



# 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.



*Standing on the Threshold of Our Future*  
*2023-24 Canvass Pledge Drive & Party. More inside!*

## Trusting Change: Stewardship March 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



**March 5—Art History Lessons**—Kate Gridley and John Barstow return to the pulpit for next words on our Standing on the Threshold of Change Canvass Pledge efforts. We'll share our offering this month with *Homes*

**First VT. Followed by a Congregational Meeting to vote on our proposed covenant for dismantling racism & other oppressions.**

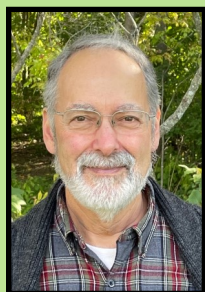
**March 12—Dear Diary**—Rev. Barnaby's most personal thoughts about Stewardship. Followed by *CVUUS Climate Engagement "Ask Me..."* networking during social hour about heat pumps and other carbon reducing home improvements. **Daylight Savings starts !**

**March 19—Normal but Unusual**—Rev. Barnaby explores the spiritual challenges of lovingly engaging and preparing our children for the perfectly natural extremes we encounter in human bodies, behaviors, and feelings. Affirmations of supporting diversity mean nothing if we can't get better at applying them to ourselves and the small percentage of humanity we actually meet face to face.

**March 26—In Motion**—Led by Liam Battjes Greenwood.



**Save the Date! CVUUS St. Patrick's Day Open Mic Nite**  
Fri. March 17, 7 pm, Fellowship Hall, open to public



## Minister's Letter

I will miss writing these monthly letters to you when I retire, but the March letter will probably be the one I miss the least. March always feels extremely busy and broken up to me. When I look out on Sunday morning and notice who's missing, the reasons they might be somewhere else seem countless.

It all unfolds as Winter and Spring struggle erratically for supremacy in a span of weeks that is, on average, Vermont's snowiest month. And it often ends up with everything bogged down in mud. It's a crucial month for financial planning for towns and schools, the State of Vermont, and CVUUS – a vital activity that is rarely high on anyone's list of joys. It's somehow fitting that Covid arrived in full force in March three years ago.

On the plus side, we will be kicking off March this year with the congregational meeting to vote on a social action covenant for our congregation. The language in the proposed covenant comes directly from nearly a decade of work and study by Black and other minority UU's who have proposed to the UUA it be included as an 8th principle in an effort to dismantle racism.

After hearing me speak from the pulpit and gathering feedback from several congregational meetings on the 8th principle, the Board decided to propose that we adopt the language as a congregational covenant which provides more individual responsibility and a much broader roadmap toward our aspirations for CVUUS and for ourselves. Its approach to oppression in general can enrich almost everything else we gather to do to make the world more just, compassionate, and beautiful. What a potentially unifying and uplifting gift in busy times!

I hope those of you who have put off studying the proposed covenant will explore the materials we've posted or linked to on our website. Feel free too to ask me for links to past sermons of mine that I think are particularly relevant. **The Board and I hope you'll attend the meeting for the vote after worship (onsite or remotely via Zoom) on March 5 even if you feel less than fully informed.** I promise that whether or not we adopt the covenant formally, I will be sharing ways we can benefit from it throughout my remaining months as your minister.

There will be a meeting of CVUUS members 15 minutes after the worship service on Sunday, March 5 in our sanctuary & Zoom to vote on the following covenant proposal approved unanimously by the CVUUS Board. Non-members are welcome to attend and participate in discussion, but may not vote. A quorum of members to attend is required.

**The Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, shall affirm and promote the following covenant to dismantle systemic racism and other oppressions:**

***"We commit to journey toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community through our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions."***

Blessed be, Rev. Barnaby



## 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/)

## Affordable Housing Conversation

Join us **Monday, March 13 at 7 PM** in Ann Ross Fellowship Hall (no Zoom) to continue our conversation. Catch up on prior sessions [here](#) or see Jean Terwilliger, Mike Small, Scott Barkdoll, Liam or Mike Greenwood for more.

