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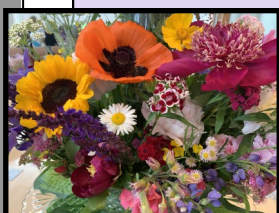
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Our Principles

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.



Save the Date! Rhubarb Festival

Sat. June 3, 2023 If you're new, or have been waiting for a moment before joining in, this is the perfect project. More inside

Trusting Change: Across Generations May Worship Services

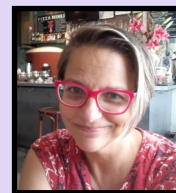


Sundays at 10 am in our Sanctuary (and on Zoom)
<https://zoom.us/j/cvuuservice/> Stay for Social Hour

May 7—Generational Classism-- Liam Battjes- Greenwood helps us reflect on internalized and institutionalized classism. We'll share our offering with Bristol's *Have a Heart Community Food Shelf* this month.

May 14—The Mother of Ministry— To honor Mother's Day, Rev. Barnaby looks back on the role his mother and others played in making him a minister, and invites all of us to do the same whether or not it's your job title.

May 21—Religious Exploration Celebration -- Poppy Rees leads us in reflections and thanks for this past year. Followed by *Rev. Barnaby's Farewell Lunch*. Baseball themed!



May 28—Memorial Day, Radical Love Style -- Taking a cue from our commitment to being a "Living Tradition," Rev. Barnaby leads us in looking at this Federal holiday as a call to a much broader understanding of what it means to die defending the United States than its creators did. Submit your *Caring Network Survey* by this weekend, please!

CVUUS Annual Meeting Sunday June 4, 2023

Following our Flower Communion worship where we'll elect Board reps, approve a budget, & more.



Minister's Letter

What an amazing month May is going to be for us this year. We will find out who our interim minister will be (if that process goes smoothly) and when they will start serving the congregation. Our long-term financial structure and outlook is going to get some long-overdue, congregant-led scrutiny as we deal with the realities of who is participating in our communal life on the back-end of Covid. We will be preparing for the June 3 Rhubarb Festival, a tasty and fun event for the wider community that has become something we are known for. And we will be searching for a successor to Ronnie who can maintain the tremendous momentum he created for music at CVUUS as our first Music Director.

On a more personal note, I expect to be a lot clearer by June about my plans for the first year of my retirement from serving as your minister. Some irons are currently headed toward the fire if not quite in it as I write this.

It seems like a good moment to share some of my thoughts about the challenges CVUUS faces, because they are also its opportunities. I'll need your help in the next couple of months figuring out what I can most fruitfully work on for you. A lot of it may be connected to these thoughts.

- **Covid has undermined cross-generational life communities like ours**, which is already in short supply in our society. It may be that instead of struggling to create multi-generational activities we currently need to focus on creating great points of connection for older and younger congregants separately. Make it a positive goal rather than something we've been forced into. Then, we should intentionally add to the planning the question: "Is there anything very simple we can throw into this activity or add to it to make those in the age group it wasn't planned for feel they are invited to be a part of it?" It's kind of a radical love question.
- **Our new social action covenant can be a powerful and positive influence** on almost everything we do. Let's hold it close and explore its potential each week with open minds and faithful hearts.
- **Fun is not the same as joy. Let joy be our goal and fun emerge from bringing humility, gratitude, and curiosity to all we do.** A missed opportunity for fun in these days that bring so much pain for so many is a real loss; a missed opportunity to create and spread joy together is worse. It is the latter that builds Beloved Community.

My heart is already so full of love and best wishes for you already I can't imagine what it will feel like to write my last of these letters a month from now! Another one of those things we'll find out together, I guess...Blessed be, Rev. B



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/

June Worship Services

June 4—Flower Communion

June 11—Farewell Press Conference with Rev. Barnaby

June 18—Choir Sunday

June 25—Flip Flop Sunday where you're welcome to wear flip flops. This is really about flipping social hour and the worship service that day.



We'll be streaming the morning's service live from *UUA General Assembly*. GA is in Pittsburgh which shares our time zone and the service is scheduled for 11 am. We'll start our time together downstairs enjoying social hour and then head upstairs in time for the start of the GA Service at 11 am.

