



# 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.



Radical Love Giveaway Party Sunday Dec. 11!  
Holiday Concert Tuesday Dec. 20. More inside!

## Trusting Change: Gifts December Worship Services

Sundays at 10 am in our Sanctuary  
(masking optional) and on Zoom

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

Stay for Social Hour in Fellowship Hall



**Dec 4— Sharing Our Winter Holiday Traditions--**Ellen Flight helps us share these and Poppy Rees guides us in the annual decorating of our tree and wreaths. The Harringtons host hikes and bonfires and had one for Christmas Eve to which the Brightmans came. That's radical love!

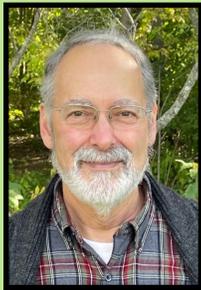
**Dec 11— Thresholds—**Led by Rev. Barnaby assisted by Becky Strum with our Choir and the House Band and inducting our new members. We'll collect for our staff bonus. Followed by our *Radical Love Party* with special lunch and free raffle drawings.

**Dec 18— No-Rehearsal All-Ages Nativity Pageant!** Join our family-friendly service in which ALL are welcome to take part. Ends with lighting of candles and singing of *Silent Night*. Led by Poppy Rees. More inside.



**Dec 24—Christmas Eve Traditional Service (7:30 PM) --**Led by Rev. Barnaby with special music and readings from the Christmas Story. Ends with lighting of candles and singing of *Silent Night*.

**Dec 25—Christmas Morning Quiet Meditation—**Share reflections as you are moved from meditation with gentle music. Children welcome, but no RE or nursery coverage.



## Minister's Letter

As I head off to Thanksgiving's meal, I feel Christmas looming. It's an occupational hazard. Christmas is a challenging event in our church calendar for many UU ministers. What do we do with the Biblical birth story of Jesus in a denomination descended from but no longer partial to Christianity?

In my dreams, I see the invitingly decorated Sanctuary strained to its occupancy limits. I see all of us, including many folks alive only in memory, gathered together in song and joyful celebration. I hear deeply-felt prayers for the common good – even the silent ones. I imagine a fellowship time afterward of was-sail and baked treats, during which a light snow begins.

But I know better that reality will be more complicated. Our world and our congregation are still coping with the impact of the pandemic, climate change is gathering steam, and, as usual, political and social strife are rampant. UU's are all over the place in what they need most from this and other winter holidays.

Whatever unfolds, it will be left to us to bless each other. The Advent month is a form of active waiting that encourages that. The Christmas stories wither if we don't find our own uplifting roles in them.

As I wait this year, I will be praying that we are blessed with the courage to encounter disappointment and sorrow without despairing. I was heartened by our congregational conversation on the project to update the UU Principles by comments that reason's role in a sound faith needs to be affirmed even as we move for the first time to center our Principles on Love.

I agree. That will help us gain clarity on what healthy worship might look and feel like. I once had trouble seeing anything positive in the very word "worship." Some of you still do. I believe our reexamination of our Principles, and the origins of the word, will also help us see ways to avoid handing control of defining worship to those who have given it a bad name. Blessed be, Rev. Barnaby

**HELP DECORATE OUR HOLIDAY TREE!** During Social Hour, CVUUS kids will sell their



handmade ornaments to support the UUSC *Guest at Your Table* program. You may also write the name of a loved one on a Memory Ribbon and tie it to our community tree.

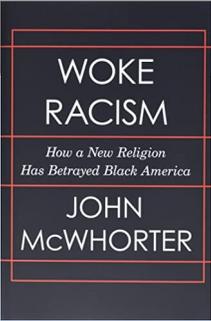


Ornaments and ribbons may be put on the tree throughout December.

**DEC 18 NO-REHEARSAL ALL-AGES NATIVITY PAGEANT** Want to help? There are many things to do ahead of time: set up barn/manger/hay, move chairs and furniture, decorate Narrator music stands, assemble Orders of Service, etc. And we need a few people to help with quick costuming during the Pageant on Dec. 18. Talk to Poppy.



