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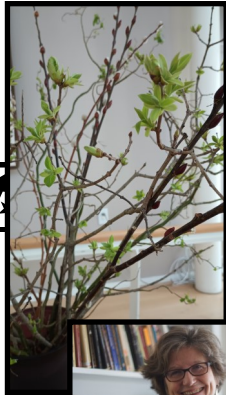
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Our Principles

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.



What Is a Religious Community For?

April Worship Services

Sundays at 10 am onsite & online

Stay for Social Hour in Fellowship Hall

April 7—Love in Action!—Now that spring has finally arrived, it's time to consider what to plant for the seasons to come. This is true for our gardens... and also for this evolving religious community. What are CVUUS' guiding values, and how are they changing? What do you long for, in this congregation's future? How are all of us involved? What's money got to do with it? Led by Rev. Tricia. Followed up with a congregational conversation on **exploring who we are and who we want to become**. We'll share our offering with *Climate Economy Action Center of Addison County (CEAC)* for April.

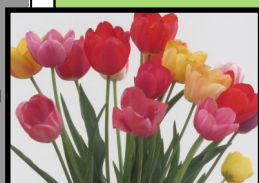
April 14—The Wisdom of Our Faith— Rev. Christina reflects on how our faith tradition cultivates wisdom, what it means to be a UU in these times, & the role CVUUS plays in sharing our faith's wisdom with the greater community. Followed by a *Love in Action* Lunch.

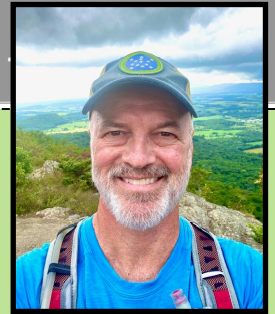
April 21—Taking Care of What You Love—Love is fundamental in human experience. That basic truth doesn't mean we all understand love's power in the same ways, however. What you loved as a child can grow and change into something more as a grown-up member of communities. How do we teach one another to love faithfully and well, in ways that can change the world? Led by Rev. Tricia.

Getting to Know UU session follows (with Zoom option on Wed April 24 at 7 pm). Great for new & longtime attendees alike!

April 28—TBD—Blue Jeans Sunday, our annual effort to spruce up our grounds and buildings, follows.

Getting to Know CVUUS session also follows (with Zoom option on Wed May 1 at 7 pm). All welcome.





Community Ministry: Beyond the Walls by Tom Morgan

As The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) congregations are amid a major evolution of our by-laws. If approved by member congregations during the June General Assembly, UU's will instantiate the love-centered values of interdependence, equity, transformation, pluralism, generosity, and justice as the values that define who we are as a living tradition and religious movement.

Together with this UUA initiative are CVUUS's efforts to project our UU values and principles into the larger world. A year after adopting the Eighth Principle, we have committed to expanding our "community of communities" and creating an even more effective culture of inclusion.

The timing of these institutional developments could hardly coincide at a more opportune time. Like much of our country and state, the Champlain Valley is in a period of significant change. Too many of our neighbors are experiencing the impacts of increasing inequities, systematic disenfranchisement and oppression, and injustices.

Community Ministry has historically been an integral part of Unitarian Universalism. As developed by Unitarian Minister Joseph Tuckerman in the 1820s, Community Ministry is based on the concept of extending a congregation's ministry beyond its walls and into spaces where it is most needed. As a member of the UU Society for Community Ministries (UUSCM) and the UU Ministers Association (UUMA), I am thrilled that CVUUS's Board of Trustees voted in March to establish a Community Ministry and commission me as your Community Minister.

What might CVUUS Community Ministry look like? While we will develop measurable goals to guide our efforts in the next few months, Community Ministry will increase representation, awareness, a sense of purpose, and connections that enable us to demonstrate our UU values



and principles. CVUUS's Community Ministry will advocate, collaborate, witness, and serve in the halls of power, in the public square, behind the pulpit, and in the intersections of oppression and disenfranchisement.