Summer Worship: Spirituality & the Arts (July-Aug)

Worship Team has been setting up the services for the ten summer Sundays focused on Spirituality in the Arts. It's exciting that these services will be led by fellow congregants at seven of our ten services. They will be led by Richard Hopkins, Carol Harden, Janie Wulff, Gina Stevensen, Hannah Sessions, Brett Millier, Christal Brown, Jennifer Muskopf, Larry Vandenburg, Ellen Flight, Bethany Barry and Hilary Hatch. The services span the arts in the areas of performance both musical and dramatic, writing, gardening, fabric art, painting and crafts. One or more of the summer services may be the ideal opportunity for you to invite a friend to CVUUS. We hope to have a flyer to share with the wider community. We're looking for someone willing to create the summer worship flyer ready by the end of May. You? Someone you know? Contact [Ellen Fight](#) for text & samples.

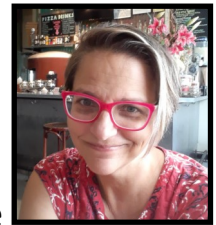


RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION



IT'S RHUBARB TIME!

Joy. Fun. Community.



Our Rhubarb Festival is approaching June 3! Rhubarb is sprouting in our beds and some may be ready for our older kids to **make rhubarb treats** with Michele Lowy in RE this month to be saved for the festival. There are LOTS of opportunities for families to participate in the Rhubarb Festival (see page 9).

RE Parent Lunch (Postponed): Plan and share with one another. Child care will be provided. Stay posted in the Blast and my weekend emails to families. Not getting these? Email me at re@cvuus.org.

RE Celebration (Sunday May 21): Join me in reflections and thanks for this past year at our worship service on May 21. We're so grateful for all who stepped up to rebuild RE this year. This included reflection on our new covenant which is based on the proposed 8th principle for dismantling racism and other oppressions being discussed at UUA General Assembly this summer. And stay for Rev. Barnaby's Farewell Lunch (see page 10)!

~ Love, Poppy, your Director of Religious Exploration

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."*



The Unitarian Universalist Association's (UUA)

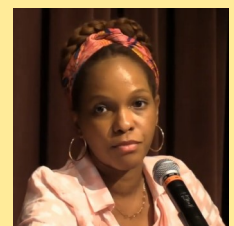
General Assembly (GA) is held

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. Thanks to Alan Moore, Ann Webster, Kerri Duquette-Hoffman and Tom Morgan for representing us. GA is a great way to meet other UUs from around the country and to learn how other congregations operate. You can attend remotely. Some sessions are free. Let Doug Richards or Reverend Barnaby know of your interest. (See 2022 GA Video Review [here](#))

Ware Lecture: Imani Perry Takes place 7 pm EST on Saturday, June 24. In-person or full virtual registration is required to live-stream the event on June 24, or access the video on-demand when it is posted. CVUUS Race in America discussed her book *Breath: A Letter to My Sons*. More about her [here](#).





Standing on the Threshold of Our Future

2023-24 Canvass Pledge Drive

John and Kate want to express how grateful they are for this community's generosity! They want to thank Mary Hadley, Ann Webster, Mike Greenwood, Doug Richards, Kerri Duquette-Hoffman, Karl Lindholm and Barnaby Feder – in addition to ALL OF YOU – for helping to bring the canvass toward its close. Our end date was April 30, 2023.



We still have a ways to go to meet our canvass as you can see from our chart. BUT THERE IS GOOD NEWS. We are just a few folks shy from 100% participation, and by the time you receive this, we may be at 100%!

Some folks are already starting to step up to make additional one-time gifts on top of their annual canvass and "Got you covered" pledges to cover a possible short fall. The facts:

- The 2023 Canvass Goal: \$327,000.00
- At this point, we have commitments from 101 pledges out of 112. YAY!
- The total of pledges toward the canvass goal: \$280,472. YAY!!
- We are more than 85% of the way..... Soooooooo close (see woodblock).

As we all know from our personal finances, budgeting is tricky right now. Prices have gone up. The costs of labor, goods and services are way up. Income does not go as far as it did pre-pandemic. And yet we know that we want to walk the talk with our beloved staff and pay them fair wages. And we want to move forward into an uncertain future strong and committed to being a liberal religious presence in Addison County. Thank you for your generosity and your faith in our beloved community's mission. John and I are grateful to be walking this journey with all of you as we come to the threshold of our future.

