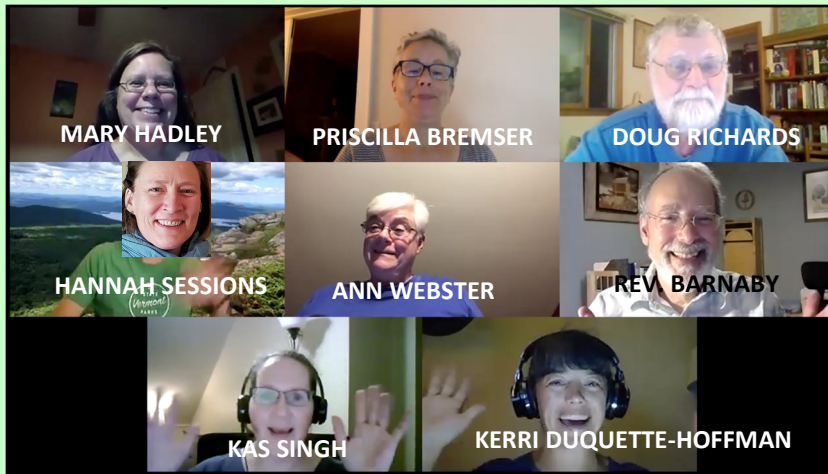
Green Sanctuary Ministry is led by Elizabeth Golden. Track our efforts at reducing our carbon footprint in **response to climate change** and **environmental stewardship** at cvuus.org [here](#). We have made great strides in accessing solar power for ourselves and others, gleaning for HOPE, participating 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 5:45 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.





FROM YOUR CVUUS BOARD

Member Hannah Sessions, with help from her son Hayden Bernhardt

Hayden has been raised in this congregation and is currently a senior at Otter Valley High School. Religious Education and Exploration programs nationwide are suffering low attendance spawned by the pandemic. Children bring life to a faith community and we miss them terribly, and children are missing out as well on what could be a critical support

system as they develop their understanding of the world. Hayden was a reluctant CVUUS participant, choosing sports and other commitments whenever it was allowed. It was a struggle, but we persevered and kept our community as a constant presence, albeit a periphery one, throughout his formative years. The college search process becomes an identity proclamation one so you can imagine our excitement when the Principles of Unitarian Universalism have surfaced during this time. But don't take just my word for it! The following is an excerpt from Hayden's college application essay:

Whether they are constructing a robot, a stronger sense of community or an identity, our students are builders. What would you like to build? I have built the most complex thing that has ever been built—a social life full of authentic relationships. The thing about building a social life is that it is never finished. A person's relationships in life are constantly developing, changing, deteriorating, and improving. As a social person, I have always been extremely interested in the way that people interact and get along with each other, and I aim to keep building these strong relationships among others... It is very important to be respectful and kind to everyone you meet. Nowadays, people seem to let false prejudices keep them from learning about certain people. I make sure to talk and listen to those who have opinions different than my own, because I understand that everyone has a different background. No one was ever born as a mean, unsympathetic, or cold-hearted person. They had to be taught. And not everyone had strong role models growing up. I have attended a Unitarian Universalists church since I was a kid, and it was there that I was taught how important it is to keep an open mind, loving heart, and helping hands. With these foundational tools, I am able to build genuine relationships with an expanding diversity of people.



We always wanted CVUUS to be an oasis for our kids: a place where they could gain stability in a turbulent world. I am thrilled and appreciative that Hayden agreed to share this essay with you and feel that is a testament to his feelings of warmth and trust! He now loves attending CVUUS services and identifying as a UU is a big part of what calls him to be his best self. We cannot control the adversity that our kids will face, but we can give them the spiritual and ethical tools to survive and thrive, and a group of people who can support them. CVUUS was that for me, and has been that for our kids and we thank you! I urge parents to not give up on raising their kids in a faith community. I know the struggle is real, there are many things competing for your child's attention, but a little goes a long way and from my perspective it is an effort worth making.



Star Island is looking for summer staff applicants!

If you are not already familiar with Star Island, we run a seasonal religious and educational conference center off the New Hampshire coast and hire approximately 100 people (18 or older) to work from mid-June to mid-September. As our roots are linked to the UU and UCC faiths, working on Star offers a unique employment opportunity in a beautiful location, with a vibrant and welcoming community. Deadline to apply is **January 24**. For more information about working on Star Island, please visit our website (www.starisland.org/working).



When do I get my Tax Deduction Statement? All statements will be sent in Jan and will include all donations received by Dec 31, 2021. Let Kris know if you want a print copy. She's happy to do it but is also happy to save the postage and envelopes for those who don't! Need an update on your pledge status? Contact our bookkeeper Kris Butler at fm@cvuus.org or 802-989-7346 on Tues or Fri (10 am– 1 pm) when she works remotely.

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.



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 PM in online to brainstorm and update each other. Look for the link in our Blast and opportunities galore for you to promote, celebrate and stay connected with CVUUS.



Lise



Brett

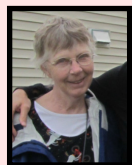


Roses to...

