



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.



Climate Engagement "Ask me..." Social Hour
Transportation Focus, April 23. More inside!

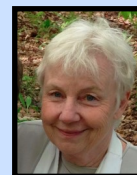


Trusting Change: Spring April Worship Services

Sundays at 10 am in our Sanctuary
(and on Zoom) <https://zoom.us/my/cvuusservice/> **Stay for Social Hour**

April 2—Unwrapping Our Future-- Rev. Barnaby leads some adventures in creating visions of the gifts that are ours to share if we take our new covenant and our history together to heart. This service will culminate with Mud Communion. Ronnie and the Choir will lead us in a few of our favorite hymns. We'll share our offering with *Abenaki Helping Abenaki* this month.

April 9—EASTER: The Pearl of Great Price--As we hurry on "to a receding future or hanker after an imagined past" what treasure are we missing? With Johanna Nichols, CVUUS Minister Emerita now active in Montpelier.



April 16—CVUUS as Garden -- What will we be planting this year? Led by Rev. Barnaby. Honoring Earth Day.

April 23—Great Conversations -- There's a new round of claims society is losing its ability to nurture conversation. Was Yogi Berra right that we can't get a conversation going because everyone's talking too much, or do we have a new problem?

April 30—Everyone's a New UU -- Instead of running our typical series of New UU classes this month for folks considering becoming members of CVUUS, Rev. Barnaby plans to invite everyone to become a Born Again UU. Stay for *Blue Jeans Sunday*. More inside.



Minister's Letter

This is the second letter I'm writing on this bitterly cold and windy late-March afternoon. The weather makes me feel like I should be looking forward to **Mud Communion**, which we plan to celebrate after the April 2nd worship service. For those of you unfamiliar with it, it results in our washing some mud off your hands as we repeat these words of blessing:

"When the Way turns to Mud, it remains the Way.

When you are there, we are with you.

As I wash your hands today. I am grateful that we find ourselves walking together on the journey toward Spring's promise of renewal."

But the letter I just finished writing has pushed me in another direction. It was to my wife, Michele, written at the request of a tour guide. My letters – and similar letters from family members of those on the tour – are to be delivered as a surprise. This makes sense if you know it's a tour of what's left – actually, mostly what isn't left – of Jewish Poland. It's primarily aimed at Jews connected in some way to the 3 million Polish Jews murdered during the Holocaust or the several hundred thousand more who survived the traumatic experience.

That includes people like the now dead parents of Eve, her childhood friend and current travel companion. Eve's parents met while trapped in the Jewish ghetto German established in the Polish city of Lodz; they married there and, against the odds, survived the death camps once the ghetto was destroyed. That's not Michele's only connection, but I'll leave it at that. As Michele said before they left, "This is a pilgrimage, not a vacation."

My letter to her left me wrestling with the contrast between the scale of the tragedy these millions of people and their survivors faced and our current challenges at CVUUS. The link calling to me is that while we live, each moment offers decisions that define our humanity. Within those moments, there are countless precious and sacred things to be noticed and encouraged. Writing to you, I'm reminded how grateful I am for the abundance of what is precious, sacred, humane, and hopeful in the moments we are fortunate to share at CVUUS.

It's mind-boggling in the best possible way. No wonder it feels so right to pray as we do in the hymn [Spirit of Life](#): "Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion." Blessed Be, Rev. Barnaby

CVUUS 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."*





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 (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/

Affordable Housing Conversation

Join us **Monday, April 3 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, 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.



RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

KID SPACE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

In October of 2019, the Fall before COVID, the RE Council had just gotten a plan approved to **create a kid space in the Fellowship Hall**. We hoped to create a space that kids would find inviting and fun. A space that would help kids and families (and everyone) thrive at Social Hour and other congregational events in the Fellowship Hall.

We imagined it in the corner where the kid stuff currently is. We aimed for a space that would be attractive, flexible, and easily moved out of the room, if needed. Then COVID came. 2 years later, we put some materials in the corner and created a very simple kid space in the Fellowship Hall. It has been quite popular. And now it includes the lovely bench against the wall. Thanks Scott Barkdoll!

