

United Church of Hinesburg
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OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



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Pastor's Message:

“Good Eats”

The God said to Adam and Eve, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.”

– Genesis 1:29

They (the early Jesus followers) devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.

– Acts 2:42-43

Jesus said to the crowd, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

– John 6:35

My first memory of church was sitting in the back pew during a Sunday evening service eating Cheerios. We celebrated communion every Sunday with little cups of grape juice and homemade unleavened bread. The round flakey wafers were buttery and delicious. I remember one Sunday taking a really big piece of the bread and, when my mother scolded me, I said “I just really, really wanted to remember Jesus by eating a lot of the body of Christ.” That didn’t really fly.

Later, I would enjoy our monthly potlucks. Folks would bring casseroles and imaginative Jello creations, shredded chicken sandwiches and ham salad. Still today, the only time I have ham salad is at church gatherings.

Many of the first church gatherings were community meals. Folks would come together, share a meal, sing and hear scriptures and stories. The Eucharist was shared during these times and our Scriptures distinguish little between this part of the gathering and other parts. In all, sharing meals was one of the most important aspects of early Christian faith and practice.

As time wore on, abuses began to take place at these community meal gatherings. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians warns the community about their mealtime habits. Apparently, the wealthy would arrive early, eat the best food, drink all the good wine and then invite the poor believers to eat only the scraps. James's letter speaks against showing favoritism at these meals, giving prime seating to the wealthy while making the poor sit on the floor or outside the gathering altogether.

Why was meal sharing so important for early communities of Christ followers? For one, folks were hungry. Meal sharing was a way for the early community to show hospitality by meeting basic needs. Also, meal sharing provided a forum for other early practices like the reading of Scriptures and singing. Perhaps most important, meal sharing had (and still has) a great leveling force. Everyone must eat to survive. It is something every single person has in common.

We are going to eat a lot together in October. We begin with a Youth in Action "Brunch Church" on Sunday, October 7th. Instead of worshipping in the sanctuary, we will gather at 10am in the Osborne Parish Hall to worship, celebrate the work of our young people, share in the Eucharist and be served a wonderful brunch.

Beginning October 14th, the Middle School Youth group will be working through Rena Rossner's *Eating the Bible* by making meals for each youth gathering and hearing the stories of meals and meal sharing in the Torah. These events will take place every Sunday evening through mid-November with dinner served at 6:00pm. Adults are welcome to stop in to participate, help or simply enjoy a good meal.

Our Third Annual Churchtoberfest will take place Sunday, October 21st with a worship service featuring traditional German music from the talented Inseldudler band. Following the service, we will gather in the parish hall for bratwursts, German potato salads, pretzels, root beer and other German fare.

Finally, our "umpteenth" annual Chicken Pie Supper will take place Saturday, October 27th with seatings at 5:00pm and 6:30pm. These seatings are usually sold out. To reserve your seats, call the church office at 802-482-3352.

The interactions that take place during these important times are powerfully spiritual moments. They remind us of our common condition: our need for physical and spiritual sustenance, our common desire to offer hospitality and kindness, and our need to live in the graces of a beloved community.

Blessings and good eats this October!

Pastor Jared

"Churchtoberfest" with special guests Inseldudler on October 21st



The Inseldudler German Band, Vermont's own authentic Bavarian band, will return to enliven our worship service on Sunday, October 21st. The name Inseldudler comes from the German *Insel* meaning "island" and *dudeln*, to toot an instrument. The Inseldudler first performed in Grand Isle County for Applefest in 2001. They retain the name as a tribute to the relaxed spirit (*Gemutlichkeit*) of island living. Band members come from all around the Champlain Valley. The band has played for Oktoberfest celebrations in Vermont, New Hampshire and New York as well as performing for parades, pubs and private parties around Vermont.

During coffee hour we will enjoy bratwurst, pretzels, other German fare and root beer. If you can help by preparing food for this event, decorating or working in the kitchen, please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C49ADAA29AAF49-3rdannual>. We hope you can join us!

Christian Education Committee News

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

We are off to a busy start in **Sunday School** this fall. After helping to prepare the Homecoming Brunch on Sunday, September 9th, our Sunday School children have been continuing with our UCC *Faith Practices* curriculum, exploring the topic of “Working for Justice”. They have enjoyed activities such as preparing kindness coupons for loved ones, brainstorming ways to include all participants in a “move forward if you....” game, participating in a water meditation exercise to voice ways to be careful with water so others have enough, and using a scale as a means to understand fairness and equality. We will continue to learn more about justice in our classrooms through November.