## CVUUS Race in America book series continues with

### Asian American Histories of the United States

by Catherine Ceniza Choy,  
published by Beacon Press



Original and expansive, *Asian American Histories of the United States* is a nearly 200-year history of Asian migration, labor, and community formation in the US. Reckoning with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the surge in anti-Asian hate and violence, award-winning historian Catherine Ceniza Choy presents an urgent social history of the fastest growing group of Americans. The book features the lived experiences and diverse voices of immigrants, refugees, US-born Asian Americans, multiracial Americans, and workers from industries spanning agriculture to healthcare. Despite significant Asian American breakthroughs in politics, arts, and popular culture, a profound lack of understanding of Asian American history permeates American culture.

Meets third Wednesdays of month – **April 19, May 17 and June 21** at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall & on ZOOM. Interested? Contact Mike at [mike802vt@comcast.net](mailto:mike802vt@comcast.net).





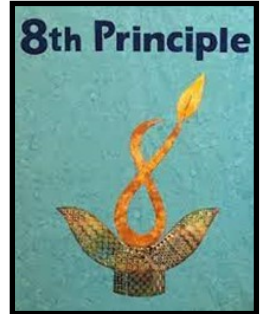
## RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

## The 8<sup>th</sup> UU Principle in RE

**Dismantling racism – and other oppressions – is the work of our whole Congregation, at all ages.** It is intentional work which involves LEARNING – REFLECTION – ACTION.

**We are very aware of this in our RE kids' program.** It informs many choices that we make about what we do in RE, what we talk about and ask in RE, and what we bring into our RE spaces. We are still in an early phase of this work with the kids. And with ourselves, as RE leaders. We have a lot to learn.

**Here are some small examples of how we are trying to “journey towards Beloved Community through dismantling racism and other oppressions in RE”:**



### PICTURE BOOKS

Trying to have new purchases include people with a variety of skin colors, bodies, genders, sexual attractions, families, ethnicities and modern examples of different indigenous peoples

Using books in RE to discuss skin color, racism, equity, body diversity, gender spectrum

### TIME FOR ALL AGES

People, characters, stories included are diverse with an aim to have the majority be BIPOC and limit stories that center around white people/characters

### MATERIALS

Action figures, Playmobil people, board games, etc. that have a mix of skin colors and don't promote racial or gender stereotypes

Crayons and markers that come in over 20 different skin shades

### VERMONT PRIDE PARADE

RE was the organizer for CVUUS marching in the Pride Parade this year, for the first time ever. The kids made flags for marchers to hold.



### ABOLITION KITCHEN

This year, the kids have been joining with CVUUS adult congregants and cooking for Abolition Kitchen: a project connected to [Middlebury Showing Up for Racial Justice](#), has been cooking and delivering delicious meals to Black activists and community members every Friday since June 2020.

Next year, we plan to do more rigorous anti-racism and anti-oppression education and action in RE.

Sunday March 5 CVUUS members will vote on making the proposed 8<sup>th</sup> UU Principle language part of our congregational covenant. **I hope we will vote YES** and join the other 235 UU congregations that have done this.

~ Love, Poppy, your Director of Religious Exploration





## Standing on the Threshold of Our Future

### 2023-24 Canvass Pledge Drive



Two of our newest members just asked us: **What's a Canvass?** And we are so glad they did!

Every year, members and friends of CVUUS personally support the loving mission of our congregation with gifts of time, fellowship, and money. What does CVUUS mean to you? Can you put a monetary value on how you feel, within the capacity of your personal budget?

Everyone is squeamish on the subject of money — folks come up with all kinds of other words for it — but, in fact, it is about reality. Our finance team has created a lean budget that asks for a 22% increase in order to provide overdue increases to personnel salaries, reinstate our fair share to the UUA, and anticipate increases to fixed costs. **So we ask ourselves:**

1. We have an amazing, dedicated and hardworking staff. Should they be paid a living wage? Can we walk the talk?
2. Over the next two years, we will launch our search for a new full time minister. Will we be able to offer an attractive compensation package so that we can bring our person of choice here? Will they be able to afford to live in Addison County?
3. Will we be able to maintain and run our beautiful campus, making it greener, more sustainable, and more accessible?
4. Will CVUUS be able to increase its impact and influence on matters of importance to our blessed community furthering its mission?



These are important conversations about stewardship. We believe you ought to feel empowered — joyful even — about your financial gifts to CVUUS. “To you I give, from you I receive.”