Now, in Spring 2023, we are ready to make our kid space dreams a reality!

And we need some help – more fully envisioning the space, finding and prepping furniture, getting the right rug, and more.

Some ideas:

- 10 x 12 rug that looks nice and hides stains and dirt
- Low table and chairs
- Soft/bean bag chairs and/or comfy place for sitting
- A “divider” where the kid space meets the rest of the space – low cubby bench?
- A place for drawing: easel or wall whiteboard
- All the furniture needs to be easily moveable, for flexibility
- We want it to look nice, not just be toys and small furniture in a corner



Some questions:

- What ages do we hope will use this space?
- If it is aimed at young kids and toddlers, what about older kids and teens in the Fellowship Hall? Currently, the Fenn basement contains unused (but previously popular) ping pong and foosball tables...
- What about the walls in this kid space? Big removeable wall decals?



If you want to help design and assemble the space, please TALK TO ME.

If you have any of these things, please let me know:

- Table that easily seats 4: kid-height OR has legs that could be cut down
- 2-4 kid-sized chairs
- Low cubby kind of thing to use as a divider

I am hoping to have the space completed by the end of this church year, in early June. Or by late Summer, at the latest.

~ Love, Poppy, your Director of Religious Exploration





Standing on the Threshold of Our Future

2023-24 Canvass Pledge Drive

Sincere thanks to the many CVUUS members who have made their pledges to this year's canvass *Standing on the Threshold of Our Future*. With 64% of our members already committed to pledging so far, Kate and John want to emphasize how excited they are about the "Future of CVUUS" in this important canvass.

Our success in achieving our ambitious goal will literally define our future and how effectively CVUUS will live and widely advocate for the values we hold dear.

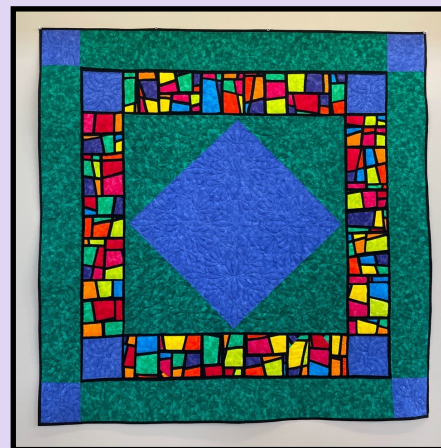
The inherent worth and dignity of every individual is a value that we heard about this past Sunday in moving testimonials from member and guest speakers. And listening to the news this week, it is clearer than ever that our liberal religious community is more needed than ever to help make this world a more inclusive and just home to all.

As of the end of March, if we include the remaining "sustainers" pledges, we have \$210,066 pledged towards the canvass goal of \$327,934 which gets us to a carefully constructed draft of a balanced budget for fiscal year 2023-24.

Of the pledges that have been made, 38% of our members have increased their pledges. 38% of our members are maintaining their annual pledge amounts. 24% have had to lower their base pledges.

There are around 44 pledge units not yet in, and John and Kate will now be contacting folks personally to check in. We hope for 100% participation and we want to emphasize that there is no such thing as a pledge that is too small! You can make one at:

<https://cvuus.breezechms.com/form/threshold>. Paper copies available. With love, Kate and John



[Art History Lesson](#). Kate and John told the amazing story of how CVUUS created our choir stoles at the March 5 service that you can view at cvuus.org. Thanks to Liam Battjes Greenwood for his meditation audio-visuals, as well as assisting in many ways during the service; Hannah Sessions for her testimonial as well as visioning for the Canvass; Dinah Smith and Marnie Wood for their aesthetic sensibilities and Kimberli Gray for her donated glass flowers; Abi Sessions and Ellen Flight for the creation of our new wall hanging (above); also thanks to the fifty original volunteers who helped create the choir stoles with so much love!!

APRIL FOOL'S POT LUCK!!!

Sat., April 1, 5:30 pm, Ann Ross Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share. Let's connect over dinner.

