

United Church of Hinesburg
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MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER



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Pastor's Message:

“May, more than any other month of the year, wants us to feel most alive.”

- Fennel Hudson

May is shaping up to be a truly silly month when it comes to the church schedule. There are major events, guest speakers and Special Music Sundays. It's a perfect month to find a way to pitch in, try something new or find new inspiration for the year. Here's the rundown:

Sunday, May 6th – We celebrate Rural Life Sunday in morning worship with *guest speaker, Bill Schubart*. Bill is a long-time Hinesburg resident, a writer, philanthropist, and frequent commentator on Vermont Public Radio. Find out more about Bill at: <https://schubart.com>.

Saturday, May 12th – *The “Umpteenth” Annual United Church of Hinesburg Plant Sale*. One of the true rites of spring in Hinesburg, the United Church of Hinesburg plant sale features perennials from local gardens and annuals from local nurseries. Accompanied by a youth group tag sale and bake sale, this is as much a fun-raiser as it is a fundraiser for our faith community. Connect with Mary Eddy Stewart at maryeddystewart@gmavt.net or 802-777-8288 if you are interested in helping this year.

Sunday, May 13th – We celebrate Mother's Day and prepare ourselves for the Hearts for Hunger Fun Run during morning worship with *guest speaker, Karen Newman*. Karen is world-class triathlete, mother, cancer survivor and inspirational speaker from Burlington, Vermont. Find out more about Karen's story at: <http://thekarennewman.com>.

Saturday, May 19th – *The Sixth Annual Hearts for Hunger Fun Run* – It's incredible that our Hearts for Hunger Fun Run is already in its sixth year. Since its inception, this effort has raised over \$30,000 for the Vermont Food Bank Backpack

Program. To find out more visit their website: <https://www.vtfoodbank.org/share-food/backpack-program>. Contact Meaghan McKenna at meaghanemckenna@gmail.com to help with this deeply moving project.

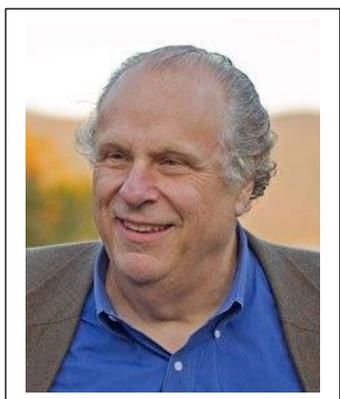
Sunday May 20th – Morning worship with *special music and hymn sing*. Join us this Sunday as we celebrate Pentecost through special music and a traditional hymn sing. Bring your favorite hymns and call them out during the service.

Meanwhile, I will be away from May 15th to the 22nd to participate in my last young clergy group gathering with my NGLI cohort. After four years together, my 15 fellow pastors and I will wrap up our time together by attending the *Bay Area Maker Faire* in San Francisco. The Maker Faire celebrates invention, creativity and resourcefulness. We will be using this event as a foil for reflecting on how our churches can express similar traits as we move forward. It looks like a truly awesome opportunity. Learn more at: <https://makerfaire.com/bay-area/>.

May is truly a time when we can feel alive, and participate in the vital work of the church.

Blessings,

Pastor Jared



Bill Schubart



Karen Newman

Spiritual Formation Committee News

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

Practicing God-talk will meet during coffee hour on Sunday, May 27th. We will focus on a mission in the wider world using “Through an Astronaut’s Eyes: What We Learn about Earth from Space” by Manuel Canales, Matthew W. Chwastyk, and Eve Conant from “One Strange Rock: 13 Things that Make Life on Earth Possible” in *National Geographic* (April 2018). “. . . our planet is flush with life . . . thanks to the fortuitous set of [13] conditions . . .” A related biblical theme: “God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good” (Genesis 1:31). An excerpt with the 13 conditions in the article will be on the back table in the sanctuary as you leave any Sunday in May or request a copy by email from aschwab525@aol.com. On May 27th, get your snack and meet in Classroom 1 for 20-25 minutes of discussion.

Christian Education Committee News

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

This Sunday School year has flown by and it's hard to believe that we're in the home stretch. There are just a few more weeks left before we take a hiatus for the summer!

To recap the Sunday School activities in April:

- On Friday, April 6th, we held our monthly Friday night event, sharing a dinner of tacos and then watching the movie *Coco* on the big screen in the Parish Hall. We had nearly 20 kids to watch this beautiful film that explores the themes of following your dreams and the importance of family.
- We celebrated Children's Sunday on Sunday, April 8th. Our Sunday School children & younger youth were involved in all aspects of the service – greeting, ushering, reading, performing music, leading prayers, performing in a scripture drama and lighting candles. It was such a joy to see so many children & youth enthusiastically participating in the worship service!
- We began our final *Faith Practices* lesson of this program year, "Experiencing Beauty". Lessons on this topic will continue over the next several weeks.
- On Sunday, April 22nd, Eileen Ashe led a One Room Schoolhouse Sunday School with a curriculum from the New Community Project focused on Earth Day.