We've met with Council of Ministries, the Board, Worship Team, Music Team, Facilities Team and the Choir and approached major donors. We seek 100% participation. On March 1<sup>st</sup> our Canvass letter will be mailed to all CVUUS members who have yet to pledge. Please feel free to contact us with your questions, or find us after Sunday services. We want to talk with you and field your questions or concerns. If you need a meeting, let's meet. You can make a pledge online: <https://cvuus.breezechms.com/form/threshold>. Paper copies available.

On March 5<sup>th</sup>, John and Kate lead a service called Art History Lesson, part of which is the amazing story of how CVUUS created our choir stoles. See the front page for more on the services planned for this month focusing on stewardship and **save Sat., April 1, when WE'LL COME TOGETHER FOR A CVUUS COMMUNITY POT LUCK SUPPER, 5:30 PM!!! WOO HOO!!!** Make sure to sign up to help. Bring a dish and be prepared to CELEBRATE the completion of the Canvass. We are in this together — on the threshold of change — and we love being in your company! [John Barstow](#) and [Kate Gridley](#)



## Social Action Updates



### March "Share the Plate" Donee: Homes First VT

CVUUS seeks to support [Homes First VT](#), a group of 7-10 members who meet regularly to generate and leverage community partnerships in order to alleviate our housing crisis. This includes CVUUS member Jean Terwilliger. Their long term vision is a village of 9-12 "right-sized" homes with a community gathering space situated within walking distance or on the bus line in Addison County. This is very intentionally as alternative to the affordable housing developments. Their short term goal is to build homes by the community, one by one. Hannaford Career Center has agreed to build one tiny house per year for as long as HomesFirst VT is the "middleman." They seek a minimum 3 acre lot for it and others to come. Watch [Conversations from the Open Road](#) to learn about some nationwide tiny house projects visited by VT teens.

*Thanks for your continued support of Donations Ministry. Thanks to all who gave to our February donee **Razom of Ukraine**. Track how much we contributed to them and others at [cvuus.org/justice/sharing-donation-plate/](#).*

CVUUS Flower Buds marked the one year anniversary of the war in Ukraine with a special arrangement last month. CVUUS will host a **Ukrainian Music Community Concert on Sun. April 2, 1 pm** in the Sanctuary.



**WomenSafe**

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

*Look for our lobby cart. WomenSafe needs shampoo, soap and body wash and other self care items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, etc).*



## Volunteer & Know You Make a Difference with Your CVUUS Teams

**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](#).



**Meals on Wheels** (9:30 to 11:30 am, week days). CVUUS has a longstanding team on **Mondays** coordinated by [Mary Conlon](#). Contact her to cycle in as a regular or sub driver.



Join many longtime CVUUS congregants who pitch in to build first homes. Speak with [Bob House](#) if interested.





**Do you have a favorite quote that reflects our Unitarian Universalist faith?** If so, share it with us! We have a wonderful opportunity to share who we are as the Spirit in Nature Board has invited us to update our signage.



The UU Path is one of 14 spiritual paths at Spirit in Nature (SpIN) in Ripton. The UU Path is .25 miles in length and it offers the visitor 9 quotes to reflect on. Currently, some of the quotes are from Unitarian Universalists and others are not. Want to know which quotes are already posted? See [here](#). Which quote would you want posted to reflect who we are? Email your suggestion along with a short bio of the author (please identify if the author is UU affiliated or not) **by March 31st** to Mike, [mike802vt@comcast.net](mailto:mike802vt@comcast.net). Don't delay!

In April, you'll have a chance to vote for your favorites! Please note a team comprised of Lise Anderson, Mike Greenwood, Brett Millier, Alan Moore and others will make the final decision as to which quotes to submit to the SpIN Board for their approval. Come Sun. March 19 at 4 pm to the Ripton Community House for the SpIN annual meeting honoring 2023 Eco-Spirit awardee Carol Spooner.

## **For the Beauty of the Earth (Folliot S. Pierpoint)**

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the splendor of the sky,  
For the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and minds delight,  
For the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight,  
For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon and stars of light:  
Lord of all, Thee we raise this our  
hymn of grateful praise.

Come into this place of peace  
And let its silence heal your spirit,  
Come into this place of memory  
And let its history warm your soul;  
Come into this place of prophesy  
And power  
And let its vision change your  
heart.





## 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 meeting on 2nd Tuesdays of month 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.