Affordable Housing Conversation

Join us **Monday, May 1 at 7 PM** in 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. **Save Sun. June 4 at 5 pm for a Community Conversation on three options** for how your home and property could help alleviate our housing crisis.

A Community Conversation about...

Affordable Housing



for Addison County

Sunday, June 4, 2023, 5:00 p.m.
at The Congregational Church of Middlebury, UCC

The BAD NEWS: We have a housing crisis in Addison County
The GOOD NEWS: You can explore & support solutions

Learn about 3 different initiatives
to alleviate the housing shortage

Sponsored by the Interfaith Affordable Housing Alliance
Breed Loaf Mountain Zen Center, Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society,
The Congregational Church of Middlebury, UCC, Middlebury Friends, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and Weybridge Congregational Church
For more information email Mike Greenwood at mike802vtr@comcast.net



Social Action Updates

May "Share the Plate" Donee: Have a Heart Community Food Shelf

Have a Heart provides quality food items to households experiencing food insecurity. Located in St. Ambrose Catholic Church, this program supplies critical nutrition to hungry individuals and families in the Bristol region and can be accessed during the monthly food distribution as well as in emergencies. They're teaming up with New Leaf organics to provide local fresh produce. Like food security programs all over Vermont, Have a Heart is serving more clients than usual and can really use our help



*Thanks for your continued support of Donations Ministry. Thanks to all who gave to our April Donees **Abenaki Helping Abenaki** and **NAMI VT** (5th Sunday). 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

WomenSafe

know you are donating on behalf of CVUUS. Look for our lobby cart. HOPE's food shelf provides basic personal care items as well as food to families in need. They're *really low on peanut butter* and could also use *Depends/Poise products*, toilet paper, razors, dish soap, laundry detergent pods, etc. Donations can be brought to CVUUS or 282 Boardman Street in Middlebury, Monday-Friday, 9-4. Or, if you're shopping at the Hannaford or Shaw's in Middlebury, there are donation boxes for HOPE at the front of the stores. WomenSafe needs self care items also. Thanks!

Volunteer & Know You Make a Difference with Your CVUUS Teams

Charter House Dinner Prep Team We make dinner for residents (25-40) 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](#).

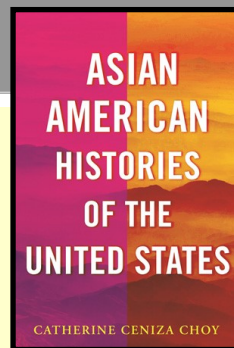


Meals on Wheels (9:30 to 11:30 am, week days). CVUUS has a longstanding team on **Mondays** coordinated by [Mary Conlon](#). Contact her to cycle in as a regular or sub driver.



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

Tri-Valley Transit Dial-a-Ride Help transport your Addison County neighbors to their needed appointments. You get reimbursed for gas. Speak with [Dorothy Mammen](#) for more.

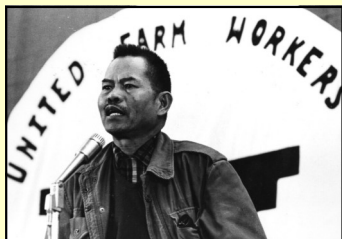


CVUUS Race in America book series continues with

Asian American Histories of the United States

by Catherine Ceniza Choy

The small group that gathered in April to discuss this book were so excited about all we learned that we wanted to share some it and encourage you to attend the **final session on Wed. May 17 at 7 pm on Zoom**.



Asian Americans are the **fastest growing ethnic group in the U.S.** and also have the **greatest economic disparity** within this group in the U.S.

- **Larry Itliong** and the **Filipino American Farmworkers** started what became known as the Delano Grape Strike in 1965. It lasted five years. Few of us have heard of him though you will likely recognize the name

Cesar Chavez who founded the National Farm Workers Association which was mostly Mexican farmworkers. Together with other labor organizers they created the **United Farm Workers Union**. Larry Itliong is known as one of the “fathers of the west coast labor movement” and a key figure in the Asian American Movement.

