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JUNE 2015 NEWSLETTER



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Pastor's Message:

"Summer Break and the New Sabbath"

Vermont has the best summers. As long as you have a little time to enjoy it and you are armed with high-powered bug spray, you can soak in the water, soak up the sun or simply enjoy the beauty of nature hard at work.

"Aah, summer – that long anticipated stretch of lazy, lingering days, free of responsibility and rife with possibility. It's a time to hunt for insects, master handstands, practice swimming strokes, conquer trees, explore nooks and crannies, and make new friends."

- comedian Darrell Hammond

Often, however, we struggle to make that time. By the end of August, we might wonder where the summer has gone as we rush to be ready for school, the new program year or the many preparations of the fall. We are busy. Very busy. And it seems that our doctors and the police are the only ones who dare to even ask us to slow down.

"Summer afternoon, summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language."

- author Henry James

The idea of Sabbath is an important one in the Hebrew Bible. God prescribed a time of rest for all who worked in the Ten Commandments. Torah proclaims a day of rest (*Sabbath*) for people and a sabbatical year (*shmita*) for all fields where they were left to lie fallow. Rest, is something Scripture takes very seriously.

As schedules fill up and work weeks are often no longer 9-5 Monday-Friday, I believe we struggle to find Sabbath. But we are in the spirit of Sabbath when we intentionally set aside time in our hectic schedules for something else, something other than our usual hustle. Sabbath can fall on a Thursday night or in the month of July. Rest also can mean many different things. It can mean exploring new pursuits, or nurturing our spirits in devotion. It can be a time to recharge, to renovate or recover. It can be a time to give your brain (or your back) a rest so you can meet the challenges of another day.

"In the depth of winter I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer."

- philosopher Albert Camus

Sabbath is necessary. Practicing Sabbath is something people of faith are called to do not only for ourselves but as a witness to the rest of the world and to future generations. Consider the lesson of warning from the prophet Nehemiah to the people of his day:

Nehemiah 13:15-22

In those days I saw busy people treading winepresses on the Sabbath, and bringing in heaps of grain and loading them on donkeys. They would also load all sorts of items like wine, grapes and figs and take them to the city. And I warned them on the day when they did so much work on the Sabbath, in Jerusalem, the holy city itself! Then I confronted the nobles of Judah and said to them, "Why are you doing this terrible thing, forgetting the Sabbath day? Your ancestors did the same and it led them to ruin. Do you want the same thing to happen to your generation?"

So, as soon as it began to grow dark at the gates of Jerusalem before the next Sabbath, I commanded that the doors should be shut and gave orders that they should not be opened until after the Sabbath. And I stood guard at the gates, that no load might be brought in on the Sabbath day.

Make time for Sabbath this summer. Find yourself with nothing to do and realize that is exactly what you should be doing. Make time to "hunt for insects or master handstands" or read a book or simply sit in prayer. And show your children and grandchildren how to do it. I pray that God's presence comes to you in those moments, and provides you an overwhelming sense of peace.

Blessings,

Pastor Jared

Spiritual Formation Committee News

Spiritual Formation Committee: Rev. Wayne Schwab, Chair; Sue Barden, Nancy Bell, Elizabeth Sabens

Spiritual Formation

Summertime brings more free time. Are you using it to grow spiritually? Here's one way. As you follow your hopes and dreams for the summer, see God in your times with family and friends. Martin Buber put it well: "In every thou, I meet the eternal Thou." Learn to see God at work in all of your relationships. Be surprised by the gifts God has waiting for you in each one you meet.

Wider World – “Inequality is a Choice” by Nicholas Kristof in *The New York Times* (5/2/15). Ways to reduce inequality are listed and making the needed changes is our responsibility as citizens. A related biblical theme from Isaiah’s vision of the new earth God will create: “They shall build up houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat.” (Isaiah 65:21-22) [Background for actual steps to take, see Potter’s ideas below.]