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



### CVUUS Sangha & Meditation

You're warmly invited to join us **Sunday evenings at 5 pm** when

[Dinah Smith](#) gives guided meditations aimed at those who are new to this or already have a practice. Zoom link [here](#)



**Flower Buds** Help decorate our sanctuary and Fellowship Hall with seasonal arrangements. We rotate weekend coverage. Contact [Dinah Smith](#).



## 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 to play for worship.

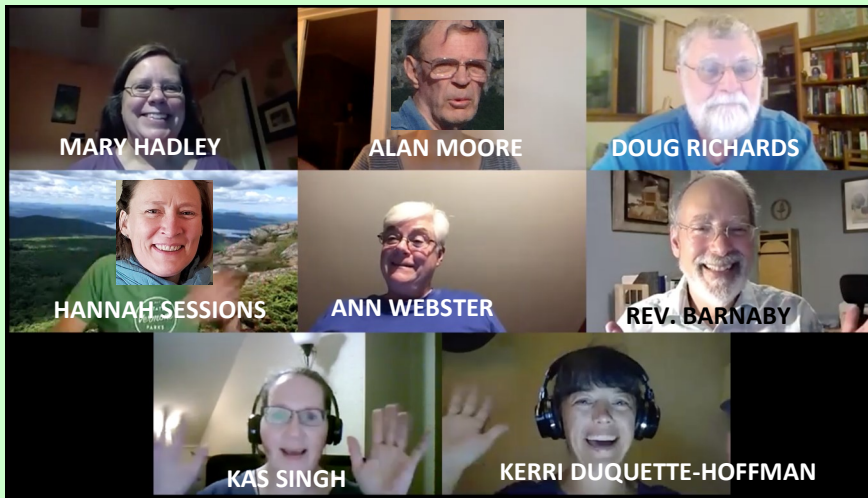


### CVUUS St. Patrick's Day Open Mic Nite

**Fri. March 17, 7 pm, Fellowship Hall, open to public**

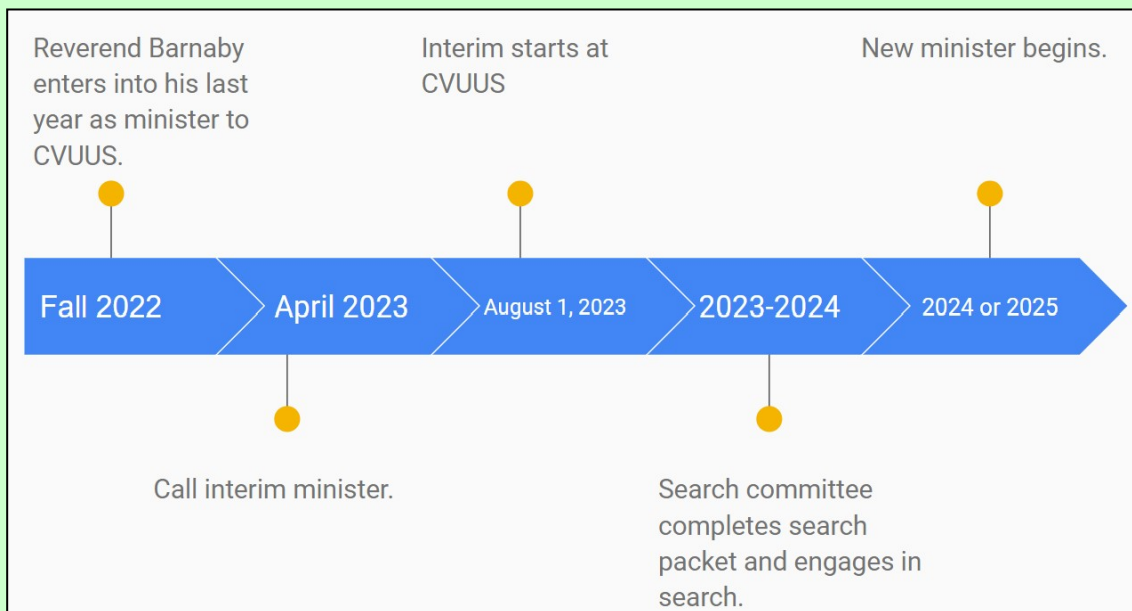
We've invited the whole town to our open-mic night. Tell your friends and neighbors! Like you, they're welcome to participate (sing, tell a story, play an instrument, dance, read a poem) and attend this free, family-friendly event. Participants must **sign up in advance, by Monday, March 13**, either during social hour or by emailing [music@cvuus](mailto:music@cvuus.org) with their name, contact information, and the type of performance. Includes performers of all ages. Acts must be less than 10 minutes long and could, but don't have to, fit the St. Patrick's Day theme. Expect a fun evening, with an opportunity for a **short contra dance and refreshments**.