On Friday, October 5th, we will hold our first monthly Sunday School event of the program year. We are planning a **80s movie night** with a movie for younger children and one for older children as well. We will share a dinner of quesadillas and fresh vegetables and then watch *E.T.* (for younger kids) and *The Karate Kid* (for kids 10+ unless permission is given by parents for a younger child). Because of the length of these movies, the evening will run a little longer than usual, 6:00-8:15pm.

On Sunday, October 21st, we will combine the Sunday School classrooms together to do a special “Churchtoberfest” activity. After enjoying the beginning of the service with the Inseldudler German Band, we will gather in the parish hall kitchen to make pretzels to share with the congregation during our much-anticipated “Churchtoberfest” coffee hour. Pretzels have a long Christian history as a Lenten food, as a symbol of prayer, and as a charitable gift to the poor, providing spiritual and literal sustenance. If you are willing to help in the kitchen that day or prepare pretzel dough in advance, please contact Heather in the church office. Thank you!

United Church of Hinesburg

Sunday School Calendar 2018-2019

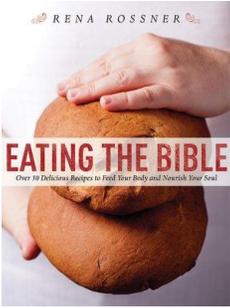
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Youth

Fall 2018 Middle and High School Groups

We continue to see unprecedented growth in our youth programs at the United Church of Hinesburg. This year is set to be our biggest yet. As we have done before, we will have Fall, Winter and Spring sessions with additional recreational and service projects and youth trip work. Our sessions will be divided into middle school (grades 5-7) and high school (grades 8-12) with middle school meetings on Sunday evening from 5:00pm to 6:30pm and the high school meeting 6:00pm to 7:30pm. An overlapping dinner from 6:00pm to 6:30pm is designed to gather everyone for fellowship.



Middle School Group (grades 5-7)

Our fall 2018 Middle School Youth group session will begin Sunday, October 14th from 5:00pm to 6:30pm and will take place every Sunday evening until November 11th. This fall, we will work through *Eating the Bible* by Rena Rossner. Middle school youth will prepare meals for themselves and the high school youth group using recipes from the book that have Biblical significance. Gluten free and vegetarian options will always be on the menu. If possible, bring \$5 each meeting to cover the cost of food supplies.

High School Group (grades 8-12)

Our fall 2018 High School Youth group sessions will begin Sunday, October 14th from 6:00pm to 7:30pm and will take place every Sunday evening until November 11th. We will be continuing our “Christian Faith and Practices” curriculum, focusing on community building as a spiritual practice. We will explore how people of different faith traditions build community and work within their wider communities. What does the Christian faith tradition share with other religions regarding issues of charity, service, education, and civil engagement? If possible, bring \$5 each meeting to cover the cost of food supplies.

Along with these opportunities, both groups will meet to discuss 2019 youth trips, and combined recreational and service projects.

If you have any questions about the youth programs at UCH or would like to help facilitate these meetings, please contact me at: revjared@gmavt.net.

Sunday School Leaders needed

Our Christian Education programs at UCH continue to grow. Each year we engage more and more children in our classrooms on Sunday morning and in fun gatherings on Friday nights during the school year. In order to sustain this growth, we need your help! Our Caring Community Policy & Procedures requires at least 2 adults to be present at all events and for those adults to have reviewed our policy and consented to a state background check (at no cost to them or the church). If you think you'd like to help lead a classroom or help chaperone a Friday night event, please complete the Volunteer Participation Covenant found on the Sunday School page of the church website: <http://www.ucofh.org/sunday-school.html>, and return it to the church office at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions, please contact Heather directly.

Spiritual Formation Committee News

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

Practicing God-talk begins an extended recess. The "recess" will give me more time for writing. My book sees every member as an agent of God's mission to make all the world more loving and more just. Read it for how a congregation can make supporting its members as agents of God's mission its primary purpose or one of its primary purposes.

Also on extended recess are the monthly readings about issues of life in today's world. These readings were listed in the Learn More section of the church website. Again, my gain is more time for writing.