**SPECIAL NOTE FOR DEC. 11 WORSHIP SERVICE** Starting today, a second offering and throughout this week, we will receive your holiday contributions to be shared among all part-time CVUUS employees in appreciation for their devoted work on our behalf throughout the year.



## Welcome to CVUUS!

Visit us at [cvuus.org](http://cvuus.org), FB CVUUSVT, or email [office@cvuus.org](mailto: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 (1BamaDiva!)** and gender inclusive 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 **CVUUS Our Whole Lives (OWL)** which helps youth explore their sexual identity.

## 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 [cvuus.org/](http://cvuus.org/)

## CVUUS Race In America Book Group *Woke Racism*

Join us for our final session, **Wed. Dec 14 at 7 pm** in the Ann Ross Fellowship Hall. Zoom option available. Even if you didn't join us for first sessions, you're welcomed at our final one. If you will be joining us for the first time, please make sure to contact Jean Terwilliger, [jtwigvt@gmail.com](mailto:jtwigvt@gmail.com) or Mike Greenwood at [mike802vt@comcast.net](mailto:mike802vt@comcast.net) for links to additional readings.

## Affordable Housing Conversation

Join us **Monday, Jan 9th at 7 PM** in Ann Ross Fellowship Hall as we continue our conversation on affordable housing. This emerged as action from the **CVUUS Race in America Caste** book discussion prior to *Woke Racism*.

At our first session, ideas ranged from helping families move into their home with the first month rent and moving expenses paid to converting garages and perhaps even barn spaces into apartments. We also talked about partnering with organizations that are also doing good work in this area and demographics. Who do we want to support? We are in fact finding mode. Join us. See Jean Terwilliger, Mike Small, Scott Barkdoll, Liam or Mike Greenwood for more.





## RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

## December Traditions IN PERSON!

We have many CVUUS kid traditions and a lot of them take place at this time of year: Ornament Sunday where we make ornaments to sell as a fundraiser for the *Guest at Your Table* program, kids selling ornaments in the foyer, decorating our holiday tree in worship on the first Sunday of December, and our No-Rehearsal Pageant.

The past few years of COVID meant delivering ornament materials to families and selling the ornaments out of a bin behind the Fenn House. Tree decorating was a video of Poppy, alone in the Sanctuary, decorating the tree. The Pageant happened on Zoom – in a magical amazing way, actually – and then didn't happen at all due to some complications.

But **here we are, once again, IN PERSON.** Hooray for vaccines, medications, masks, air purifiers and perseverance. **I hope as many of you as possible will join us in these upcoming heart-filled traditions.**

### DECORATING OUR TREE & WREATHS: SUNDAY DEC. 4 DURING WORSHIP

- add a decoration to our tree or one of our wreaths
- bring ornament to donate or use one from our large collection of kid-made ones
- write a name of a loved one on a memory ribbon and tie it on the tree

### NO-REHEARSAL ALL-AGES NATIVITY PAGEANT: DEC. 18 DURING WORSHIP

This year, the Pageant is our December 18 worship service. We hope this change allows many people to take part in BOTH the Pageant AND the Christmas Eve service.



- full worship service, with Pageant in middle, and LOTS of singing
- a joyful, interactive, low-stress, UU retelling of the Christmas story
- characters enter and stay on the stage, being part of an emerging final scene
- **ALL AGES take part!** We have costumes for all sizes or wear your own
- Mary, Joseph, shepherds, sheep, angels, animals, Wise Ones, and stars

**I hope to see you there. It's a tradition!**

**~ Love, Poppy, your Dir. of RE**



## CVUUS THANKSGIVING DINNER 1st Edition



Close to 30 gathered—many long-time congregants mingling with several new to CVUUS. Thanks to **Mike Greenwood** and **Alan Moore**, our hospitality coordinators, and **Liam Battjes** and **Carol Harden**, their spouses, who organized a traditional/non-traditional feast with a turkey donated by **Paul** and **Francis Stone**. Thanks for all who contributed and came. Plans are already underway for next year.

