

United Church of Hinesburg  
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## JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER



**TO:**

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### **Pastor's Message:**

#### **“Right-mindedness”**

Right-mindedness: a mind in place,  
in right relation to Nature and  
its neighbors. Thoughts, instructions,  
stories, songs enter from outside, and some  
of these are needed, can be made welcome,  
but nothing replaces the living  
geography, topography, ecology, history,  
the mind's waking at home in its creaturely  
household, which is its work, its burden,  
its privilege, its intimate reference, its way  
to find at need, against the time's perilous  
leanings, the unshifting star.

*- from “A Small Porch in the Woods” by Wendell Berry*

“And Jesus said, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as you love yourself.’”

*- The Gospel of Luke 10:27*

May seemed to be especially hectic here at church and for many personally. Baptisms and Plant Sales, tag sales and Fun Runs, visits and committee meetings quickly filled the calendar here. At home, children have baseball, soccer, lacrosse, piano recitals, concerts and performances and service projects. Adults have work and doctor's visits, yards to mow and gardens to plant. When the weather is beautiful, we try to get outside as well, often fitting a walk in during our lunch hour or between appointments.

With my own schedule being stuffed with commitments, my inclination is to give up those moments that I take for myself – times for prayer, for personal exercise, reading, or simply sitting in silence. It happens often and when it happens too often, I do not feel "right-minded." I lose my grounding and the purpose of my relationships with those people and places around me. To put it simply – I grow anxious at how busy I am when I do not make time for myself.

Our gospel passage is well known. We are to love God with our hearts and souls, with all our strength and with our minds (emotions and primary concerns, with our bodies and our intellects?!), but we are also to love our neighbors as ourselves. This means we must love ourselves – and take care of ourselves.

The Christian faith is big on practices. These are rituals, disciplines, rites and commitments that keep us centered on the good life promised by God. What practices do we have to take care of our emotional lives? How do we continue to organize our lives based on those things that are most important to us? How do we care for our bodies and how do we feed our minds? Do we talk with others, make lists, breathe, pray, use prayer beads, visit others, read, exercise, make space for silence, offer service or charity, turn off devices, reconnect with neighbors, makes new friends, etc. What can you add to the list?

In June we end school, enter summer and take on a different pace. May we find ourselves practicing the good life – being right-minded – living a connected life with all around us.

Blessings,

*Pastor Jared*

## **Membership Care Committee News**

*Membership Care Committee: Dianne Hall (Chair); Jamie Cudney, Grace Farley, Bonnie Farrow, Laurie Danforth, Barbara Lyman, Anne Carter Mahaffey, Joyce Menning, Judy Parker, Heather Roberts, Mary Eddy Stewart, Sandy White*

### **New Member Sunday on June 4th**

We will be holding a New Member Sunday on Pentecost Sunday, June 4th. We hope you will join us for this service of welcome for those acknowledging the bond between themselves and this community of faith. When new members join, the entire community has the opportunity to pledge their care, support and commitment to the new member and the new member does the same.

If you are interested in learning more about church membership – even if you are unable to join at this time – please contact Pastor Jared at [revjared@gmavt.net](mailto:revjared@gmavt.net) or the church office at 482-3352.

## Spiritual Formation Committee News

*Spiritual Formation Committee:* Sue Barden, Anne Carter Mahaffey, Danielle Pezzimenti, Rev. A. Wayne Schwab and David Sterrett

**Practicing God-talk will meet during coffee hour on June 25th.** We will continue to discuss a mission about possible over-use of computer screens in the classrooms of our schools. An elementary and a high school teacher will help us. Background is “A Call for Fewer Screens in the Classroom” by Amy Williams from *Education Week Teacher* (3/21/17) “. . . Research comparing reading and writing on the computer vs. on paper supports screen-free classroom time to promote learning.” A related biblical theme: “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth” (3 John 1:4). Read it at <http://bit.ly/2oDYeZq>. Copies will be available on the back table in the sanctuary as you leave on June 18<sup>th</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Christian Education Committee News

*Christian Education Committee:* Eileen Ashe, Chair; Heather Roberts, CE Coordinator; Leah Hamilton, Mary Hong, Theron Main, Renate Parke, Howdy Russell and Sharonlee Trefry



Things are winding down in Sunday School for the program year but gearing up for the youth trip to Boston later this month!