We will be holding our **monthly Sunday School Movie Night** on Friday, May 4th from 6:00-8:00pm. We will share a dinner of pasta, garlic bread and fresh vegetables and then watch *Wonder* on the big screen in the Parish Hall. There will be popcorn and drinks during the movie. Bring a beanbag chair, pillow, blanket, etc. so you can watch in comfort. RSVP at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C49ADAA29AAF49-sunday10.

Reminder to Middle School parents

We are finalizing the details of the middle school youth group's end-of-summer trip to the Berkshire Outdoor Center August 24th-26th. If your child plans to attend but you have not yet confirmed with us, please do so by Sunday, May 6th. If your child has a friend or friends who are interested in joining us, please have them contact the church office as soon as possible so we can get them the necessary information and paperwork.

Knitters & Crocheters Needed!

We are looking for people who knit or crochet and might enjoy participating in our prayer shawl ministry. The shawls have been meeting a need in our church community and we need help to maintain a healthy supply. Basic shawl directions and yarn are available in the bottom of the cabinet inside the front door of the church. Any size or shape that will go around shoulders or cover a wheelchair-bound recipient will work.

Do you know someone who could use a shawl to comfort them during a difficult time? Shawls are available in the cabinet and you are free to take one (or more) at any time.



If you'd like to volunteer to help with the 2018 Plant Sale, please contact Mary Eddy Stewart at maryeddystewart@gmavt.net or 802-777-8288. We have many volunteer activities over the next 10 days and running through the day of the plant sale, Saturday, May 12th. Many hands make light work – even an hour or two would help!

Plant & Baked Good Sale!

Celebrating our spring tradition

Saturday, May 12

Hinesburg United Church

- Route 116 in the heart of the Village

9:00am - 3:00pm



Hardy Perennials



Home-made Treats



Small Town Hospitality

**6TH
ANNUAL**



5K HEARTS FOR HUNGER

**A RACE TO BENEFIT
VT FOODBANK BACKPACK
PROGRAM**

**SATURDAY
MAY 19, 2018**

**CVU HIGH SCHOOL
HINESBURG, VT**

9:00AM



Vermont
Foodbank

**REGISTER ONLINE AT
<https://heartsforhunger5k.redpodium.com/2018>**

If you do not want to register for the race but would still like to donate to the Vermont Foodbank through Hearts for Hunger, please visit:

<https://heartsforhunger5k.givingfuel.com/2018>

Why We Do This:

ONE in FOUR children in Vermont live with food insecurity. That means they have no guaranteed meals when school is not in session.

How it Works:

Teachers place bags of kid-friendly, nonperishable, vitamin-fortified food from all five food groups discreetly in a child's backpack.

How You Can Help:

Each backpack of food costs just \$5! *Five Dollars.*

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\$20 = Feed a child for a month

\$180 = Feed a child for a school year

In 5 years, the Hearts for Hunger 5K has raised

\$30,100 = 6,020 backpacks = 167 children fed for a school year!

Together, we are making a difference. Be the change.



The 4H Midnight Riders hosted the community meal on Friday, April 27th and raised nearly \$200 for the 6th annual Hearts for Hunger 5K.

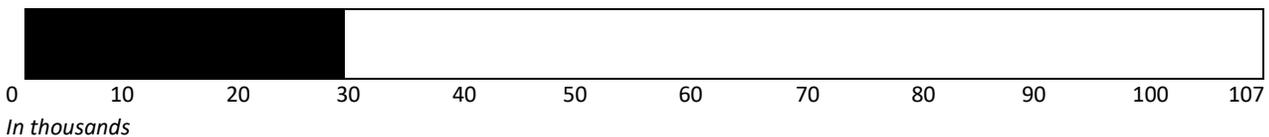
Finance Committee News

Finance Committee: Yvonne Whitaker – Treasurer; Ellen Dooley & Sandy Milbank – Co-Financial Secretaries; Phil Pouech, Keith Roberts, Andy Seaton, Mary Eddy Stewart

Financial Update

Our 2018 budget includes an offering goal of \$107,750. With your generosity we will achieve our goal, providing the financial support needed for our church to continue to grow and thrive. 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 **March 31, 2018** (\$28,844 **27%** 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.