Here is a blessing offered by former UUA president, the Rev. John Buehrens: *"Blessed are you who know the work of the church is transformation of society, who have a vision of Beloved Community transcending the present, and who do not shrink from controversy, sacrifice, or change. Blessed are you indeed."*

Tom Morgan, communityminister@cvuus.org

802-377-7600



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 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

CVUUS Anti-Racism Covenant

"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." Adopted 3.6.23



Rev. Tricia

Rev. Christina

Welcome to Our Ministers

Rev. Tricia Hart (revtricia@cvuus.org) and Rev. Christina Sillari (revchristina@cvuus.org) began in August as part-time contracted ministers to bridge our search for a settled minister and **Tom Morgan** (communityminister@cvuus.org) folds in this spring guided by Rev. Christina.



63rd UUA General Assembly (GA) Love Unites, Stories Ignite Virtual Only, June 20-23, 2024 See uua.org/ga

for an exciting intro video, the program including **Rabbi Julia Watts Besler** as Ware Lecture speaker & view [proposed revision to Article II of the UUA Bylaws](#). Anyone may go.



RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION April 2024

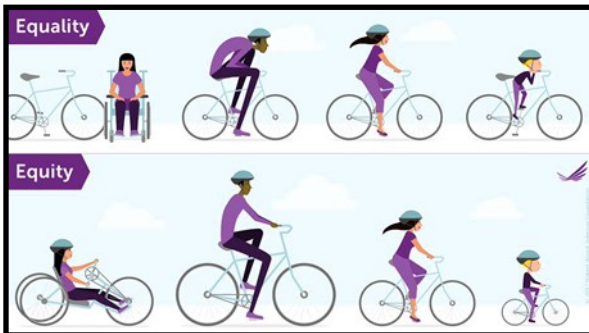
Connection. Joy. Action. Justice. Community. Join us!



HERE'S WHAT OUR 4 JETPIG SUNDAYS HAVE BEEN LIKE...

> to see RE photos from the whole month, click [HERE](#) <

- 2 groups: the Sparks (preschool-gr. 3) and the Amazing Olders (gr. 4-7)
- discussed the **visibility of our justice actions** and considered the relation to effectiveness
- mini protest - I mean, a **protest of minis** during Social Hour around tons of justice issues



- **equity is often better than equality!** People should get what they need, not just the same as others

- If equity is about accessibility and inclusion,

how equitable are the CVUUS spaces?

- assembled small **table and chairs for Fellowship Hall**, since all furniture there was sized for adults



- the Sparks toured all our spaces, even the bathrooms, and made an exhaustive **list of accessibility issues at CVUUS**, ranging from small to pretty big (someone in Fenn Chapel using a walker can't use Fenn bathroom!) > list goes **Safety Team** for mulling

- stained glass butterflies reminded us that **you can't grow if you don't change**

- played the game *What Changed?*, getting faster and faster (yes, there is a limit to how much change one can handle in a short time period!), until any **subtleness went out the window**

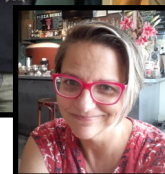


- after Jetpig showed us how **we are all gifts**, with a public outside and private inside, we made boxes representing ourselves which we shared, deciding if we were ready to share the inside words or not. Lots of connections were made, as people found out unknown things they have in common they had in common but hadn't know about each other

- Beloved Community requires the proposed *Shared UU Value* of **plurality** - not just having

diversity but celebrating it with **Love, curiosity and respect**

BIG THANKS to Bobbi Loney, Jess Rouse, Micaela Tully, Gina Thomas, Julia Santerre, Heidi Sulis, Milo Rees, and Elyse Singh for being part of RE this month! And Michele Lowy for cookies!



~ Love, Poppy,
your Director of Religious Exploration



CVUUS April Newsletter



Jean

Social Action Updates

April “Share the Plate” Donee: Climate Economy Action Center of Addison County (CEAC)

CEAC’s mission is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Addison County in a timely and equitable manner, while promoting and supporting a just transition to a healthy and sustainable local economy. In the past few years CEAC created a Climate Action Plan and conducted Greenhouse Gas Emissions Surveys for Addison County. The outcome of this work, along with conversations with many local residents and organizations, is CEAC’s Energy Navigator Program. This program will provide personal assistance to connect Addison County residents with all of the resources available to help electrify and weatherize their homes to create a clean energy future. Additional funding will support staff in community outreach efforts. See CEAC board member Jean Terwilliger and ceacac.org for more.