Wider World – “What Debate on Inequality is Missing” by Eduardo Potter in *The New York Times* (5/6/15). How tax policies, subsidies, legal protections and other mechanisms can aid wealth accumulation and overlook the rest. A similar biblical theme: “The laborer deserves his wages.” (1 Timothy 5:18)

Read the articles online at: <http://nyti.ms/1R22OHn> and <http://nyti.ms/1KLAMLS> or get copies as you leave the sanctuary on June 21st or June 28th. On the 28th, bring your snacks to Classroom 1 for about 20 minutes of discussion.

June Worship Schedule:

Sunday, June 7th, 2015 – Communion; Children’s Sunday

Sunday, June 14th, 2015 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 21st, 2015 – Father’s Day; Pulpit Swap – Rev. Peter Cook, First Congregational Church, Burlington

Sunday, June 28th, 2015 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost; Guest Pastor

Trustees News

Trustees: Wes Ashe, Dick Bell, Laurie Danforth, Bob Forauer, Chip Foutz, Phil Pouech, Reggie Robinson, Andy Seaton

The last phase of the renovations to the parsonage will start on June 18th. We need volunteers to paint and re-plaster walls the week of June 22nd. Please contact Andy Seaton at 482-4313 or aseaton@pconstruction.com if you are interested.

A special thanks to Doug Olufsen for solving the mystery of the church basement floods. Doug spent several days pumping out the underdrain for the church to keep the basement from flooding and also found the cause of the problem (the underdrain outlet was plugged with silt). We will be taking steps this summer to make sure that the underdrain outlet is kept free of silt in the future.

Finance Committee News

Finance Committee: Yvonne Whitaker, Treasurer; Andy Seaton, Financial Secretary; Phil Pouech; Mary Eddy Stewart

This month begins an FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) section, with information about our church finances. If you have a question you'd like to see answered in the newsletter, please send it to Yvonne Whitaker (whitaker@gmavt.net).

How does the United Church contribute financially to missions?

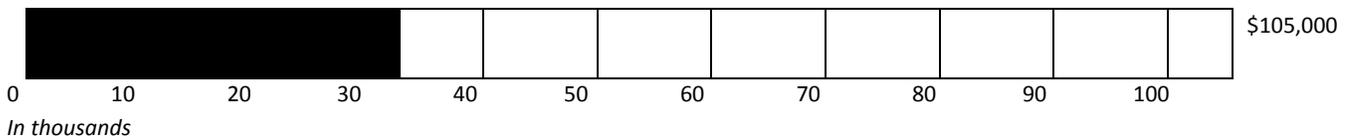
Our church contributes in several ways:

1. A portion of our annual expense budget (\$2,500 in 2015) is designated for Missions and Social Justice Ministry Team projects, which include support for the Open Table Diner (monthly community dinner) and the Hearts for Hunger Fun Run.
2. Dividends from the Outreach Fund, an investment fund, (just over \$4,000 a year) are used to respond to financial requests from individuals and families in our community, according to guidelines established by the Missions and Social Justice Ministry Team. These funds may also be used for donations in response to one-time national and international needs, such as the recent earthquake in Nepal. Any unused funds are available to use the following year.
3. "Celebrations" offerings are used for needs in the community, at the Pastor's discretion.
4. A portion of our annual budget is designated for Conference mission shares. Our payments to the Vermont Conference (UCC), New England Conference of the United Methodist Church and the American Baptist Churches of VT and NH fund missions and ministry support at the conference level. More information on these mission shares will be offered in a future FAQ.
5. Special designated appeals, one-time and ongoing, such as offerings for COTS at the Christmas pageant and Food Shelf donations at the community dinner.

Financial Update

We have an optimistic goal of increasing our plate offering by 5% over last year. Achieving that goal is important, as our offering covers just over three-quarters of our expenses. We can do it, with your generosity. The progress bar below will be published periodically to show how we are doing.

Plate offering received as of April 30, 2015 (\$31,890 **30%** of offering budget)



If you have any questions or would like more information about the church finances, please contact me.

Yvonne Whitaker, Treasurer

Planned Giving

If you would like to help to ensure that the United Church of Hinesburg continues to thrive for generations to come, consider making the United Church of Hinesburg a beneficiary in your will or living trust. Another option to consider would be the gift of an appreciated stock instead of cash. This option of donating shares of stock can have tax benefits for you and allow a larger contribution to our church. If you have questions about gifting stock, contact your accountant or contact Damon Kinzie, our Morgan Stanley financial advisor (658-2424). All calls and conversations with Damon will be strictly confidential.