May 2018 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
Tuesday afternoons	1:30pm-2:30pm	Disciplines study group
Every other Tuesday night	6:00pm-7:00pm	Cub Scouts – Wolf Den
2 nd Tuesday night	6:30pm-8:00pm	4-H meeting
Wednesday mornings	10:00am-11:00am	Let Your Yoga Dance with Sue Morton
Most Wednesday nights	6:30pm-9:00pm	Boy Scouts
Thursday mornings	10:00am-11:00am	Spanish speaking group
Thursday mornings	10:00am-11:30am	Hinesburg Friends of Families baby playgroup
1 st Thursday	7:30pm-8:30pm	Cub Scout parents meeting
Most Fridays	9:00am-1:00pm	Hinesburg Senior Meal site
Wednesday, May 2 nd	12:30pm-2:00pm	Knitting/Crocheting group
Friday, May 4 th	6:00pm-8:00pm	Sunday School Movie Night - <i>Wonder</i>
Sunday, May 6 th	8:30am	Missions & Social Justice Committee meeting
Sunday, May 6 th	8:30am	Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting
Sunday, May 6 th	10:00am	Rural Life Sunday – guest speaker Bill Schubart
Tuesday, May 8 th	10:30am	Membership Care Committee meeting
Thursday, May 10 th	6:00pm	Hinesburg Youth Choir concert in the sanctuary
Saturday, May 12 th	8:00am-1:00pm	Tag sale to benefit High School & Middle School youth trips
Saturday, May 12 th	9:00am-3:00pm	Plant Sale
Sunday, May 13 th	10:00am	Mother's Day - Guest speaker Karen Newman
Sunday, May 13 th	10:00am	Potting Mother's Day flowers in Sunday School
Wednesday, May 16 th	12:30pm-2:00pm	Knitting/Crocheting group
Saturday, May 19 th	9:00am	6 th Annual Hearts for Hunger 5K to benefit VT Foodbank Backpack Program
Saturday, May 19 th	6:00pm-9:00pm	Babysitting night fundraiser for High School youth trip
Sunday, May 20 th	10:00am	Special Music Sunday - Hymn Sing
Sunday, May 20 th	11:15am	Church Council meeting
Friday, May 25 th		June newsletter deadline
Friday, May 25 th	5:30-7:00pm	Open Table Diner free community meal
Sunday, May 27 th		One Room Schoolhouse Sunday School



The United Church of Hinesburg is now host to the first **Little Free Pantry** in Vermont and we need your help to keep it stocked! The idea for Little Free Pantries arose from the growth of Little Free Libraries and works on a similar reciprocal arrangement – Take What You Need; Leave What You Can. They are designed to help neighbors who are food insecure and are available for food, toiletries and household items for those in need, no questions asked, 24 hours a day. If you need a little something, stop in and get it. If you can share a little something, stop by anytime and drop it in the pantry. If you have any questions about items that are appropriate to donate, please contact the church office.

Looking to get some fresh air and enjoy the outdoors? The trustees are looking for people to help mow the church lawn with a riding mower provided by the Trustees. If interested, contact Andy Seaton, Chair of the Trustees, at aseaton@pconstruction.com or 482-4313.



May Birthdays & Anniversaries

01	Sharonlee Trefry
03	Madine Churchill
03	Camille Hamilton
03	<i>George & Karla Munson</i>
08	<i>Danielle Pezzimenti & David Sterrett</i>
09	Bonnie Farrow
14	Scott Brunetto
14	Jamie Cudney
14	Bob Forauer
16	Wayne (Pat) Palmer
16	Ryan Walker
18	Bette Russell
19	<i>Stephen & Mary Eddy Stewart</i>
19	<i>Deanna & Steve Utter</i>
22	Jann Lyman
23	<i>Sean & Cindy Mahoney</i>
23	Chris Nielsen
24	Norma Sprague
25	<i>Kieran & Kristi Kilbride</i>
25	Sean Mahoney
25	Linda Palmer
27	Ellen Phelps
31	Julia Grant

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



May 2018

May 6th

Greeter: Paul Emmons

Ushers: Grace Ciffo & Ellen Phelps

Reader: Renate Parke

May 13th

Greeters: The Johnson family

Ushers: Kristi Kilbride & Kate Schubart

Reader: Judy Parker

May 20th

Greeters: Carrie & Allison Huestis

Ushers: Phil Pouech & Lia Cravedi

Reader: Barbara Herrington

May 27th

Greeter: Ellen Phelps

Ushers: Grace Farley & Melissa Loretan

Reader: Yvonne Whitaker

May Coffee Hour Hosts —

Chair – Laurie Danforth; Sarita Baker, Carrie Huestis, Anna Main, Lana Ouimet, Judy Parker

Thank you for your service!



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www.neumc.org | www.vtcucc.org | www.abcvnh.org

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