*Thanks for your continued support of Donations Ministry. Join our team: Jean Terwilliger, Avi Freund, Bobbi Loney, or Ash Hickey. Thanks to all who gave to our April donees **Atria Collective** and **Women for Women International (Gaza Support)**. Our May donee will be Gather and our June one will be Outright VT. Track how much we contribute to donees at cvuus.org/justice/sharing-donation-plate/.*

Volunteer & Know You Make a Difference with Your CVUUS Teams



Charter House Meal Prep Teams We make dinner for residents (25-40) every 2nd Monday of month and lunch every Wednesday following that Monday where we also serve the lunch. Sign up [here](#) or see [Alan Moore](#).

Community Meal Prep: Friday Community Supper (free) offers eat-in and continues take out meals at Congregational Church of Middlebury from 5—5:30 pm. CVUUS provides nut-free **baked goods (300 cookies) on FOURTH Friday of month**. We look for 6 bakers to make 50 items each & occasional meals. Sign up [here](#) or see [Alan Moore](#).

Gather (Drop-In Community Space) Volunteer to cover shifts at this project of the Breadloaf Mountain Community Zen at 48 Merchants Row in Middlebury. Join our community living room, where everyone is welcome. Open Wed to Sunday, Gather is a place to relieve loneliness and connect with others from different backgrounds. Interested? Contact [Colleen Brown](#). More at gatheronthegreen.org



Donate Items to HOPE, Have a Heart, Neat Repeats, JuneBug, Atria Collective and Addison Allies! Tell them you are donating on behalf of CVUUS. Look for the food cart



Affordable Housing for Addison County YOU CAN HELP EASE THE HOUSING CRISIS Spread the word among your friends, family and neighbors in Addison County. Look for & distribute our new brochure.

- **HomeShare Vermont** See Abi Sessions, Connie Kenna, Ellen Flight & <https://www.homesharevermont.org/>

- **Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)** Basic Info: <https://accd.vermont.gov/adu> Addison County Guide: <https://acrpc.org/regional-programs/housing/> See Mike Small.
- **Homes First (Tiny Homes)** <https://homesfirstvt.org/> See Jean Terwilliger.

Addison County Interfaith Affordable Housing Alliance meets the first Monday of the month at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. See **Mike Greenwood** or **Jean Terwilliger** & [here](#). Learn about these options **Sunday, June 9 at 4 pm** St. Peter's Parish Hall, 85 South Maple Street, Vergennes.

CVUUS Mulls Support for Our Unhoused Guests

Thanks to **Ellen Flight**, **Tom Morgan**, and **Mike Greenwood** who facilitated discussion of *Rough Sleepers* by Tracey Kidder. At our final meeting, we started a list of things individual congregants might be able to do. One way to think of items for this list is by time: if you have 15 minutes here's something you can do, if you have 1 hour here's something, an hour a week, etc. Other things to consider are the capacity and/or various skills different people might have to share or feel comfortable doing, such as:



- Buy some Dunkin' cards to be handed out by folks doing street work with unhoused people
- Buy gas cards to enable getting to appointments or be a volunteer driver for Tri-Valley Transit
- Help make or supply food for our monthly dinner and lunch for Charter House, or cookies for the Friday suppers at the Congregational Church or serve lunch at Charter House.
- Volunteer to be a reading mentor at Mary Hogan for Everybody Wins or HomeShare host
- Help facilitate and/or volunteer to make it possible for CVUUS to be a "warming shelter" twice a month which would include access to the shower we have in the lower level.
- Help create a column for the Addy Indy highlighting an unhoused individual much like the Student of the Week column. All with great sensitivity and input from the featured folks.
- Lobby for housing legislation at state level - write letters/speak to your reps. senators and/or the governor.—Write a check to any of the groups working with the unhoused population
- And finally, we discussed the next book we may read together. Perhaps Poverty by America by Matthew Desmond or A Place Called Home by David Ambrose.



Art Gallery Policy

Thanks to those who have bedecked Fellowship Hall walls with art from Eric Nelson's amazing nature photography to beautiful quilts coordinated by Dorothy Mammen to Larry

Vanderburgh's wonderful paintings this spring. Alan Moore convened a meeting to look at the possibility of an art gallery policy that could also be a possible fundraiser for CVUUS, as it was at his previous church. See [here](#) for a **stunning array of congregant art slides** compiled by Liam Battjes-Greenwood shown in our summer worship services, including some of Larry Vanderburgh's paintings. Thanks to Liam for his ongoing efforts to create meditative slides for our worship services reflecting the honoring of full moons by Native Americans. Can't wait for what's next!