Thank you to Ashley Williams-Wenschhof for providing several sessions of yoga during Sunday School this year. Our most recent session on May 21<sup>st</sup> was held outside on the church lawn. It was a fantastic way to finish up our practice for this year, feeling the sun on our faces and the grass under our feet!

We enjoyed two projects in Sunday School this month: On May 7<sup>th</sup>, we constructed a maypole on the lawn outside the Parish Hall. On May 14<sup>th</sup>, we potted Mother’s Day flowers for the women of our congregation. The kids worked very hard to pot individual pansy plants and then beamed with pride as they handed them out at the conclusion of the worship service.

We will hold our Children’s Sunday service on June 11<sup>th</sup> with special guest Chris Dorman. Children and youth who are able to attend will be involved in all aspects of the service – greeting, ushering, reading, music, etc. If you have not already done so, please let Heather in the church office know whether your children will be able to participate. It’s a great opportunity for the kids to practice speaking or performing in front of a crowd – and for the congregation to see how much our children have grown!

After the service, we will have our annual church-wide picnic to celebrate the end of the program year and the start of summer. Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be provided. Please sign up to help in the kitchen or bring a salad, fruit or chips at: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C49ADAA29AAF49-sunday5](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C49ADAA29AAF49-sunday5).



After church on Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, a group of 13 youth and 4 chaperones from our community will embark on a 5 day service trip to the Boston area. They will spend 4 days exploring social and environmental justice issues through organizations such as The Dog Service Project and the Asian American Resource Workshop. If you are interested in sponsoring a youth or chaperone or providing other financial support, please contact Pastor Jared or the church office.

The youth held a tag sale fundraiser on the church lawn the same day as the Plant Sale. Thank you to all who donated items to the sale or stopped by that day to shop. The weather held out and they were able to raise over \$1,300 for their upcoming service trip!

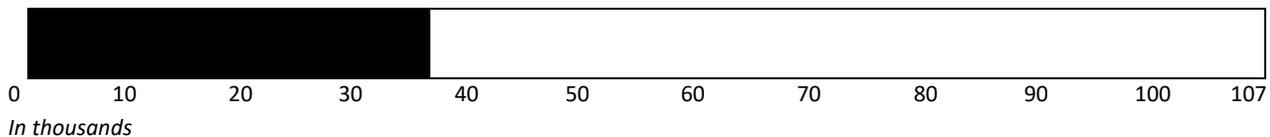
## Finance Committee News

**Finance Committee:** *Yvonne Whitaker (Treasurer), Sandy Milbank (Financial Secretary), JP Hong, Phil Pouech, Keith Roberts, Mary Eddy Stewart*

### Financial Update

Our 2017 budget includes an offering goal of \$107,000. It is important that we achieve our goal in order to cover our expenses this year. The progress bar below will be published monthly to show how we are doing. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Plate offering received as of **April 30, 2017** (\$35,861 **34%** of offering budget)



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, Katie Dooley, Karen Farnsworth, Barbara Forauer, Penny Grant, Kristi Johnson, Melissa Loretan, Meaghan McKenna

*Hello UCH Family:*

*The Missions & Social Justice Committee would like to graciously thank all of the fantastic volunteers who helped us put on the 5th annual Hearts for Hunger 5K Fun Run fundraiser on May 20th. All donations from Hearts for Hunger-related fundraising efforts will be combined together and given to the Vermont Foodbank Backpack Program, which strives to provide meals to school-aged children at times when free or reduced-cost school meals are not available to them, such as weekends and school vacations. In addition, a special thanks to Amy Sayre and others who supported this cause, either through donations, purchasing our various food items for sale, baking treats for race day, helping to include us at the Plant Sale, or any of the other many ways we are supported by our church. While our participation numbers were less than last year, we have raised around \$6,350 so far, with some donations still coming in, and **donations are still being accepted! To make a donation, visit our online fundraising page at [www.grouprev.com/heartsforhunger2017](http://www.grouprev.com/heartsforhunger2017) or drop a check in the collection plate or in the church office made out to the United Church of Hinesburg with "Hearts for Hunger" in the memo line.***