We'll have an after-dinner activity for those who dare: **Group**

Charades: Act out your favorite animal, OR your favorite painting (OR your favorite song. Eric Maier, son of Priscilla Bremser, and Steve Maier, is creating a dance tape for those who wish to **dance after supper** (or during clean up!)

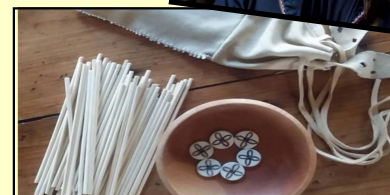
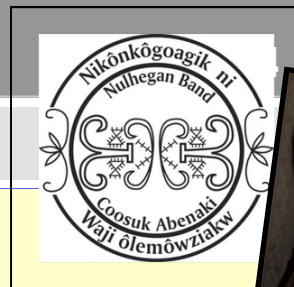


CVUUS April Newsletter

Social Action Updates

April "Share the Plate" Donee: Abenaki Helping Abenaki

"**Abenaki Helping Abenaki's** mission of the Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk Abenaki Nation is to strengthen our government; to build our community, and ensure sustainability; to protect our customs and traditions; and to revive our culture and celebrate our heritage while sharing it with those around us. N'dakinna (our homeland) is nestled among the lakes, rivers, and forests of Vermont's Northeast Kingdom. Our connection to this land cannot be described in any language. It is our birthright and obligation to advocate for our ancestral territory so that its uniqueness and beauty will be protected for the generations to come." Chief Don Stevens (pictured). Look for displays at Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, Burlington International Airport, Echo Museum, and Ethan Allen home site. More at abenakitribe.org



NAMI Walks (5th Sunday Donee April 30) is the largest, most vibrant mental health event series in the country. NAMI Walks invites participants to share their stories, build community, and walk together to achieve Mental Health for all. They seek donations and teams to participate in the April 29th one in Burlington. For more, visit namivt.org.

*Thanks for your continued support of Donations Ministry. Thanks to all who gave to our March donee **Homes First VT**. Track how much we contributed to them and others at cvuus.org/justice/sharing-donation-plate/.*



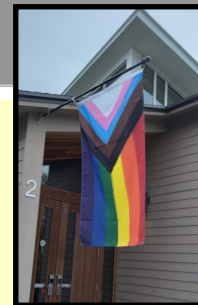
Donate items to WomenSafe, HOPE, Neat Repeats, JuneBug and Addison Allies! Let them know you are donating on behalf of CVUUS. Look for our lobby cart. WomenSafe needs shampoo, soap and body wash and other self care items. Thanks!

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.



Rev. Barnaby's Pride Flag Theft Response: To the individual who ripped down and stole the Pride flag outside our Sanctuary Sunday afternoon (March 26), Thank you for noticing that our congregation supports everyone's human right to search for and express their sexual and gender identity in ways that do not harm others. We are disappointed you felt it necessary to steal in a destructive manner the flag representing our commitment to justice, freedom, and compassion.

Some of us wondered whether you needed one to carry this coming Friday in support of Outright Vermont's demonstration at the State House in Montpelier. We would have arranged to lend our flag or another to you if you had only asked us. Others speculated you were guided by fear or hatred of others who love themselves and the world in ways you've been taught are sinful. If so, we invite you into a circle of wider love that will ease your pain. Feel free to get in touch with me to discover more about our views -- you may find there's more to agree with than you thought.

Meanwhile, we invite everyone else in the community to watch for the flag to be replaced soon. This theft, of course, only reinforces our intent to stay true to our faith's commitment to affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person. Everyone's. Including our thief.

Viva el Sabor Cooks at Home at CVUUS

CVUUS welcomes ESL teachers Rebecca Holmes and Joan Stevens and Addison Allies volunteers on Tues and Thur at 9 am in our Fellowship Hall to help Addison County migrant women who are building a food collaborative hone their English skills. *They seek a babysitter for a two*



year old girl so her mother can practice. Just come. Viva el Sabor meets frequently at CVUUS to plan and receive other trainings and provides food for the Mexican Consulate Visit each fall. See efforts to help workers at cvuus.org/news [here](#).

