

Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society

December Theme: *Choosing Hope*

Quilting Faith for a New Year~ December 28, 2025

** Congregation is invited to rise.*

***Gathering Song** *Oh Come All You Neighbors*

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement Karl Lindholm

***Chalice Lighting** *Benedictus: A Book of Blessings* by John O Donohue

May I live this day compassionate of heart,
Clear in word, Gracious in awareness,
Courageous in thought, Generous in love.

Opening Words

***Hymn** *Better Angels We Have Heard*

Time for All Ages *Crazy Aunt's Quilt*

Pathways to Connection

Offering Share with *Ministers Discretionary Fund*

***Response** *From You I Receive #402*

Milestones and Passages

Meditation

Reading *Letter from our Better Angels* by Sean Parker Dennison

Reflection *Quilting Together Your Faith* Liam Battjes Greenwood

Music *These Three Things All Orient Me*

Closing Words *Love the Soul*

Extinguishing the Chalice

We extinguish this flame, remembering always to keep Love at the center.

Postlude *Let There Be Peas on Earth*

Stay for Social Hour in the Ann Ross Fellowship Hall! Thank you to our quilters Kathryn Schloff & Dorothy Mammen for sharing their amazing handiwork viewed in our slide show today.



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Pathways to Connection

Stay in Touch: Complete a *Yellow Card* to share a milestone and put in an offering plate; fill out a *Pink Card* to reach the Caring Network; or a **Blue Sheet** if you're new, so we can be in touch. Cards are in the lobby.

January Worship Theme: Practicing Resistance

Jan 4, *Unitarian Universalism* with Rev. Christina Sillari

Jan 11, *40 Years at CVUUS* with our Founders

Jan 18, *MLK Jr and UUs* with Rev. Tricia Hart

followed by "Adult RE: Stories that Shape Us" discussion

Jan 25, *Caring for Neighbors* with Tom Morgan

Stewardship Brainstorming Session Come after worship next Sunday Jan 4 to inform our campaign launching in April during this important time of our search for a settled minister.

All-Ages Game Night! Come 3rd Fridays of month so next Jan 16. Potluck dinner at 6 pm (bring soup, sides, desserts); games at 7. Bring guests & games to try and swap. RSVP Greenwoods or Spohnheimers (helpful).

Other Upcoming Events: Piano Concert with Arielle Levioff, Fri Jan 2, 12 pm, Atria Clothing Swap, Sat Jan 10, 10-3, All-Ages Contra Dance, Sun Jan 18, 3 pm, called by Richard Hopkins non-gendered style.

Gather, Middlebury's drop-in living room welcomes guests Tues/Thur/Fri /Sat 10-2 at 76 Court St. See Colleen Brown about hosting and Dinah Smith about offering lunch casseroles which are really needed for expanded hours.

CVUUS Charles Ave Community Cupboard is open Thurs/ now Wed/ Fri/Sun 9-5 for anyone to take what they need. Place donations in the food cart in our lobby. Please avoid canned goods in winter that can freeze. *Snacks, prepared rice packs & breakfast cereals are popular.* Seeking volunteers to open, stock & close the cupboard on Saturday. See Karen Cooper.

Death & Dying Look for materials to guide you at cvuus.org & two Adult RE options with Rev. Christina starting in Jan: *A Personal Exploration of Death & Dying* Tuesdays 3-5 pm in Fenn Chapel (Jan 13 & 20, Feb 3, 10 & 17) & *Death Cafe Online* 2nd Wed of month at 6 pm (Jan-May). See handouts in lobby.

Queerly Beloved open to ANYONE in LGBTQIA+ community looking for support *now Mondays 5:30 pm* in Fellowship Hall.

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