Missions & Social Justice Committee News

Missions & Social Justice Committee: Lori McKenna, Chair; Sue Barden, Karen Farnsworth, Barbara Forauer, Penny Grant, Kristi Johnson, Melissa Loretan, Meaghan McKenna, Nicole Utter



Greetings all! It is with great pleasure that I announce that our 3rd annual Hearts for Hunger 5K/1K Walk Run event has been a huge success! As of today, we have cleared \$6000.00! This is a big jump from \$4800.00 in 2014. As you may know, 100% of our earnings will go to the VT FoodBank to support children who are food insecure, through their Backpack Program. It is our hope that in the future this wonderful program can be brought to Hinesburg too. Many thanks go out to race directors Meaghan McKenna and Katie Dooley, the entire Missions Committee, the congregation and the community for all their support. This could not have been achieved without everyone pulling together.

Several weeks ago, Nepal suffered two very serious earthquakes resulting in the death of thousands, and the displacement of thousands more. As in the past, we have sent disaster relief money to an organization to assist with food relief (\$500). This money was sent to the UN World Food Programme. We are grateful we can help in this way along with our thoughts and prayers; recovery will take years (as in Haiti).

Thank you again for all of your support,

Kind regards,
Lori P. McKenna, Chair

Membership Care Committee News

Membership Care Committee: Dianne Hall, Chair; Eileen Ashe, Jamie Cudney, Grace Farley, Barbara Lyman, Rhonda Ploof, Heather Roberts

On Tuesday, July 21st, from 9:00am to 1:00pm, the Membership Care Committee will be attending a retreat under the leadership of Pastor Jared on Lay Visitation. Our goal is to be able to supplement the Pastor's home visits as needed. This retreat is open to anyone in the congregation who is interested. Please contact Pastor Jared or Heather in the church office if you think you'd like to attend. (A location for the retreat is yet to be determined.)

Belonging to this church with so many kind, caring folks is a blessing. Our church family is open to all no matter who you are or where you are in your spiritual journey. There will be a New Member Sunday in October for any who wish to "officially" join the ranks of the congregation. Please let Pastor Jared know if you are interested.

Your Membership Care Committee is here to serve you just as our name implies. Let us know through Pastor Jared or Heather how we can help you.

With love,
Dianne Hall, Chair

Getting to Know - Polly Quinn

Our very own nonagenarian, Polly Quinn, was born in Burlington at the original Mary Fletcher Hospital and first lived on a farm in Moretown, Vt., where her love of horses began. She was next to the youngest of 6 children, 5 girls and 1 boy. Polly attended school first in Moretown then in Waterbury when her family moved, graduating from Waterbury High School. She went on to attend Goddard College. "It was a very forward thinking school even then." After 2 years she transferred to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. As part of a work-study program Polly was one of the first 2 women to work in the university library. Prior to that only men had that privilege. She received her BA in 1944 and achieved her Master's degree in English and History in 1946. It was at Chapel Hill that she met her husband, Paul.



Paul was from Long Island, NY, and after they finished school they moved to Bliss St. in Sunny Side on Long Island (a great address for newlyweds!). Paul didn't especially like living in New York so they decided to move to Vermont. In 1949 they moved to Hinesburg and bought the house that Polly lives in today. "It has undergone many changes." During the early years in Vermont, Polly worked as a librarian at the UVM library. At the age of 31 Polly had Michael, the first of their four children. He was followed by 3 daughters: Sara, Patricia (Patty) and Nina. Polly was very busy raising her 4 children but found time to help her husband with his horse photography business.

In the early 1950's the Quinns bought 2 horses from the Champlain Riding School - Onyx and Starlight - and the children all learned to ride. A couple of years later they bought their first Morgan, Maggie, who was in foal. The foal, Rufus, was born that spring. The following year they bought 2 more Morgans from UVM. Eventually Polly started Heyday Morgans and is well known "coast to coast" as a breeder of

Morgans. She has had a long affiliation with the Morgan Horse Association of Vermont and was named "person of the Year" in 1976 and 2000 being recognized for "dedication above and beyond through promotion and volunteerism". She has held many positions during her tenure with the Morgan Horse Association of Vermont. From 1986 - 2000 she was a trustee of the American Morgan Horse Institute and was very active in the establishment of the Morgan Horse Museum.