## FROM YOUR CVUUS BOARD 2022-2023

**Your Interim Minister Search Team** has a table at social hour where members of the team (**Alan Moore, Kas Singh, Hannah Sessions, Heidi Sulis, Tom Morgan**) can answer any questions you may have about the search process (see chart).



## Have You Discovered Our CVUUS LIBRARY ?

**Women's History:** CVUUS has several wonderful adult and children's titles exploring this and an [online reading list](#) for finding them. **Overdues:** Please return or renew 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).



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Help **HEAL** Our World.





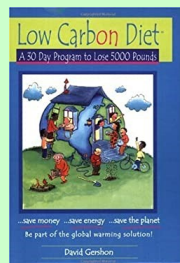
## CVUUS Climate Engagement Project “Ask me...” Social Hour

**Thinking of Going Electric?** Plans are underway for networking events at social hour over the next few months. **March 12**—Learn from the experiences of trusted others who have tried heat pumps and taken other measures to reduce their household’s carbon footprint.

**April 23**—Learn about greener transportation options, including electric cars and bikes and carpooling.

**June 11**—Learn about earth friendlier yard and garden practices, including electric mowing, pollinator planting and composting practices.

**Low Carbon Diet:** Want to try this 30-day program to reduce your carbon footprint with our own Laura Asermily on four consecutive Mondays starting March 6 at 12 to 1 pm in Fenn Chapel? Reply to Laura if you plan to attend ([office@cvuus.org](mailto:office@cvuus.org)).



[Lise Anderson](#) invites you to contact her about suggested actions to support and amplify climate action. CVUUS is measuring its carbon footprint and planning alternatives to propane heating and offsetting some of its electric with solar. More [here](#).

**World Water Day** is **March 22** and kicks off a two month commitment by [UU Ministry for the Earth](#) including **Earth Day** on **April 22**.

## The Unitarian Universalist Association’s (UUA)

### General Assembly (GA) is

held every year at the end of June. This year it will occur both virtually and in-person June 21-25 in Pittsburgh PA.

**CVUUS can choose four delegates** to attend as voting members in the business sessions, but anyone can register and attend the many interesting and educational workshops and worship events. It’s a great way to meet other UUs from around the country and to learn how other congregations operate. Let Doug Richards or Reverend Barnaby know of your interest. (See 2022 GA Video Review [here](#))

**Whale Coast Alaska 2023** Have you ever wanted to visit Alaska? If so, this is for you! 4 Alaska UU congregations invite you to experience our unique environmental and spiritual tour program this summer. See Alaska through the eyes of local UUs, with friendly homestays and awe-inspiring tour activities. See wildlife, including moose, bears, caribou, whales, bald eagles, sea lions, etc. Visit Denali National Park. Experience Native Alaskan culture. More at: [www.WhaleCoastAK.org](http://www.WhaleCoastAK.org). Don’t miss this once-in-a-lifetime experience!

**Live on an Island this Summer** Many lives have been positively influenced and careers determined by spending a summer at **Star Island** off the shoals of NH. The powerful community that arises each summer is an outgrowth of common goals, hard work and mutual support. Visit or work there. More at: [www.starisland.org](http://www.starisland.org).

## UUA President Rev. Susan Frederick-

**Gray** invites you to connect your values to your joy and be reminded that we are not in this struggle alone. Read her reflections on leadership in unprecedented times in UU World [here](#).







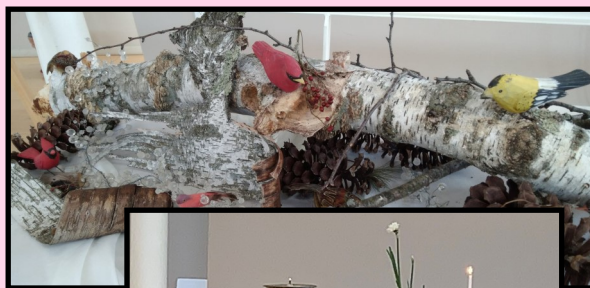
## Roses to...