## CVUUS RADICAL LOVE GIVEAWAY 6th Edition

Everyone (adult or child) **get ten tickets** on **Sunday Dec 4** after worship during social hour where you can begin to choose free raffle options (some on display, all listed online, see Blast and [cvuus.org](http://cvuus.org) for link). You can get tickets online [here](#). Win social activities, services, or items. The raffle team randomly selects winning tickets and **notifies the donors and winners on Sunday Dec 11** during a special lunch following worship. **Make your financial donation** to support this event online [here](#). For the Radical Love back story of this effort to combat classism while supporting fellowship and fundraising, read more at [cvuus.org](http://cvuus.org) [here](#). HUGE thanks to **Mary Hadley** for invaluable behind-the-scenes help with forms, cataloging and displays again.





## Social Action Updates



INSTITUTE FOR  
**Sustainable  
Communities**

### December "Share the Plate" Donee: ISC

Based in Montpelier and founded by VT governor Madeline Kunin and her policy advisor George Hamilton in 1991, after a trip to Bulgaria, **ISC (sustain.org)** has worked with thousands of communities, organizations, institutions and companies in more than 30 countries in support of its mission.

ISC believes strong communities are the foundation of a peaceful and healthy planet for humanity. *"Throughout the world, people want the same things: access to clean air and water; economic opportunities; a safe and healthy place to raise their kids; shelter; lifelong learning; a sense of community; and the ability to have a say in the decisions that affect their lives."* The organization now works in partnership with government agencies, businesses, universities, and other organizations to develop, test, and share, practical solutions that reduce harmful emissions and improve people's lives in the United States, China, India, and Bangladesh. A few of their specific projects include:

- Tackling the air pollution, toxic effluents, water mismanagement, and energy inefficiencies in Asia's manufacturing sector, resulting from the region's rapid industrialization.
- Developing Climate Resiliency- Turning a Threat into an Asset in Suburban Miami-Dade County and the Puget Sound in Washington state.
- Accelerating the emissions reductions of 12 partner cities, and capacitating trainers to bring program insights to Chinese scale.

*Thank you for your continued support of Donations Ministry. Thanks to all who gave to our November donee **Soulfire Farm**. Track how much we contributed to them and others at [cvuus.org/justice/sharing-donation-plate/](http://cvuus.org/justice/sharing-donation-plate/)*

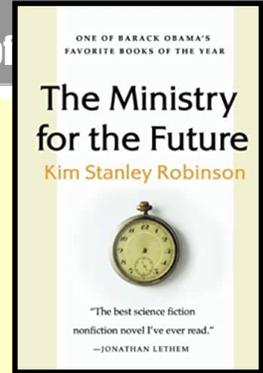


**HOPE (Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects)** will be our donee for our Christmas Eve Service, as before. HOPE is a local non-profit whose mission is to reduce the effects of poverty in Addison County by providing low-income residents with opportunities for becoming more self reliant. Your support of our often unseen neighbors is greatly appreciated. More at [hope-vt.org](http://hope-vt.org).

**Charter House Dinner Prep Team** We make dinner for residents (25-35) every **SECOND Monday of month**. In addition, we provide **baked goods (300 cookies)** for **Community Dinner on FOURTH Friday of month**. We look for 6 bakers to make 50 items each. See [Alan Moore](#). Sign up [here](#).



**Donate items to WomenSafe, HOPE, Neat Repeats, Buy Again Alley, JuneBug and Addison Allies!** See lobby cart.



## The Ministry for the Future Book Club

Tues. Dec 6, 7 pm, Sanctuary

Climate Economy Action Center of Addison County and CVUUS Green Team invite you to discuss Kim Stanley Robinson's acclaimed novel *The Ministry for the Future* which was described as "masterly" by the New Yorker and of which Bill McKibben wrote, "One hopes that this book is read widely". Our conversation will be **facilitated by John Elder**, emeritus professor of English and Environmental Studies at Middlebury College. Obtain at Vermont Book Shop.