Sadly, Polly's husband Paul died very suddenly of an aneurysm in 1978. At that time one of their daughters, in the process of choosing a college, was scheduled to visit several out-of-state schools. Paul had arranged the visits. Polly carried on and went with Nina to see the schools. Difficult as it was, Polly says it helped her to have this focus and kept her looking forward through this sad time.

In the community of Hinesburg, Polly served as a trustee with the Sarah Carpenter Library from 1945-1999 and was instrumental in establishing the current Carpenter Carse Library. In 2000 she received a Public Service Award for her many years of service to the State of Vermont and the Town of Hinesburg.

Church has always been a very important part of Polly's life. As a child and young adult she attended the UCC church in Waterbury. She joined that church at age 14 and was active in the youth group, Comrades of the Way. She remembers attending and enjoying summer church camps. Polly started attending the United Church of Hinesburg soon after she moved here in 1949. She has served in many capacities as a member of the church: singing in the choir, serving as chair of the church council, coffee hour, Women's Union (now the U.C. Auxiliary) to just name a few! She served for many years as a lay member of the Vermont Ecumenical Council. Polly is currently involved in a small group bible study - Disciplines. The group relies heavily on Polly's vast knowledge of the Bible and her spiritual wisdom.

Polly is a strong Vermonter! She still does a mile on her treadmill most days. She is a spiritual, "forward thinking" woman who continues to be a student of life. Her life has been full and continues to be - we've briefly touched on a few of the highlights! We are so blessed to have her among us.

Christian Education Committee News

Christian Education Committee: Eileen Ashe, Chair; Heather Roberts, CE Coordinator; Dianne Hall, Jennifer Lian, Theron Main, Renate Parke, Howdy Russell and Sharonlee Trefry

The Sunday School year will conclude with a **Children's Sunday** celebration on June 7th. We will be presenting a talent show to highlight the many talents of the children and youth in our congregation. Heather will be in touch with parents directly to discuss whether each child plans to participate and what they would like to share. If your child needs suggestions, feel free to contact Heather or Eileen.

The service on Children's Sunday will be followed by a **BBQ** to celebrate the conclusion of our program year. All are welcome to join us for hamburgers, hot dogs and salads. Sign up to bring a side dish or dessert or to help in the kitchen at: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C49ADAA29AAF49-sunday2.

We will be offering a summer program for children from Kindergarten through 5th grade during the week of August 10th-14th. Daniel Ashe will be coordinating our "**Small Wonders Nature Camp**" as part of his Grad Challenge at CVU. We will learn about birds, bees, bats, and butterflies. The camp will meet from 5:00-7:30pm each evening that week and will include dinner. The cost is \$30 per child or \$50 per

family. Please complete the registration form found at <http://www.ucofh.org/small-wonders-nature-camp.html> and return it to the church office with payment. Contact Daniel at 825-1301 or Heather in the church office with any questions or to find out how you can help.

We are seeking a **Nursery Care Provider** to supervise our infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers during each Sunday morning service beginning June 21st. The position requires approximately 2 hours each Sunday (9:30 - 11:30am) and pays \$30 per week. A volunteer from the congregation will also be present each week to assist. Review of our Caring Community Policy & Procedures and a background check are required. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. If you are interested or know of someone who may be, please contact the church office at unitedchurch@gmavt.net.