### ...CVUUS Radical Love Giveaway

donors delighting us with their offerings. For the back story of this effort to combat classism while supporting fellowship and fundraising and see who won what, visit [cvuus.org](http://cvuus.org) [here](#).



...Flower Buds (Dinah Smith, Marnie Wood, Jess Danyow, Revell Allen, Alice Berninghausen) for their stunning arrangements.



...Tom Morgan and Esther Charlestin for leading a worship on how simple questions could lead us to



generative change as Black History Month came to a close.

...Mary Hadley for her ready tech support from online pledging, to recording for Sas Carey's book talk to worship media help.

...Jean Terwilliger and Mike Greenwood for sustaining our affordable housing conversations and Race in America book discussions.



## 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.





CEAC (Climate Economy Action Center of Addison County) Book Talk

***Braiding Sweetgrass***  
by Robin Wall Kimmerer

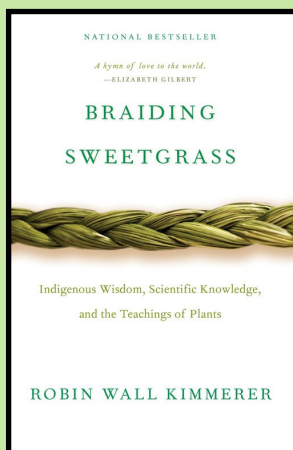
**Tues. March 7, 7 pm in the Sanctuary**

Delve into indigenous wisdom and the teachings of plants. Facilitated by Middlebury College's **John Elder** who led us in exploring *Ministry for the Future* in January. CVUUS' Native Moons members explored it a few years ago and would be most welcome, as well as anyone else, even if you haven't read it yet. We have a copy in the CVUUS Library.

CEAC's book talks emerged from a check in session they hosted at CVUUS last year as a way to keep us mobilized on climate action.

CEAC has several CVUUS members on its board including Richard Hopkins, Steve Maier and Jean Terwilliger who can tell you more about their efforts. Also visit [ceacac.org](http://ceacac.org).

**COVID ETIQUETTE:** *While masking is optional in our buildings, it's good practice to wear your mask if close to someone wearing one who is trying not to be exposed.*



**CVUUS ZOOM:** Ask Laura (388-8080 or [office@cvuus.org](mailto: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** for families and friends of Alcoholics 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 3rd Thursday of month 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.

—**Bereavement Group** hosted by Addison County Home Health & Hospice meets weekly on Wednesdays 3 to 4:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. For more, contact [mconrad@ahhh.org](mailto:mconrad@ahhh.org).

--**Counseling Service of Addison County Training** in our Sanctuary again on March 13-15, April 10-12 and June 5-7.

--**Green Mountain Club** for a speaker on Thur. March 23, 7 (Drew Clymber on hiking safety).

—**Blood Drives** on **Mar 23** 10 - 2:30, **Apr 26** 12 - 4. Register [here](#).

—**CEAC (Climate Economy Action Center of Addison County)** for book talks (see left).

**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.**



Bob Alberts 3/2  
Hayden Bernhardt 3/3  
Gloria Gonzalez Z 3/3  
Frances Stone 3/3  
Baxter Harrington 3/4  
Ember Roark 3/5

Kate Gridley 3/7  
Alan Moore 3/9  
Scott Barkdoll 3/10  
Priscilla Bremser 3/10  
Becky Strum 3/12  
Tieran Santerre 3/13  
Doug Richards 3/14  
Julie Chippendale 3/16  
Jeannette Lampron 3/16  
Pat Todd 3/17  
Revell Allen 3/19  
Kris Butler 3/19  
Sonora Gildrien 3/20  
Cheyenne Ross 3/21  
Bennet Fuentes-George 3/23  
Laura Ferguson 3/25

Sheila House 3/25  
Lynne Balman 3/27  
Jay Harrington 3/29  
Finn Roark 3/30  
Missing you?  
Contact Office!



for online giving

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

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

**When do I get my Tax Deduction Statement?** These get sent in Jan and will include all donations received by Dec 31, 2022. Let Cara [fm@cvuus.org](mailto:fm@cvuus.org) 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!



## 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.



**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.

Visit [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org) to learn about the wider work of UUA and our affiliates.

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Followed by Social Hour

In our sanctuary (masking optional) & Zoom

**Worship Services 10 am**  
**STEWARDSHIP: March**

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