*To date, this annual event has donated a total of \$22,300 to the Vermont Foodbank, and this year's race will likely bring us to our goal of reaching a total donation amount of \$30,000. We are very excited by our success this year, and we are proud to think of the impact our work will have for Vermont children in need of a consistent source of food.*

*Our total donation will encompass funds from general donations, our baked bean sale during coffee hour, our honey, fudge and maple syrup Mother's Day sale, 5K/1K race registration fees, T-shirt sales, business donations from PC Construction, Heritage Toyota and Theron Main at Timberlane Dental Group, fundraising efforts from the amazingly driven Girls on the Run participants, and donations collected at the April and May Open Table Diner community meals!*

*Since late winter/very early spring we have been planning and coordinating all of the pieces of Hearts for Hunger leading up to race day. Sometimes the stress of ironing out all the details and the anxiety we feel about how much of an impact we will make with our donation can cloud our vision ever-so-slightly, until race day arrives. As our set up crew gathered early in the morning on May 20th to prepare for the event, I again could fully appreciate why we do this each year: because no child should have to worry about how they will get their next meal.*

*Thank you again and blessings to all,*

*Katie Dooley, Meaghan McKenna, Lori McKenna and the UCH Missions Committee*

## Worship in the Home – June 2017

These prayers can be used as a resource throughout the month for private reflection.

### Opening Prayer

It is good to be near God;  
I will make the Lord God my refuge,  
and tell of all God's works.

### Psalm 73:28

but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### Scripture Reading Romans 12:3; Psalm 131

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone "Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up,  
my eyes are not raised too high;  
I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.  
But I have calmed and quieted my soul,  
like a weaned child with its mother;  
my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.

O Israel, hope in the Lord  
from this time on and forevermore.

### Prayer for the Month

*Counting Prayer* – Using prayer beads or your fingers, count out a set number of items you wish to address with God or pray about. For example:

1 For my father. 2 For my mother. 3 For my spouse. 4 For my children. 5 For my wider family. 6 For my friends. 7 For myself. 8 For my work in this world. 9 For (something in the news). 10 For peace in the world.

Choose to add specific prayer requests after each item but keep them the same for the month if possible.

### Lord's Prayer

Our Father (Mother/Creator/God) who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,

### Scripture Reading

### James 4:6-8a

But God gives all the more grace; therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist evil, and it will flee from you. Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

### Question to Consider

*How is the act of prayer related to humility?*

*What are the benefits of humility?*

*How does being near to God make us humble?*

### Silence and Personal Prayers

#### Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
It is in dying to self that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

#### A Prayer for Mealtime

In a world where so many are hungry,  
may we eat this food with humble hearts;  
in a world where so many are lonely,  
May we share this friendship with joyful hearts.

## June 2017 Happenings at UCH

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

2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	8:00am-3:00pm	WIC
Monday nights	5:00pm-9:30pm	Parish House reserved by private group
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday night	6:30pm-8:00pm	4-H meeting
Most Wednesday nights	6:30pm-9:00pm	Boy Scouts
Wednesday afternoons	2:15pm-6:15pm	TKD Kicks taekwondo
Thursday mornings	10:00am-11:30am	Hinesburg Friends of Families baby playgroup
1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday night	7:30pm-8:30pm	Cub Scout parents meeting
Most Fridays	9:00am-1:00pm	Hinesburg Senior Meal site
Sunday afternoons	2:00pm-5:00pm	Tiger Monkey Dragon theater/improv group
Saturday, June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1:00pm	Polly Quinn graveside service & reception – All welcome
Sunday, June 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am	Christian Education Committee meeting
Sunday, June 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am	Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting
Sunday, June 4 <sup>th</sup>		New Member Sunday
Sunday, June 4 <sup>th</sup>	11:15am	Visioning Team meeting
Sunday, June 4 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm-7:30pm	Youth trip planning meeting
Wednesday, June 7 <sup>th</sup>	12:30pm-2:00pm	Knitting/Crocheting group
Sunday, June 11 <sup>th</sup>		Special Music Sunday/Children's Sunday with Chris Dorman
Sunday, June 18 <sup>th</sup> – Friday, June 23 <sup>rd</sup>		Youth service trip to Boston
Wednesday, June 21 <sup>st</sup>	12:30pm-2:00pm	Knitting/Crocheting group
Saturday, June 24 <sup>th</sup>	3:00pm-7:30pm	Parish Hall reserved by private group - fundraiser
Sunday, June 25 <sup>th</sup>	11:15am	Practicing God-talk meets during coffee hour
Monday, June 26 <sup>th</sup>		July newsletter deadline
Thursday, June 29 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm-9:30pm	Parish Hall reserved by private group - Arthur Migliazza concert
Friday, June 30 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm-7:00pm	Open Table Diner free community meal