I hope to resume by March, 2019. Until then, in your prayer time, try this procedure:

- Focus on one of the seven mission fields (home, work, wider world, leisure, spiritual health, church life & outreach) each week.
- Find the Gospel for the week using the Revised Common Lectionary (Google it) in your favorite translation.
- Let the Spirit lead you to what you can do, say, or be in that area of life to make life there more loving and/or more just. Your reflection is your mission until your next prayer time. Pray it. Note it in a log.
- Continue with the rest of your prayers.
- The next time you pray, recall your last mission using your log. Review your experience in living that mission. Offer thanks or a petition as appropriate.

I am so grateful to all who used these two resources. Thanks for your interest!

Faithfully,
Wayne Schwab

Membership Care Committee News

Membership Care Committee: Joyce Menning & Sherrie Simmons – Co- Chairs; Grace Farley, Bonnie Farrow, Dianne Hall, Barbara Lyman, Anne Carter Mahaffey, , Judy Parker, Heather Roberts, Sandy White



Seeking Help with Coffee Hour

If you are not currently serving on a monthly coffee hour committee but would be willing to help with this important aspect of our church fellowship, please call Sandy White 482-2629 or email sbwhite@gmavt.net.

Coffee & Conversation Committee Roster 2018-2019
United Church Hinesburg

September

Co-Chairs: Joyce Menning 453-6056
 Sherrie Simmons 879-3617
Renate Parke Donna Pezzimenti
Anne Castle Martha Severance

October

Co-Chairs: Grace Farley 658-2927
 Melissa Loretan 453-4951
Marilyn Utter Deanna Utter
Penny Grant Barb Lyman
Sandy White

November

Co-Chairs: Sandy Robinson 482-2520
 Sandy Milbank 324-4017
Beth Sengle Andy Seaton
Amy Sayre Kristi Johnson

December

Co-Chairs: Mary E. Stewart 482-2965
 Sharonlee Trefry 482-2690
Sue Barden Yvonne Whitaker
Lia Cravedi Sheri Hanlon
Phil Pouech

January

Co-Chairs: Heather Roberts 482-2081
 Jen Lian 482-5729
Barb & Bob Forauer Betsy Patrick
Kathy & Tim Riggs Jamie Cudney

February

Co-Chairs: Anne Donegan 482-2017
 Jean Isham 482-2450
Karen Farnsworth Inez French
Meg Reilly Kate Schubart

March

Chair: Cathy Foutz 489-5843

Ellen Dooley Marie Eddy
Mary Thompson Eileen Ashe
Mary Hong

April

Chair: Sally Mead 482-3198

Danielle Pezzimenti Michelle Fischer
Anne Carter Mahaffey Grace Ciffo
Thea Gaudette

May

Chair: Laurie Danforth 482-2822

Anna Main Sarita Baker
Carrie Huestis Judy Parker
Joanne Russell

June

Co-Chairs: Dianne Hall 453-8499
 Bonnie Farrow-Rice 881-9678
Cindy Dunshee Barbara Herrington
Kristi Kilbride

July and August weeks will be signed up by these committees in the Spring.

Thank you all!

Coffee & Fellowship Tasks

Set up

- Chairpersons coordinate who brings food and half & half for coffee and who works each Sunday in the month.
- Workers arrive 30-45 minutes before the service.
- Bring decorations or flowers for the serving table. Tablecloths for that table and the drink table are in drawers in the kitchen.
- Plug in the coffee maker and turn on the dishwasher to heat their water. Make coffee after the green light indicates the coffee maker is “ready to brew”.
- Make lemonade or other drinks. Lemonade and iced tea mix are in cans by the coffee maker.
- Arrange food for serving on plates, etc. Put napkins and plates and silverware (if needed) on the serving table.
- Put glasses and coffee cups, sugar, creamer and stirring spoons on the drink table.
- Set up chairs around the tables.

Clean up

- Wash & put away all dishes.
- **Drain** the dishwasher and wipe down the bottom and sides. Turn it off and leave the dishwasher door open to facilitate drying.
- Wipe all kitchen counters and tables.
- Put the folding chairs away in the racks after wiping any spills from them.
- Unplug the coffee maker.
- Use the carpet sweeper or vacuum to clean up crumbs.
- Put trash outside in the barrel by the kitchen door.
- Take towels, cloth napkins and tablecloths home to wash & return.
- Turn off the lights and lock the windows and doors (kitchen & entry) when leaving.