## Vermont Book Shop Book Talk Series

Becky Dayton from *Vermont Book Shop* was so impressed with recent book talks co-hosted with CVUUS that she is trying to line up more where she sees an interested and friendly audience. Here's what's coming in Dec and Jan. Follow the Blast for more.



**Richard Hawley and *My Way Out, Volumes I, II, III and IV***. Rick is a good friend of Karl Lindholm, who will appear with him. A resident of Ripton, he has been [featured](#) in the Addison Independent recently. This project is concerned with looking back at one's life and taking stock. *Monday Dec 12, 7 pm, Sanctuary*

**Henriette Lazaridis and *Terra Nova***. Henriette is a part-time resident of Middlebury and graduate of Middlebury College. She is a former dean of Harvard College, currently works as a writing instructor at Grub Street in Boston, and runs a writer's retreat at her ancestral home in Greece. She is also an enthusiastic outdoorswoman and competitive athlete. *Terra Nova* is a haunting story of love, art, and betrayal, set against the heart-pounding backdrop of Antarctic exploration. Henriette's close friend, Shelburne-based, fellow Midd-alum, author Stephen Kiernan will be appearing in conversation with her. *January date still being determined.*



**Janice Obuchowski and *The Woods***, a collection of short stories exploring the lives of people in a small Vermont college town. It was awarded the Iowa Short Fiction Prize for 2022. Janice lives in Middlebury (raised in Shelburne) and is very well connected, having been the Fiction Editor of the New England Review, and now an instructor at the College. She would like to do an event in January and Chris Bohjalian has agreed to appear with her in conversation. *Saturday Jan 28, 4 pm, Sanctuary*

*CVUUS has many authors in its midst with their books available in the CVUUS Library which you can browse on the lower level or online at [cvuus.org/learning/library/](http://cvuus.org/learning/library/)*





## 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. We have three longstanding groups that meet monthly plus a **new Zoom-only one starting on Tues. Dec 13 at 6 pm.**

Contact [Helene Vanderburgh](mailto:Helene.Vanderburgh@keuka.edu) if you are interested in joining it. More on what small group ministry is all about at [cvuus.org](http://cvuus.org) [here](#). To join or form a group, contact Doug Richards ([drichard@keuka.edu](mailto:drichard@keuka.edu) or 802-989-9387).

**Or join one of our affinity groups.**

**UU Cingles** gathers for those **aged 60+** to provide company and conversation. Meets every other Saturday at 1 pm often at a coffee shop (Stone Mill Patio near Lost Monarch). Watch the Blast. For more, call or email Monty Montgomery, Revell Allen or Marjorie Carson.



## Green Sanctuary Ministry

welcomes new members to join in its mission to engage in an ambitious **Environmental and Climate**

**Justice movement** that seeks to live fully our seventh principle and achieve our vision of a viable and just world for all. Watch the Blast for upcoming events. Join the efforts of our **Facilities Team** in *securing low carbon options to replace our pellet heating system.* Contact [Elizabeth Golden](mailto:Elizabeth.Golden@cvuus.org) (802-598-2388). Track our efforts [here](#).



## CVUUS Sangha & Meditation

You're warmly invited to join us **Sunday evenings at 5 pm (earlier!)** when **Dinah Smith** gives guided meditations aimed at those who are new to this or already have a practice. Zoom link [here](#)



## Writers Group

meets the **second Monday of the month at 7 pm** on [cvuus zoom](#). All welcome. Contact [Bobbi Loney](mailto:Bobbi.Loney@cvuus.org) at to be added to list.