Facilities Get Our Love

Thanks so much for the **tremendous amount of attention and work of our AWESOME facilities team**. You've done so much for us from the big picture items of heating systems and roof repair to countless meaningful smaller ones like —making and installing shelving & door face plates, —adding picture hanging rails in Fellowship Hall —completing Fellowship Hall bench mobile drawers —selecting & ordering bench cushions, —repairing the minister's office sliding screen, —checking thermostats & doors (turn down & lock) —monitoring propane boiler for its ongoing issues —tracking issues with our induction stove (ask before use) plus preparing for Blue Jeans Sunday on April 28 and hosting social hour regularly. Really, you do so much for us. **Bob House, Mitch Kramer, Paul Stone, Llyn Rice, Alan Moore, Miles Peterle, Scott Barkdoll, Seth Gibson, Paul Vaczy, Lindsay George, John Stark & Dave Bristol**. And to our sexton **Keith Rickerby** for keeping us clean & safe.

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?

Submit your news & queries to

office@cvuus.org. Our communications assistant Jess Danyow handles this, our website and more on Tues & Thurs afternoons.



Jess

Yellow Card Milestones &

Passages: Complete one in the lobby on Sunday morning.

Council of Ministries:

Mary Hadley, with Susie Patterson and Louise Cadwell, convenes reps from our ministry groups on 1st Monday of month at 5 PM to brainstorm and update each other in Fellowship Hall.



Mary



Cara

Need an update on your giving status?

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



Music & Choir

Music continues to hum at CVUUS! We hosted another **open mic night** with varied performances and over



50 folks in the Sanctuary. The Music Ministry Team hopes to squeeze in another one later this spring!

Vespers services will continue throughout the spring, with one coming up soon on April 11th and another in early May. For the April Vespers, it will be a service of contemplative **Taize** prayer, featuring singers from our own CVUUS choir and from all over town.



This month, we are trying a new **Noontime Concert Series** each Wed (except April 17th) at 12 pm in the Sanctuary. There will be varied styles and performers. Come take your lunch break by enjoying some live music!

There will be another gender-neutral **contra dance** in the Sanctuary on Friday, May 10 at 7pm. The last one had a wonderful band and great turnout. Come see what it's all about!

As always, our **choir** is thriving and accepting new singers. Want to perform at CVUUS sometime? We always have room for more instrumentalists, vocalists, and choir members to add music to our services and beyond. Email music@cvuus.org) for more info.

The **Middlebury College Community Chorus** also continues to rehearse biweekly at CVUUS. It's simply the best rehearsal space in town! Email rromano@middlebury.edu for more info on singing with chorus. This spring, we are preparing the Faure Requiem. Rehearsals on Sunday and Wednesday nights, 7:00pm - 8:30pm.

Opera Company of Middlebury returns with a Youth Concert on Sat. April 13 at 2 pm and Meet the Singers (of their adult spring opera) on Sat. May 18 at 5 pm.

CVUUS continues to be a home for community music making of all kinds, featuring folks from Addison County and beyond. We strive to promote and support the arts by providing a communal space for art to be made together. Please reach out to us if you are interested in hosting your community arts-focused event with us.



Ronnie Romano (he/him) Music Director | Pianist 201-388-4038 (text/call)



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 **four groups** that meet monthly. Most take off for the summer and resume in Sept. 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.



Writers Group meets the second Monday of the month at 3 pm in Fenn Chapel in Sept. All welcome. Contact [Bobbi Loney](#) 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. Contact [Dinah Smith](#) if you'd like to rotate in or could help with our grounds. Last month featured **emergence** with budding boughs and flowers in honor of spring.



Adopt a spot! We could use extra eyes and hands on keeping us tidy as we host ever more activities in our buildings. **Lost and Found:** Claim missing items from our coat rack area by April 30th then donated.



Let's Eat Together Caring Network invites you to come to **Eastview** (off South St next to Porter) on the **4th Tuesday of the month** at noon

to share lunch with them and the many Eastview residents there who are CVUUS members and friends. Bring your own lunch. Beverages provided. Contact [Dale Birdsall](#) with questions or if a ride is needed (377-1322).