Rhubarb Festival Sat. June 3, 2023 For the past 13 years, spring has been the big "run up" of our Annual Rhubarb Festival typically on first Sat in June. *We share proceeds with HOPE.*

The tag line has long been "food, fellowship, and fun." **If you're new, or have been waiting for a moment before joining in, this is the perfect project.** As a relative newcomer, I

helped my first year in town. It was a great way to dive into the community. Planners get to create the event! What will we do beyond yummy pies this year? How do we involve youth? Shall we partner? Join the Rhubarb Mavens. Contact [Lise Anderson](#) or 802-462-2729.





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 [here](#). To join or form a group, contact Doug Richards (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.



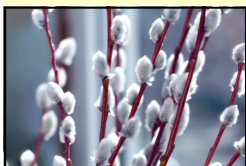
Writers Group meets the **second Monday of the month at 7 pm** on [cvuus zoom](https://cvuus.zoom.us). All welcome. Contact [Bobbi Loney](mailto:Bobbi.Loney@keuka.edu) at to be added to list.



CVUUS Sangha & Meditation

You're warmly invited to join us **Sunday evenings at 6 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](mailto:Dinah.Smith@keuka.edu).



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 or 201-388-4038 to be added to his list. Look for email from 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.



Ukrainian Music Concert

Sunday April 2, 1 pm, Sanctuary

Bandurists Teryn Kuzma and Stephan Zaets will share traditional and classical Ukrainian repertoire and the College Community Chorus will premiere a short choral work by Ukrainian composer Dmytro Malyi commissioned by the Chorus in 2022, Jeffrey Buettner, conductor.

400 Years Concert

Sat. May 6, 7 pm, Sanctuary

CVUUS will host Dr. Francois S. Clemmons to celebrate his 78th birthday and raise funds for a recording of Francois singing the music for which he is best known and is a foremost practitioner. This record will be the capstone of Francois' extraordinary career of the **Spirituals rendered on the album**. Ronnie will accompany Francois.





CVUUS Climate Engagement

“Ask me...” Social Hour Project

April 23—Come share your experiences and learn more about **greener transportation options**, including electric cars and bikes and carpooling. Bring your EV and offer test rides. See neighborhood clusters for carpooling on Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

June 11—Let’s talk about **earth friendlier yard and garden practices**, including electric mowing, pollinator planting and composting practices.

CVUUS Carbon Footprint: CVUUS is measuring & tracking this. Facilities Team with support from Climate Engagement Team is planning alternatives to our propane heating and gathering estimates for heat pumps. Contact Llyn Rice for more. CVUUS offsets some of its electric with solar and encourages you to go solar. Contact Rich Wolfson for more & help. Track our carbon reduction efforts [here](#).

[Lise Anderson](#) invites you to contact her about suggested actions to support and amplify climate action.



UU Ministry for the Earth: Explore spiritual & practical actions at [UU Ministry for the Earth](#), Learn about their Spring for

Change Campaign, including ways to honor **Earth Day April 22**.

VT Interfaith Power & Light: Explore rich offerings vtipl.org.



Blue Jeans Sunday

April 30 Join our annual effort to clean up our grounds and buildings following worship & pizza.

Rain date Sunday May 7. Bring tools or use ours.

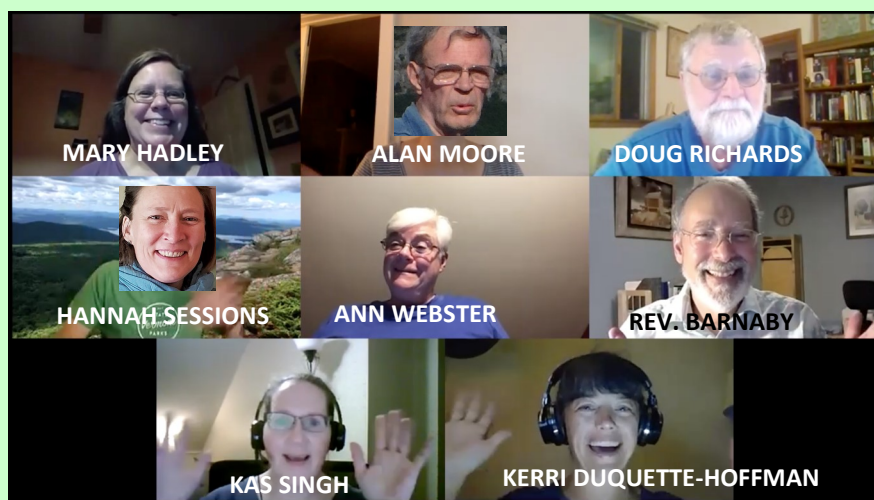
Tree Care & Pollinator Plantings: Over the past two years we’ve removed some elms and treated others against the ash borer threat and planted new trees. Help them thrive, weed our beds & expand plantings on our lands. See Bob House, Paul Stone or Sue Rasmussen. CVUUS uses Bear Mountain Mowing which uses electric equipment and protects plantings.