June 2015 Happenings at UCH

{All meetings/events are held in Osborne Parish House unless otherwise noted.}

2 nd Monday	8:00am-3:00pm	WIC
Monday nights	5:00pm-9:30pm	Parish House reserved by private group
1 st Tuesday night	7:30pm-8:30pm	Cub Scout Parent meeting
1 st & 3 rd Tuesday night	6:30pm-7:30pm	Cub Scout den meeting (Bears)
2 nd Tuesday night	6:30pm-8:00pm	4-H meeting (Midnight Riders)
Wednesday nights	6:30pm-9:00pm	Boy Scout meetings
1 st & 3 rd Wednesday night	6:30pm-8:00pm	4-H meeting (Silver Spurs)
Most Fridays	9:00am-1:00pm	Hinesburg Senior Meal site
Monday, June 1st	7:00pm	Finance Committee meeting
Saturday, June 6th	9:00am-11:00am	Children's Sunday rehearsal
Saturday, June 6th	9:30am-11:00am	Auxiliary meeting
Sunday, June 7th		Children's Sunday
Sunday, June 7th	2:00pm	Global Partnership meeting
Monday, June 8th	6:30pm	Christian Education Committee meeting
Monday, June 15th	8:30am	Stewardship Committee meeting
Tuesday, June 16th	2:00pm	Worship Committee meeting
Wednesday, June 17th	10:00am	Craft group at Elizabeth Sabens' house
Sunday, June 21st		Pulpit Exchange – Rev. Peter Cook
Tuesday, June 23rd	7:00pm	Church Council meeting
Thursday, June 25th		June newsletter deadline
Friday, June 26 th	5:30pm-7:00pm	Salad Supper
Saturday, June 27th	11:00am	Beulah Busier graveside service and reception
Sunday, June 28th	11:15am-11:45am	Practicing God-talk discussion during coffee hour

The **UCH Craft Group** will be meeting on Wednesday, June 17th at 10am at Elizabeth Sabens' house to work on papercraft items from recycled greeting cards. No experience is necessary. If you like to craft, or if you'd like to learn a new skill with friends over a cup of tea, please join us. See Barbara Forauer or Elizabeth Sabens for more information.



A graveside **service for Beulah Busier** will be held at 11am on Saturday, June 27th at the Hinesburg Cemetery with the Rev. Susan Cooke Kittredge officiating. A reception will follow at the Parish Hall and all are welcome to share memories of Beulah and visit with her family.

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

02	Anne Donegan
03	Marianne Brunetto
03	Dwight Eddy
03	Lauryn Ouimet
04	Doreen Kendall
04	Mike Quinn
05	<i>Kristi & Ethan Johnson</i>
05	Sandy Milbank
06	Bill Anthony
06	<i>Amy & John Lyman</i>
07	<i>Laurie & David Danforth</i>
07	Kay Hildebrand
07	Patti Mead
07	Amy Patrick
08	Brenda Bissonette
08	Rodney Churchill
10	<i>Phil Pouech & Lia Cravedi</i>
11	<i>Carl Bohlen & Kristy McLeod</i>
11	Samantha Nielsen
13	Sandy White
14	<i>Kevin & Dawn Francis</i>
14	Phyllis Kilburn
14	Betty Lantman
15	<i>Dick & Nancy Bell</i>
15	Sawyer Cudney
18	<i>David & Barbara Lyman</i>
21	Ken Cudney
21	Ryan Nielsen
22	Melissa Loretan
22	<i>Heidi & Dan Simkins</i>
23	Kathy Busier
23	Graycie Elkins
23	<i>Sandy & Henry White</i>
26	Robert Lian
27	Anita (Sam) Collins
27	Barbara Haire
27	Gregory Waples
28	<i>Christopher & Erin Walker</i>
28	<i>Rufus & Betsy Patrick</i>
28	Sandy Robinson

It's Your Day, Celebrate!

June 2015

June 7th

Greeter: Roberts family

Ushers: Youth TBD

Reader: Tom Roberts

June 14th

Greeter: Dot Blanck

Ushers: Barbara & Bob Forauer

Reader: Yvonne Whitaker

June 21st

Greeter: Ellen Dooley

Ushers: Melissa Loretan & Grace Farley

Reader: TBD

June 28th

Greeter: Judy Parker

Ushers: Ellen Phelps & Paul Emmons

Reader: Renate Parke

June Coffee Hour Hosts—

Co-chairs: Dianne Hall & Bonnie Farrow-Rice

Cynthia Dunshee

Trinka Parker

Barbara Herrington

Judy Frazer

Thank you for your service!



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