- Vermont Public’s **Brave Little State** did a show on Nov. 4, 2022 called “What’s the Asian American Experience in Vermont?” Learn more at their website.
- **Neal Katyal**, whose parents came to the US from India, has argued more US Supreme Court cases than any other minority lawyer in American history. Learn more about him by watching his interview on **Tell Me More with Kelly Corrigan** on the PBS website.
- Asian countries are the birthplace of **eleven major religions**. Can you name them?
- **Japanese Americans** were rounded up and sent to Relocation Centers in mostly rural western states from February 1942 to March 1946. More than 120,000 Japanese Americans were held captive for a minimum of three years. They lost their homes, businesses and neighborhoods though most of them were born in the U.S. and were U.S. citizens.
- There is a long history of U.S recruiting foreign-trained nurses. These have been predominantly in high population states including CA, NY, FL and NJ. In the mid-1990s 18% of registered nurses in NYC were **Filipino** and by 2016 Filipino RNs made up 18% of nurses in California. However, they are largely invisible to most Americans.
- **Cecilia Suyat Marshall**, born in Hawaii to Filipino immigrants, played a role in the Supreme Court decision Brown vs the Board of Ed. At the urging of her father she moved to NYC where an employment agency sent her to the office of the NAACP because of her dark skin. As a secretary there she spent many years typing and retyping the arguments as they were refined and eventually presented to the Supreme Court. She also met her husband, Thurgood Marshall, at the NAACP where he worked on the case.





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](#) 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 3 pm** back on site in **Fenn Chapel**. All welcome. Contact [Bobbi Loney](#) 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](#).

Music & Choir

As Ronnie Romano prepares to move forward in his own career this summer, CVUUS is beginning to **search for a new Music Director**. We know we won't be able to "replace" Ronnie, but we don't yet know what new opportunities the search may bring. If you would like to be involved in the search process or to suggest musicians we should invite to apply, contact [Carol Harden](#).



Do you enjoy singing? Your chances to sing under Ronnie's direction are running out, so act quickly to join the choir. Choir rehearses on **Thursdays at 5:45 pm** (and 9 am before worship on Sundays when they are singing). Email music@cvuus.org to be added to the choir list. Look for email from choir@cvuus.org. (check spam).



400 Years Concert

Sat. May 6, 7 pm, Sanctuary

CVUUS will host Dr. Francois S. Clemmons to raise funds for a recording of Francois singing the music for which he is best known—Spirituals. This record will be the capstone of his career.



The Rhubarb Times **CVUUS 13th Annual Rhubarb Festival** **Sat. June 3, 2023 10 am—1 pm**

**If it takes a village to raise a child
then it takes a community to hold a
Rhubarb Festival.**

**We need your help to ensure this
fundraiser is a community success.
Join us in the fun!**

Got rhubarb? Donate (or get) pre-chopped rhubarb in CVUUS downstairs freezer before Sunday May 21 and FRESH in the fridge after May 21. We want fresh stalks without leaves this year in 1.5 lb bundles. See Gayle gmuenchow@comcast.net

Got plants or seedlings to share? As you divide plants in your garden this spring, think about what you can contribute. Visitors ask for veggie and herb starts as well as perennials. Perennial divisions potted up now will be well established in time for June 3. If you have invasive jumping worms in your garden, we know you won't want to share plants with us. Learn about them [here](#). See Dinah dinah.smith@med.uvm.edu.

Bake pies? We'll offer rhubarb (\$20) and rhubarb/strawberry (\$24) pies. Small ones for \$15. Slices for \$5. Some gluten free, vegan. Several pie making events are being held. See Lise liseand55@gmail.com. Sign-up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B49AFAA29A64-2023>

Rhubarb Café ? We'll be serving rhubarb crisp with Wilcox vanilla ice cream along with assorted non-alcoholic beverages. Bake crisp? Be server? See Mike mike802vt@comcast.net

Books? We'll forgo books and offer just our CUUK BUUK of favorite rhubarb recipes (\$10) and focus on our other offerings such as the return of "Bling."

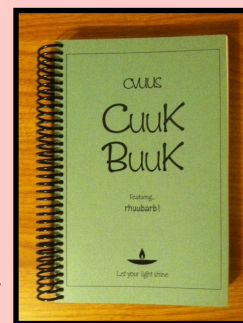
Bling? It's back! Bring jewelry, scarves and ties for sale. See Mary Conlon mconlon@shoreham.net.