A steady stream of shoppers at this year's Plant & Baked Good Sale on May 13<sup>th</sup> led to a record-setting total. Thank you for your support!

### An Evening of Boogie Woogie Piano

Event link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-of-boogie-woogie-piano-in-hinesburg-vt-tickets-34860313135>

Award winning virtuoso pianist Arthur Migliazza brings the Boogie Woogie and Blues piano tradition back to life through truly unbelievable piano playing and entertaining storytelling. This living historian takes you on a one of a kind journey through the origins of this influential African American music and uncovers its connections to modern Jazz and Rock & Roll.



Polly Quinn's graveside service will be held at the Hinesburg Cemetery at 1:00pm on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. All are welcome. Meet at the church to carpool at 12:30pm. Please bring your own chair if you will need to sit during the service.

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## *June Birthdays & Anniversaries*

02	Anne Donegan
03	Marianne Brunetto
03	Dwight Eddy
04	Grace Hans
04	Doreen Kendall
04	Mike Quinn
05	Eliza Amsbary
05	<i>Kristi &amp; Ethan Johnson</i>
05	Sandy Milbank
06	Amy & John Lyman
07	Laurie & David Danforth
07	Kay Hildebrand
07	Patti Mead
07	Amy Patrick
08	Brenda Bissonette
08	Rodney Churchill
09	Aiden Robertson
10	<i>Lia Cravedi &amp; Phil Pouech</i>
13	Sandy White
14	Phyllis Kilburn
14	Betty Lantman
15	<i>Dick &amp; Nancy Bell</i>
15	Sawyer Cudney
18	<i>David &amp; Barbara Lyman</i>
21	Ken Cudney
22	Melissa Loretan
22	<i>Heidi &amp; Dan Simkins</i>
23	<i>Sandy &amp; Henry White</i>
26	Isabel Brown
26	<i>Jamie &amp; Ken Cudney</i>
26	Robert Lian
27	Anita (Sam) Collins
27	Barbara Haire
28	<i>Christopher &amp; Erin Walker</i>
28	<i>Rufus &amp; Betsy Patrick</i>
28	Sandy Robinson
30	Lauryn Ouimet

*If you don't see your birthday or anniversary listed,  
please call the Church Office so we may include you!*

## **June 2017**

### **June 4th**

*Greeters: Kieran & Kristi Kilbride  
Ushers: Kate Schubart & David Sterrett  
Reader: Kate Schubart*

### **June 11th**

*Greeters: Youth  
Ushers: Youth  
Reader: Youth*

### **June 18th**

*Greeter: Anne Carter Mahaffey  
Ushers: David & Marie Eddy  
Reader: Renate Parke*

### **June 25th**

*Greeters: Sandy & Reggie Robinson  
Ushers: Grace Farley & Melissa Loretan  
Reader: Howdy Russell*

### **June Coffee Hour Hosts —**

*Dianne Hall & Bonnie Farrow – Co-Chairs;  
Cynthia Dunshee, Barbara Herrington, Kristi &  
Kieran Kilbride, Sherrie Simmons*

**Thank you for your service!**



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