**Music & Choir** Choir rehearses on **Thursdays at 5:45 pm** (and 9 am before worship on Sundays when they are singing). Contact Music Director Ronnie Romano at [music@cvuus.org](mailto:music@cvuus.org) or 201-388-4038 to be added to his list. Look for email from [choir@cvuus.org](mailto:choir@cvuus.org). Ask him or Carol Harden about joining Music Ministry to plan wider events or if you have a musical instrument you would like to play for worship. Come to a joyful **Holiday Concert on Dec 20th at 6:30 pm** where you can sing a long at the end.

**Celebrate The Season!**

A Musical Tribute to the Best of Christmas & Hannukah

Join Us on Tuesday December 20th  
6:30 to 7:45pm

Champlain Valley UU Society  
2 Duane Ct, Middlebury, VT

Ana Guigui & Karla Ross

Ronnie Romano



## FROM YOUR CVUUS BOARD 2022-2023

Over the past couple months, the Board has been preparing for some exciting initiatives that the congregation will be engaged with in the coming months. Included among these are the following:

### 1) In preparing for the Interim

**Minister search** this spring, a subcommittee of the Board will be inviting two congregants to join them in overseeing that search. **Folks who may be interested in participating can reach out to Kas Singh**, Board Secretary and member of the subcommittee (with Hannah Sessions and Alan Moore). An organizing meeting of the Interim Minister Search Team will take place in mid-December, with most of the work taking place during May. Note that participating in the Interim Search will have no effect either way on the subsequent selection, later in the transition process, of members of a Settled Minister Search Team.



2) Rev. Barnaby has shared with the congregation over the past few weeks, **the UUA is currently engaged in a regular review of its Principles and Purposes, as outlined in Article II of the association’s by-laws**. A draft of proposed revisions (with “Love” at its center) is being circulated by the commission charged with overseeing the revision process, requesting comments from congregations and individual members (consult the UUA website at [uua.org](http://uua.org) for further details.) Concurrently, CVUUS is engaged in a process of considering the congregation’s response to a proposed 8th principle. As Rev. Barnaby has suggested, these initiatives represent a nourishing and exciting opportunity for members of CVUUS—and the denomination as a whole—to consider who we are and how we want to be in the world. At its next meeting on Tuesday, December 13, the Board will be discussing how it can help facilitate these processes over the coming months. (continued on next page)

Two practical considerations will form part of the Board’s conversation:

- First, we will be accelerating the process for **selecting CVUUS’s delegates to the 2023 General Assembly**, which will be held in June 2024. The UUA’s 2023 General Assembly is a significant opportunity for our members to share their voices and influence the future of our denomination.



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- First, we will be accelerating the process for **selecting CVUUS’s delegates to the 2023 General Assembly in June**, primarily to enhance the congregation’s participation in a series of ongoing remote conversations over the course of the winter and spring regarding the draft Article II revisions. **If you are interested in being a delegate to the General Assembly this year (which will take place remotely as well as on-site in Pittsburgh in June) contact Doug Richards or Alan Moore—or any other Board member.**
- Second, the Board will be discussing its role in helping to formulate a process and timetable leading to a congregational response to the proposed 8th principle. We hope to share the results of our discussions with the congregation in the weeks to come. Stay tuned!

## Proposed “8th” UU Principle: Dismantling Systemic Racism

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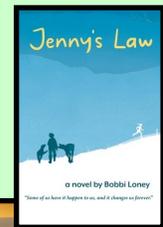
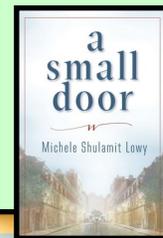
Finally, I’d like to end with a personal note of gratitude to everyone on the Board, whose deliberations each month reflect a level of commitment and caring worth celebrating. As Marge



Piercy puts it in her poem **To Be of Use:**

*I want to be with people who submerge  
in the task, who go into the fields to harvest  
and work in a row and pass the bags along,  
...[who] move in common rhythm  
when the food must come in or the fire be put out.*

In this year and this season of celebration, each of them deserves our thanks. Doug Richards, Board Chair