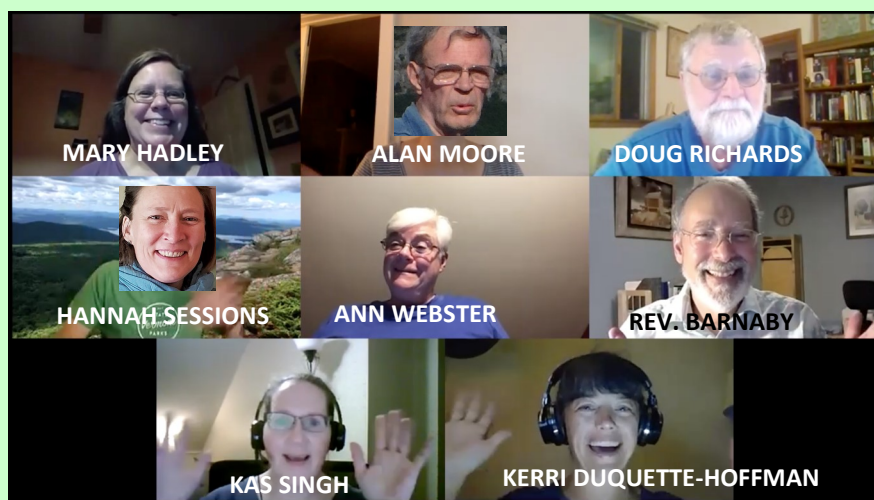
Sweets & Savories? Want to make home kitchen contributions of additional rhubarb items such as jams & jellies, cakes & tarts, cookies & bars, muffins & buns, breads & brownies, sauces & chutney—Rhubarb with other berries in a pie or crisp - you decide! *This year we also welcome non-rhubarb ones for sale.* Get recipes and sign up with Marnie Wood during social hour or contact Lise Anderson.

Rhubarb

My husband bought a little treat,
A favorite thing I love to eat.
We rarely see this anywhere
o take advantage when it's there.
I never ate this in my youth
For what's inside, to tell the truth,
Is something that did not compute
It seemed more veggie than a fruit.
'm talkin' rhubarb, as in pie,
With strawberries to satisfy
My taste buds, waiting to explode;
Of course, this will be a la mode.
If you have never sampled this,
You've missing out on certain bliss
But if my tastes you do refute,
We'll have a rhubarb (a dispute)!

Ilene Bauer, 2017





FROM YOUR CVUUS BOARD 2022-2023

Your Interim Minister Search Team (Alan Moore, Kas Singh, Hannah Sessions, Heidi Sulis, Tom Morgan) can answer questions about our search process. We're in final stages with a first round of candidates being interviewed early this month with the goal of someone starting by Aug 2023.

Celebrating Rev. Barnaby



We hope as many come as possible, especially kids, to **Rev. Barnaby's Farewell Lunch on Sun. May 21, 11:30 am to 2 pm** after worship. We're plotting a family-friendly **baseball-**

themed one with grilled hot dogs and such outside, as weather permits. Let Ellen Flight know if you'd like to help with the fun and testimonials. Don't miss Sunday Worship **June 11 for a Farewell Press Conference with Rev. Barnaby**. Follow his letter (page 2) this month and next month and Weekend Greeting emails for his future plans after June 30th.

***You're invited! CVUUS Annual Meeting ONSITE & ONLINE via Zoom
Sunday, June 4, after worship (~ 11 am)***

Login in at <https://zoom.us/my/cvuusservice/>

What to Expect How does our congregation govern itself? In lots of ways, but the centerpiece is the Annual Meeting, where we gather to **elect representatives to the Board** and other bodies, **approve a budget** for the coming year, and **consider other items of importance** to all of us. The Board puts together an agenda and distributes it ahead of time sent separately electronically (contact office@cvuus.org if you would like these mailed to you). How will we do this on Zoom? We've used the hand-raising feature for discussion, and the polling feature for votes. We'll give a quick lesson on those features at the start of the meeting. Members can vote. Non-member friends are not entitled to vote, but are welcome to observe and ask questions.



Thanks for sharing your abundance!