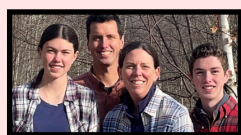
...**Mary Hadley** for the herculean (and, for her, highly spiritual) task of selecting, reporting and notifying our Radical Love Raffle online edition winners. Big smiles from her, our winners and our donors. Send us pictures!



...**Bobbi Loney** and **CVUUS kids** for making ornaments for *Guest at Your Table* - and those that bought them and donated money to UUSC.



...all who helped with the Sanctuary Christmas trees, wreathes and seasonal arrangements, especially **Scott Barkdoll** and members of our Flower Co-op: **Marnie Wood, Dinah Smith, Alice Berninghausen, Chris Murphy** and **Bobbie Carnwath**.



...**The Harringtons** for hosting a Christmas Eve outing option for families at their Ripton home in the woods with a fire and cocoa.

...the faithful **Bob House** for extraordinary effort to fix things, troubleshoot wiring for new media and oversee our heating system servicing and **Sheila House** for coordinating the Helen Porter gift giving effort and all who participated.



...**Laura Ferguson** for copying the weekly order of service, **Janice Sabett** for reviewing our website for needed updates, edits and flow improvements and **Brian Mason** for posting our services and home page blurbs.



...the **Wolfsons** for shepherding our library, **Allison Cutler** for overseeing our donation ministry and **Kathryn Schloff** for her Caring Network leadership including the provision of hospitality for Jim Ross's Celebration of Life in honor of Ann for whom our Fellowship Hall is named and everyone else who helped.



...**Alan Moore** for continuing the coordination of Charter House dinner prep in our kitchen once of month and community supper cookies on the fourth Friday of each month and **all who baked** for Fridays that fell on Thanksgiving and Christmas weekends.

...**Richard Hopkins, Margy Young, and Rich Wolfson** for their enormous tech care.



...**Karl Lindholm** for leading our special informal Day After Christmas zoom service of sharings and capturing worship in pictures, like Becky Strum below.

...**Paul Stone** for replacing our faded Pride flag.

...**Susie Humphrey** for the lovely Caring Network messages to our Middlebury Union Middle School students and their families acknowledging the extra stress of recent cultural and political conflicts at the school.

...**Everyone** who contributed to the record bonus pool for our part-time employees!





2021 Holiday Service Memories





The Harringtons hosted a Christmas Eve outing in Ripton attended by the Brightmans & others.

Steve Maier 1/5
Martha Alexander 1/7
Greg Bernhardt 1/6
Sophie Mason 1/6
Colby Hammond 1/9
Willow Ross 1/8
Melanie Sands 1/10
Karl Lindholm 1/11
Owen Connelly 1/14
Ann Ross 1/18
Theron Trefethen 1/19
Ron Hallman 1/20
Liam Greenwood 1/21
Victoria Cherney 1/21
Thomas Martin 1/22



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

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. Ann Ross contributed in honor of all those who helped celebrate the life of her husband Jim last month.



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.

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.

Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society



2 Duane Court, Middlebury, VT 05753
Located at Duane Court & Charles Avenue

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
(802) 388-8080; office@cvuus.org
Office Hours: M–F, mornings
Visit our web site at www.cvuus.org.
And Facebook page CVUUSVT

MINISTER
Rev. Barnaby Feder
388-8080 (office)
989-9303 (cell)
989-7197 (home)
Email: revbarnaby@cvuus.org

CVUUS Board of Trustees

Doug Richards – President	Members At Large:
Kerri Duquette-Hoffman – Vice-President	Priscilla Bremser
Ann Webster – Treasurer	Mary Hadley
Kas Singh – Clerk	Hannah Sessions

CVUUS Leaders

Caring Network – Kathryn Schloff 349-5264
Council of Ministries – Lise Anderson 734-255-3434, Brett M
Donation Ministry – Allison Cutler 989-7792
Facilities – Bob House 989-5050
Fellowship—Mike Greenwood 349-5653
Finance—Ann Webster 388-7506
Green Sanctuary – Elizabeth Golden 598-2388
Library & Information Resources – Artley Wolfson 989-7081
Membership Ministry – Marjorie Carsen 453-8457
Music Ministry Team – Carol Harden 989-8783
Pastoral Care – Jordan Young, Marjorie Carsen
Religious Exploration Council – Tracey Harrington, Jess Rouse
Safe Congregation—Alan Moore 865-335-2028
Small Group Ministry – Doug Richards 989-9387
Worship Team – Abi Sessions 349-8147

CVUUS Staff

Bookkeeper – Kris Butler (fm@cvuus.org, 989-7346)
Music – Ronnie Romano (music@cvuus.org, 201-388-4038)
Dir. of Religious Exploration – Poppy Rees (re@cvuus.org)
Office Manager – Laura Asermily (office@cvuus.org)
Custodian— Keith Rickerby (989-6036)

January Worship Services 10 am
Attend onsite indoors OR online
<https://zoom.us/j/cvuuservice/>
Coffee Hour continues online
CVUUS Race in America Group
Reads & Discusses *Caste*
More inside & at cvuus.org

Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society
2 Duane Court
Middlebury, VT 05753
Return Service Requested