Blue Jeans Sunday

April 28, ~12-2 pm (rain date May 5)

Facilities Team meets the third Wed of the month at 10:30 AM and is working hard on several projects from continuing research on cold climate heat pump options to roofing repairs and much more. They invite you to help spruce up our grounds and buildings—window cleaning, weeding, more. Pizza provided.





Rhubarb Joy in 2024

For 14 years the CVUUS Rhubarb Festival has spread sweetness and joy. Once again June 1, 2024 we will celebrate spring as a community. We'll pick rhubarb and bake and sell pies (and confections of all kinds) featuring this resilient, nourishing, (and stunning) early season plant!



The centerpiece of the festival is rhubarb, but over the years this unique fundraising event has included a plant sale, book sale, cook books, craft sale, "bling" (or gently used adornments) sale, a "father's corner" for special gifts, a café, live music, and children's activities. (I bet I am leaving something out!)

If you have been waiting for a moment to join an activity at CVUUS, this is the one! As a relative newcomer, I helped with the Rhubarb Festival my first year in town. It was a great way to get to know people and make new friends. Want to help? Everyone is welcome to join the Rhubarb planning group. To all the good people who helped in large and small ways last year, we hope you jump in. No experience necessary. Contact: **Lise Anderson** liseand55@gmail.com or leave a message 802-462-2729 or **Mary Hadley** hadleyme@juno.com .

BTW We promised we would sell books this year, so please save your gently used books (no magazines or textbooks, or anything with damaged covers please!). We will announce when to bring them in.

Calling All Artists!

Our summer worship theme will be **Spirituality and the Arts**. We love this theme for its flexibility and ability to inspire members of the congregation to share their passions and pursuits. Whatever your art form ...music, crafts, drawing, painting, politics, theater, cooking, protesting, designing, sculpture, leadership, wood carving, listening, building, dancing really! ... think outside the "art" box! We want YOU to share your passion with us. To find out more, speak with any member of the worship team led by Abi Sessions. We will be glad to help you shape your passion into a worship service.

Have You Discovered Our CVUUS LIBRARY? Library of Things?

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. We seek LARGE PRINT book donations. We also have a **library of things**. These are items (cribs, camping and sporting equipment, tools, wheel chairs, etc.) we keep in our homes that we are willing to loan others on a short term basis. Let Artley know if you'd like to help with this project. See <https://www.cvuus.org/connection/library-of-things/> for our current inventory of things. Thanks to Lise Anderson & Susie Davis Patterson for joining Artley in helping with our library





Love YOUR CVUUS BOARD 2023



THE STEWARDSHIP DRIVE- THE BOARD'S PERSPECTIVE It's April and as usual it's also time for CVUUS to ask you for your support for our annual budget. Our Finance and Personnel Teams have been working hard to come up with a budget for July 24-June 25. It is a futuristic budget that is designed to responsibly reflect the Congregation's wishes and aspirations for the future. During this past year we have received input from two consultants, Mark Ewert and Paula Cole Jones, as well as sage advice from our two Ministers about future directions for CVUUS. There is much more to do but we believe that the budget represents a beginning towards furthering our recently approved covenant on the proposed 8th principle as well as our own mission statement.

To that end, the budget includes funding for a part-time communications assistant (Jess Danyow), increasing our music budget and making our Music Director (Ronnie Romano) a half-time position. We have also added funding to support a Ministerial Intern (Tom Morgan) who will provide invaluable social action ministry in our local community and in our congregation. We have also added a cost-of-living adjustment to the salaries of our dedicated staff, who throughout the pandemic and beyond have provided the solid support that we have needed to maintain our basic services and increase the use of our building by outside groups. This means that we will need everyone to consider increasing their pledge for the coming year. While we recognize that not everyone is able to increase their pledge, the Board believes that if we all reflect deeply upon what CVUUS means to us both as individuals and as a collective organization which wishes to support and further progressive values in our community, in our country, and in the world, we will be able to meet our Stewardship Campaign goals.

