

# Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society

## Our Annual RE (Religious Exploration) Celebration

Land Acknowledgement Welsey Morgan

Gathering Songs *Woke Up This Morning*  
*Turn the World Around (#1074 Teal)*

Chalice Lighting Tom Morgan

Welcome Tom

Pathways to Connection Poppy Rees

### Words of Welcome

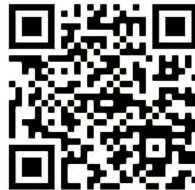
Centering Music *Put a Little Love in Your Heart*

Time for All Ages *The Story of the Year* Poppy

Testimony *What I Got Out of Teaching RE* Allie Izzard

Offering Tom

Our May donee is **Have a Heart Food Shelf** in Bristol, VT. Please write checks to CVUUS. Cash and checks not otherwise specified will be split between CVUUS and the donee. You can donate online with the QR code.



Offering Music Ronnie Romano

Sharing Song *This Joy That I Have*

Milestones & Passages Tom

Thanks Poppy

Closing Charge Poppy

Closing Song *Everybody Needs Somebody To Love*

Postlude *RE Year in Review* Ronnie

**Thank you!** Poppy Rees for leading with Ronnie Romano and Tom Morgan for assisting worship; our tech team Margy Young, Liam Battjes-Greenwood, Richard Hopkins; our Choir and the House Band for music; Dinah Smith and Susie Patterson for ushering; Jess Danyow for seasonal arrangements; Ellen Flight for overseeing today's party & camera work; Mike Greenwood and Alan Moore for overseeing safety and others who helped set up, greet and contribute to today's worship & party.

**Hearing Assistance:** Headsets to amplify sound or for hearing the worship service audio while elsewhere in this building are available in the back of the Sanctuary by the sound system.

**Rhubarb Festival (June 3, 10 am -1 pm) Prep Underway!** 13 days to go! Refer to *Rhubarb Times* email blast on Thursdays to sign up for tasks or enter link below. Visit our table during social hour. Next planning meeting THIS Thurs. May 25, 5 pm on Zoom.

**Get Rhubarb:** There is both **fresh and frozen rhubarb in the lower level kitchen available** to anyone who needs it. Just come get it, or if necessary, Gayle Muenchow can deliver it to your house.

**Seedlings and plants:** See Dinah Smith

**Bling:** See Mary Conlon

**Rhubarb Café:** See Mike Greenwood

**Sweets and Savories:** See Mary Conlon & Marnie Wood

**Bake pies/ other ways to help** See Lise Anderson or sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B49AFAA29A64-2023>

## FREE THINKER'S SPACE



### RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION (RE) FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

- ~ Nursery is open and staffed from 9:45-11:15 Sunday mornings
- ~ Weekly Sunday morning RE programs for preschool to grade 7
- ~ Youth Group (Gr 8-12) - contact Poppy Rees (see below).

#### Stay Connected!

**Weekly Blast (Wednesdays)** provides links to our upcoming worship service, past services, and events and **Weekend Greeting (Fridays)** offers inspirational thoughts.

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Led by Poppy Rees, Director of Religious Exploration

**May 21, 2023**

*Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society exists to spiritually nourish, challenge, and sustain people of all ages and circumstances, so that they might lead lives of meaning, integrity, and service.*

### Pathways to *Healthy Connections*

- Sun 5/21 **Rev. Barnaby's Farewell Lunch**, 11:30 am  
**ICAN**, 4:30 pm, Rev. Barnaby's home  
**Meet the Singers**, 5 pm, Sanctuary, set up begins  
3 pm for this ticketed event of Opera Co of Midd  
**Intro to Meditation**, 7 pm, Zoom
- Tues 5/23 **ESL**, 9 am, Fenn Chapel  
**Climate Economy Action Center of Addison  
County (CEAC)**, 4 pm, Sanctuary  
**Wellspring Rehearsal**, 6 pm, Sanctuary
- Wed 5/24 **Al-Anon**, 1:30 pm, Fenn Chapel  
**Bereavement Group**, 3 pm, Fenn Chapel  
**Small Group Ministry (Alan Moore)**, 7 pm, Blue
- Thur 5/25 **ESL**, 9 am, Fenn Chapel  
**Flower Buds**, 12 pm, Blue Room  
**Rhubarb Festival Planning**, 5 pm, Zoom  
**Choir**, 5:45 pm, Sanctuary  
**June newsletter deadline**
- Fri 5/26 **Community Supper Cookies**, by 2 pm, Midd UCC  
**Opera Co of Midd Orchestra Rehearsal**, 6:30- 10
- Sat 5/27 **Opera Co of Midd Orchestra Rehearsal**, 2:30-6 pm

### Addison County Interfaith Climate Action Committee (ICAN)

will be meeting at Rev. Barnaby's house **today at 4:30 pm**.

Nature journaling with a walk to a site overlooking Otter Creek and a solar field, possible columns for the Addison Independent, and a fall retreat for climate educators (including folks home schooling their kids) will be on the agenda.

**Close the Gap Special Appeal:** Thanks to over 100 pledgers, we had a successful canvass led joyfully by Kate Gridley and John Barstow. Yet we face a challenge: We're still about \$50,000 short

of meeting our proposed 2023-24 budget. You can help us close the gap. Donate at <https://cvuus.breezechms.com/form/closethegap> Contact Steve Maier or Rich Wolfson for guidance.

**CVUUS Caring Network Needs YOU!** Surveys due by May 31.

**Flower Buds** will meet for lunch at noon in our Blue Room **THIS Thurs. May 25** to plan for our annual **Flower Communion Worship Service (June 4)** in which we build a communal bouquet celebrating our diversity, and more. See Dinah Smith or Marnie Wood if interested in joining their efforts.

**Community Conversation: Affordable Housing for Addison County** *The bad news:* We have a housing crisis in Addison County. *The good news:* You can explore & support solutions. Come **Sunday June 4 at 5 pm to The Congregational Church of Middlebury, UCC (Unity Hall)** to learn about three different initiatives to alleviate Addison County's housing shortage: HomeShare VT, Tiny Homes, and Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). Hear case studies and receive a valuable resource sheet. Sponsored by the Middlebury Area Interfaith Affordable Housing Alliance. See Mike Greenwood or Jean Terwilliger

### June Worship Services

**June 4—Flower Communion** (followed by our Annual Meeting)  
**June 11—Farewell Press Conference with Rev. Barnaby**  
**June 18—Choir Sunday**      **June 25—Flip Flop Sunday: UUA GA**

### Margot Fenn Borden Celebration of Life

**Sat. June 3, 10 am to 4 pm, Waybury Inn** **Casual drop-in to share stories and her favorite sweets & savories** Margot, 97, died Jan 18, 2023 at the home she shared with her daughter Laurie and son-in-law Richard O'Donohue in Montana since they moved west from Addison County to be near Laurie and Richard's children. Her spirit sparkled until her last breath.