Spirituality and the Arts Summer Worship Planning Underway



The Worship Team is planning ten services this summer (from June 2 to September 3) on the theme: **Spirituality in the Arts**. We reach out to area

artists, artists visiting in the area for the summer and artists within our CVUUS community. We anticipate a lively season of great services. We have a few open Sundays and we'd love input from you, members of the congregation, who know an artist from the area who you think would be a good lead speaker. A worship associate from our team would work with the artist to put together the full service and participate on the Sunday of their presentation. If you know someone (perhaps you) who could be an interesting addition to our summer line-up please contact Worship Team leader [Ellen Flight](#) to discuss the possibilities. There are honorariums available for those outside the CVUUS community.



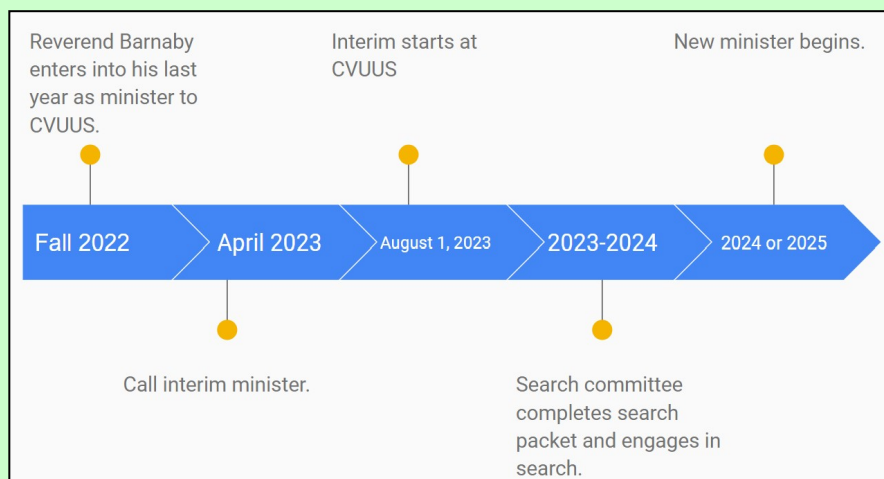
FROM YOUR CVUUS BOARD 2022-2023

Ah, term limits! As the days get longer (and somewhat warmer) I've been reflecting a bit about how in 6 years (2 consecutive 3 year terms) I went from being the newbie to becoming an elder on the Board here at CVUUS. As with many things in my life, it is the people I've had the joy of working

with that have made this Board role most enjoyable. I've learned so much about policy governance, balanced budgets, quorums, Robert's Rules, as well as enjoying snacks and opening readings of so many varieties. If you never considered it, I recommend checking out what being a Board member is about and how you could learn and grow while helping CVUUS in this important capacity.

One final goal I have for the Board this year is to get an in-person photo of all the current Board members together before my time is up and we'll be forever remembered as yet another year of faces in boxes – several cut/pasted in.