During April you will be able to make a statement (your pledge) about what CVUUS' future should be like. Not everyone wants to talk about money, but we must recognize that without it, we cannot accomplish our goals. Our community does incredible work, and every dollar of every pledge goes to work making love visible in our world. **Alan Moore, CVUUS Board of Trustees**



Not ham but spam! SPAM texts claiming to be from Rev. Tricia asking for an Apple gift card have been received by several congregants. Please use caution when opening/reading/responding to both emails and texts to keep yourself safe. Our ministers will never ask you for financial gifts. We encourage you to report scams to the VT Attorney General: [1-800-649-2424](tel:1-800-649-2424) | ago.cap@vermont.gov



Laura

Connecting with CVUUS Staff: Please check that you are sending CVUUS related emails to the @cvuus.org email address of the staff person you are trying to reach. Jess and Laura can be reached at office@cvuus.org. Jess works on the blast and OOS and has convened a meeting with Laura, Margy Young and Mary Hadley to evaluate our current and future communication platforms. Stay posted!

CARE FOR PARKING! Our lot is reserved for those who need accessible spots. **CARPPOOL!** See Go! VT connectingcommuters.org.



NEED A NAME TAG? Are we missing you still? Prefer a string or magnet version? Tell one of our Welcoming Hosts (people with yellow name tags).

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. Watch our online calendar for availability and see our rates at cvuus.org. Schedule with Office Manager Laura Asermily (office@cvuus.org or 802-388-8080)

- Al-Anon** for families and friends of Alcoholics meets weekly on Wednesdays 1:30-2:30 pm in Fenn Chapel, seeks anonymity.
- PEO (Philanthropic Education Organization)** meets on 2nd Thursday of month at 2 pm in Fenn Chapel. Contact Anne Christie 388-4347
- Counseling Service of Addison County** back for weekday training (Apr 15-17) and a **Youth Cooking Class** on Fridays in our wrapping up on April 19. *"We feel sanctuary here. We love your gender-inclusive signage and social justice vibe,"* say CSAC staff.
- ESL Classes** for Viva el Sabor migrant workers continue Tue & Thur 9-11 am in Blue Room
- Special Olympics** Mondays at 6 pm in Blue Room for training (onsite & online)
- Rug Hookers** (Kris Andrews) on Apr 4 & 11 (9:30-12) for a sit and hook. *"Your space feels so friendly,"* they exclaim. Bring your crafting to us. Quilters will be back in June.
- American Red Cross Blood Drive** on Mon Apr 8 (8:30-1) *"We love your space,"* say staff
- Thermal Networks Worskshop**, Mon April 15, 5 pm in sanctuary
- 3 Flipping Things Get Out the Vote Letter Writing Campaign** on 3rd Wed of month at 7:30-9 pm (April-Oct). All welcome.
- Pollinator Pathways of AC** for another speaker event Tues Apr 23, 7 pm in sanctuary.
- MUHS IB Exams** back with us in Fellowship Hall earlier this year Thurs Apr 25-Fr May 17. Avoid access on both levels. Use Fenn House.



Missing you?
Contact Office

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
 Jessica Danyow 4/9
 Ethan Spritzer 4/9
 Mike Small 4/10
 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
 Kaden Hammond 4/27
 Elyse Singh 4/29
 Paul Forlenza 4/28
 Martha Fulda 4/30

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



for online giving

Online Giving <https://cvuus.breezechms.com/give/online> See how to choose options at cvuus.org/connection/donate or by code.



Brett and Martha help usher and count our offering. You, too?



CVUUS Seasons of Life Fund Commemorate personal milestones and passages through financial gifts to CVUUS that provide extra funds for us to fulfill our mission statement. Thank you for considering this .



Our Caring Network (CN) provides support, such as calls, visits, meals, and rides, to those in need. If you think of a need that we could provide for you or any CVUUS member or friend, there are "pink cards" on the foyer table in the sanctuary. Please fill one out and place in the nearby envelope marked *Confidential for the Caring Network*.

We'll check it weekly and do what we can to facilitate this need. Join **Kathryn Schloff** (802-349-5264 or kathrynschloff@gmail.com), **Michele Lowy**, **Dale Birdsall**, **Ted Scheu**, **Ginny Ashenfelter**, **Morris Earle**, **Lynne Balman** & **Bethany Barry** in this meaningful work. Thanks to **Marnie Wood** for delivering bouquets of flowers from Sunday worship services to our homebound congregants and decorating our tables. She honors for these spirit-lifting practices.



Visit www.uua.org to learn about the wider work of UUA and our affiliates.

Visit www.cvuus.org to explore our happenings and most current calendar.

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April Worship Services 10 am
What is a Religious Community For?
In our sanctuary & on Zoom
Followed by Social Hour &
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