## Have You Discovered Our CVUUS LIBRARY ?

**New Books!** Our newest books are currently shelved, for a bit of time, on the windowsill above the low shelves toward the south end of the blue room on the lower level of the sanctuary. Thanks to **Marnie Wood** for donating copies of CVUUS authors (Michele Lowy and Bobbi Loney) purchased on our behalf at their well-attended book talk last month. **Overdues:** Please return or re-new books you’ve had out for a month. **Catalog:** There’s a link to our [library catalog](#) on the CVUUS website under the “Learning” heading. We’re happy to locate books for you. Arrange with Office or Artley Wolfson [awolfson@middlebury.edu](mailto:awolfson@middlebury.edu).



## Roses to...

...Our Flower Co-op for coordinating flowers and unique seasonal decorations for weekly services and special events, including December Holiday Decorating.

Members: **Dinah Smith, Marnie Wood, Alice Berninghausen, Chris Murphy, Jess Danyow, Susie Patterson, Revell Allen, Bobbie Carnwath, YOU?** And **Kathryn Schloff** for getting our tree this year.



...**Marnie Wood** for composing small bouquets from our larger ones to brighten the days of homebound congregants and her faithful drivers.



...**Abi & Bill Sessions** for covering the well-attended Howard Dean speaker event & Ann Sun Memorial Service.

...**Rich Wolfson, Richard Hopkins** and **Margy Young** for their tech oversight and others who pitch in to create impressive multimedia services and recordings and **Brian Mason** for posting our services at [cvuus.org](http://cvuus.org).

...**Gayle Muenchow** for coordinating the Helen Porter Gift Program and those who helped with this annual tradition of providing wished-for gifts for 10 residents assigned to us by mid Dec in time for their holiday party.

...**Llyn Rice** for tending to our thermostats and doors.

...**Mary Conlon** for coordinating Meals on Wheels team and our re-created money counting team.

...**Ellen Flight** for stepping up to lead our Worship Team and **Abi** for her wonderful tending and continued participation along with **Becky Strum, Karl Lindholm, Esther Charlestin, Martha Fulda** and new members **Donna Blaszczyk, Tom Morgan, & Liam Battjes Greenwood**.

## Staying Connected

**Sunday Morning Social Hour (~11 am):** Join exchanges after worship where we check in with each other.

**Weekly "Blast" (Wednesdays):** Provides pathways for connection with links to our upcoming worships, past services, events. Not getting this weekly email? Contact [office@cvuus.org](mailto:office@cvuus.org).

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

**Council of Ministries:** Brett Millier convenes reps from our ministry groups on 1st Monday of month at 5 PM to brainstorm and update each other in the Blue Room and on Zoom assisted by Gordon Gibson. Look for the link in our Blast and opportunities galore for you to promote, celebrate and stay connected with CVUUS.



**Need an update on your pledge or giving status?** Contact our bookkeeper **Cara Mosier** at [fm@cvuus.org](mailto:fm@cvuus.org) or 203-314-3347 on Tuesdays when she works remotely.





## COVID POLICY

- **Masking optional for CVUUS worship**  
Those who wish to mask can sit anywhere they'd like or in a reserved area for those who prefer to be masked on the west side. We recommend that you test regularly and have rapid tests in our lobby and welcome your donation of extra rapid tests.
- **Masking optional in small CVUUS groups (try to offer zoom option)**
- **Outside groups can make their own masking decisions**
- **Take Care! Let in the Air! Follow our ventilation guidelines posted on signs.**
- **Vaccinations and boosters strongly encouraged!** It's safe to get both flu shot and new COVID booster at same time. Available at Middlebury pharmacies, Middlebury Regional EMS (next to Porter Hospital) and Addison County Home Health & Hospice. Contact our Caring Network if you want a ride.

**CVUUS Safe Congregation Team:** Alan Moore, Will Porter, Poppy Rees, Mike Greenwood, Laura Asermily, Rev. Barnaby, Ronnie Romano.