This year of transitions and thresholds has many of us thinking deeply about what it is time to leave behind and what we want to move towards - individually, as part of smaller groups, and for CVUUS as a whole. As always, reach out to any Board member at any time to share your thoughts and ideas. Ask us about the interim minister search process and how we're preparing to manage that change. Give us suggestions or examples of how to put into practice our newly adopted covenant to dismantle racism and other oppressions. Provide ideas about honoring Rev. Barnaby and his time with us during the last few months of his ministry. Blessed be, **Mary Hadley**



Your Interim Minister Search Team (Alan Moore, Kas Singh, Hannah Sessions, Heidi Sulis, Tom Morgan) can answer questions about our search process.

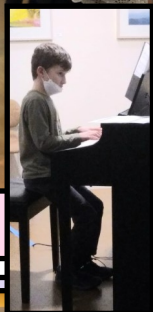
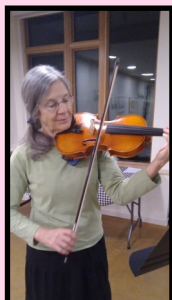
Your Nomination Team (Mike Greenwood, Gordon Gibson, Kerri Duquette-Hoffman) would love to know if you are interested in joining the Board.



Roses to...

...Mike Small, Justin Boyer (and others, You?!)
willing to be trained on running our media for worship.

...all who participated in CVUUS St. Patrick's Day Open-Mic Night. We enjoyed **Poppy Rees** as a superb emcee assisted by **Ollie Cultrara**, performances by young pianists, storytellers – serious and comic, plus singers, banjo tunes, poetry, a contra dance with **Richard Hopkins** as caller, refreshments from our choir members. Special thanks to our wonderful organizer **Carol Harden** who escorted the 50 to 60 of us out on viola.



Have You Discovered Our CVUUS LIBRARY?

CVUUS has several wonderful adult and children's titles 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.



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.

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.



Brett



Gordon

Need an update on your pledge or giving status?



Contact our bookkeeper **Cara Mosier** at fm@cvuus.org or 203-314-3347 on Tuesdays when she works remotely.



Counseling Service of Addison County

Thanks: "We can't tell you how very much we appreciate meeting in your beautiful space. It is so affirming. We love how your values align with ours. We love the many signs and postings welcoming gender inclusivity and your land acknowledgements."



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.



Thanks for remembering to use our mats and shoe trays to protect our beautiful sanctuary floor from mud & grit, especially as we wait for it to cure from last month's refinishing.

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** 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. Contact [Anne Christie](#) 388-4347

--**Wellspring Singers** (Hospice) rehearse on Tuesday 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.

--**Counseling Service of Addison County Training** again on April 10-12 and June 5-7.

--**Community Chamber Music Concert**, Sat April 15, 7 pm, Sanctuary

—**Blood Drive** on Apr 26 (12-4). Register [here](#).

—**Health of Barnes Brook Community Forum**, Tues May 2, 7 pm, Sanctuary , with Riverwatch

--**MUHS IB Testing**, May 2-18, Fellowship Hall

--**Meet the Singers Opera Co of Middlebury**, Sun May 21, 5 pm, Sanctuary

NO PARKING! Along streets (Duane, Water, Charles) or at ACSD Building lot (208 Charles). No parking at MUHS lot when school is in session unless permission cleared by Office. **RESERVED PARKING!** In our lot for those who need accessible spots. **CARPPOOL!** See map in Fellowship Hall to plan rideshares and visit Go! VT connectingcommuters.org.





John Berninghausen 4/5
Jim Goldsmith 4/5
Toby Baker-Rouse 4/6
Carol Harden, 4/7
Avi Freund 4/7
Lois Alberts 4/8
Ethan Spritzer 4/9

Mike Small 4/10
Wren Colwell 4/12
Rich Wolfson 4/13
Connie Leach 4/15
Micaela Tully 4/15
Mary Louise Bright 4/17
Jonnie Carter 4/19
Deborah Lewis 4/19
Dorothea Langevin 4/20
Ginny Ashenfelter 4/21
Susan Humphrey 4/21
Francois Clemmons 4/23
Kimberli Gray 4/25
Kaden Hammond 4/27
Elyse Singh 4/29
Paul Forlenza 4/28
Martha Fulda 4/30



*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](#).

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 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 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 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

SPRING: April

Return Service Requested

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