We need you! Anyone interested in providing a one-time gift toward meeting our 2023-24 Budget goal can talk with Rich Wolfson, Steve Maier or Doug Richards.

Planned Giving Have you included CVUUS in your will? We hope you'll consider including a gift to CVUUS. A will provision allows you to make a significant contribution without diminishing the assets available to you during your life. It is easy to arrange and can be easily modified to address your changing needs. Just a few sentences in your will or trust are all that is needed to leave a specific amount or a percentage to CVUUS. Since bequests are deductible from your taxable estate, significant estate tax savings are possible. Let us know so we can thank you! For more information, contact Mary Conlon.

Donating Funds from Your IRA Do you have a traditional IRA (Individual Retirement Account)? If so, then you've made a deal with the Internal Revenue Service: Your IRA grows, tax free, until you reach a certain age (70½ if your 70th birthday was before July 1, 2019, and 72 if your 70th birthday was later). Starting with the year in which you reach that age, you're required to withdraw a minimum amount every year—the *required minimum distribution*, or RMD. There's a provision in the tax code that allows you to donate funds directly from your IRA to a qualified charity, like CVUUS. For more, ask Rich Wolfson.

Have You Discovered Our CVUUS LIBRARY?

CVUUS has several wonderful adult and children's titles and an [online reading list](#) for finding them. **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.





Barnes Brook Community Forum Tuesday May 7, 7 PM, Sanctuary

Barnes Brook is a small, mostly urban stream located in the town of Middlebury. This lovely yet **largely unnoticed brook near CVUUS** and through MUHS hosts a valuable ecosystem that offers many community services even as monitoring reveals it is polluted with phosphorus and salt. Come to a forum for your opportunity to become better acquainted with this dear little brook and for the community to begin to discuss strategies to value, protect and restore this natural resource. Contributions include Mary Hogan Elementary students on their experiences with the brook; River Watch on water quality results; Middlebury professors on the effects of salt on an aquatic ecosystem; UVM students' posters on proposed Green Stormwater Infrastructure; perspectives from the Conservation Commission; and one landowner's story about increasing protection of Barnes Brook through a riparian planting project.



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) 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 Fenn 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 Fenn Chapel. For more, contact mconrad@ahhh.org.

--**Counseling Service of Addison County Training** again on June 5-7.

--**MUHS IB Testing**, May 2-18, Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary (avoid access, keep quiet)

—Bristol Co-Housing Retreat, Sat May 20, 8-5, Fellowship

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

—**Opera Co of Middlebury Orchestra** rehearses Fri May 26 (6:30 PM) and May 27 (2:30 PM)

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.

CARPOOL! See map in Fellowship Hall and visit Go! VT connectingcommuters.org.





B Porter 5/1
Elizabeth Golden 5/8
Mitch Kramer 5/10
Poppy Rees 5/10
Vera Flight 5/11
Bob House 5/12

Mike Greenwood 5/13
Breelle Thomas 5/14
Llyn Rice 5/16
Zora Duquette-Hoffman 5/18
Lynn Luginbuhl 5/18
Bobbi Loney 5/19
Amy McGlashen 5/19
Allen Zeiner 5/19
Barbara Ganley 5/20
Annan Duquette-Hoffman 5/21
Mary Harrington 5/29
Griffin Santerre 5/30
Marjorie Carsen 5/31
Ann Webster 5/31
*Missing you?
Contact Office!*

Let's Eat In Returns!

Join Dale Birdsall and the Caring Network for lunch once a month again beginning **Friday May 19, 12-1 pm** in the Blue Room. Bring your own lunch. Catch up with friends! Dale will provide beverages. We'll decide future *Let's Eat In* lunches.



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 at cvuus.org/connection/donate or by code to right.



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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 (CN) 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, Morris Earle and Lynne Balman in this meaningful work. **Please complete the Caring Network (CN) Survey** (yellow form) shared this month for feedback on utilizing the Library of Things and providing for the needs of those at CVUUS. Contact Lynne for a print one or complete it online by May 31: <https://cvuus.breezechms.com/form/CaringNetworkSurvey>. Print ones should be mailed back to Lynne or put in the lobby box.

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Followed by Social Hour

In our sanctuary (masking optional) & Zoom

**Worship Services 10 am
Across Generations: May**

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