**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**. Click claim.

## CVUUS HOSTS RETREATS & EVENTS

We continue to welcome groups. Our next door neighbors Mary Johnson Child Care Center staff appreciate use of our parking lot during the week. Watch our online calendar .

- Al-Anon** meets weekly on Wednesdays 1:30-2:30 pm in Fenn Chapel , seeks anonymity.
- ESL Class** meets in Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11am.
- PEO (Philanthropic Education Organization)** meets monthly and will meet Thur Dec 15 at 4 pm in Fenn Chapel. For more and to join, contact Anne Christie 388-4347
- Wellspring Singers** (Hospice) rehearse on the first and third Tuesday's of the month at 5 pm in our sanctuary. Contact Ronnie if you want to join them.
- Blood Drives** are scheduled for 2023: **Jan 18, 12– 4:30, Feb 20 - 12:00 - 4:30, Mar 23 10:00 - 2:30, and Apr 26 12:00 - 4**
- Counseling Service of Addison County Training** on Mon. Dec 5 to Wed. Dec 7 from 8:15 am to 4:30 pm in our Sanctuary and returning for more in 2023.
- Vermont Book Shop** additional book readings planned for Dec and Jan.
- Bereavement Group** hosted by Addison County Home Health & Hospice will meet weekly on Wednesdays from 3 to 4:30 in Fellowship Hall starting on Jan 18. For more, contact Maureen Conrad mconrad@ahhh.org.



**Thanks for remembering to use our mats and shoe trays to protect our beautiful sanctuary floor from mud, grit, and sticky ice melt. Stay home if not feeling well or roads are unsafe.**



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Catherine Carpenter 12/1  
 Helene Vanderburgh 12/1  
 Morris Earle 12/3  
 Mason Tully 12/4  
 Linda Seward 12/6  
 Mark Spritzer 12/9  
 Aldan Fuentes-George 12/12  
 Amaya Morgan 12/12

Larry Vanderburgh 12/12  
 Bethany Barry 12/14  
 Jasper Gildrien 12/17  
 Colleen Brown 12/19  
 Tracey Harrington 12/19  
 Jennifer Molineaux 12/20  
 Lois Alberts 12/22  
 Artley Wolfson 12/23  
 Sue Grigg 12/24  
 Maura Connelly 12/30  
 Roxanne Ross 12/30  
 Chloe Mol 12/31  
 Ollie Cultrara 12/30  
 Kiara Santerre, 12/30  
 Bob Heffernan 12/30  
*Missing you?  
 Contact Office!*



**Wheel of Life** CVUUS commemorates births and deaths. **Milestones and Passages** are shared each Sunday. Also see **Seasons of Life Fund** below.



for online giving

**Online Giving** <https://cvuus.breezechms.com/give/online> See how to choose options [here](#) or by code to right. Pledge for 2022-23 [here](#).



### CVUUS Seasons of Life Fund

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 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. Thank you to the Martin family for their donation in memory of their sister **Kate Kaster**.



**Our Caring Network** provides support, such as calls, visits, meals, and rides, to those in need and well as access to KN95 masks or rapid test kits. Please contact Kathryn Schloff ([kathrynschloff@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynschloff@gmail.com) or 349-5264) to make arrangements or to join her, Michele Lowy, Dale Birdsall, Ted Scheu, Marjorie Carsen, Ginny Ashenfelter and Lynne Balman in this meaningful work. Stay posted on efforts they are making to support us in life passages such as end of life planning and dealing with health conditions like long term COVID and dementia.

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Radical Love Giveaway Party Sun. Dec 11, 11 am  
No-Rehearsal Pageant Sun. Dec 18, 10 am  
Holiday Concert, Tues. Dec 20, 6:30 pm  
Christmas Eve Service Sat. Dec 24, 7:30 pm  
More inside and at [cvuus.org](http://cvuus.org)

In our sanctuary (masking optional) & Zoom  
Followed by Social Hour

**TRUSTING CHANGE: December  
Worship Services 10 am**

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