Trustees News

Trustees: Andy Seaton – Chair; Wes Ashe, Ken Cudney, Bob Forauer, Chip Foutz, JP Hong, Phil Pouech, Reggie Robinson, Matt Sayre, Art Thompson



The Church-wide Work Day originally scheduled for Saturday, September 29th, has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 13th from 8:00am-noon. Help is needed organizing the church basement and plant sale shed, making improvements to the church gardens and grounds, and hauling trash to the nearest Drop-Off Center. If you are available to help, please RSVP at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c49adaa29aaf49-churchwide3>

Finance Committee News

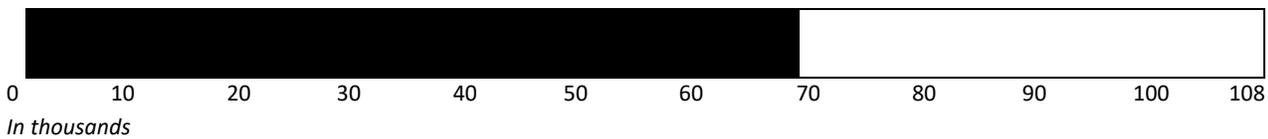
Finance Committee: Yvonne Whitaker – Treasurer; Ellen Dooley & Sandy Milbank – Co-Financial Secretaries; Phil Pouech, Keith Roberts, Mary Eddy Stewart

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 about our church finances, please contact me.

Plate offering received as of **August 31, 2018** (\$67,978 **63%** 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.

The United Church of Hinesburg is 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.

Right now, we have a particular need for the following:

- Pasta
- Rice
- Macaroni & cheese
- Peanut Butter
- Canned tuna or chicken
- Hearty soups such as Progresso
- Vegetable oil

Donations can also be dropped off in the boxes in the Parish Hall entryway during office hours or on Sundays.



United Church of Hinesburg
**Chicken Pie
Supper**

Where: 10580 Route 116 in Hinesburg village

When: Saturday, October 27th

Time: Seatings at 5:00pm & 6:30pm

\$12 adults ~ \$6 children (ages 5-12) ~

Children under 5 are free

For reservations, call 482-3352



October 2018 Happenings at UCH

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

2 nd Monday	8:00am-3:00pm	WIC
Mondays (except 2 nd)	9:00am-10:30am	Hinesburg Friends of Families baby playgroup
Monday nights	5:00pm-9:30pm	Parish House reserved by private group
2 nd Tuesday	6:30pm-8:00pm	4H Midnight Riders
Wednesday nights	6:30pm-9:00pm	Boy Scouts
Every other Wednesday night	6:00pm-7:00pm	Cub Scouts – Tiger & Bear Dens
Thursday mornings	10:00am-11:00am	Spanish speaking group
Last Thursday night	7:30pm-8:30pm	Cub Scout parents meeting
Fridays (except 1 st)	9:00am-1:00pm	Hinesburg Senior Meal site
Wednesday, October 3 rd	12:30pm-2:00pm	Knitting/crocheting group
Friday, October 5 th	6:00pm-8:15pm	Sunday School movie night – <i>E.T. & The Karate Kid</i>
Saturday, October 6 th	3:00pm	No Strings Marionettes puppet show – “The Treasure Hunt” sponsored by Hinesburg Friends of Families
Saturday, October 6 th	5:00pm-7:00pm	Stone Soup supper hosted by Hinesburg Land Trust to benefit Hinesburg Food Shelf
Sunday, October 7 th	10:00am	Brunch Church; Youth in Action service
Tuesday, October 9 th	10:30am	Membership Care Committee meeting
Saturday, October 13 th	8:00am-12:00pm	Church-wide Work Day
Sunday, October 14 th	11:15am	Committee meetings during coffee hour
Sunday, October 14 th	5:00pm-6:30pm	Middle School Youth Group (grades 5-7)
Sunday, October 14 th	6:00pm-7:30pm	High School Youth Group (grades 8-12)
Wednesday, October 17 th	12:30pm-2:00pm	Knitting/crocheting group
Sunday, October 21 st	10:00am	Special Music Sunday - Inseldudler German Band
	11:00am	“Churchtoberfest” coffee hour with brats, pretzels and root beer
Sunday, October 21 st	5:00pm-6:30pm	Middle School Youth Group (grades 5-7)
Sunday, October 21 st	6:00pm-7:30pm	High School Youth Group (grades 8-12)
Friday, October 26 th		November newsletter deadline
Saturday, October 27 th	5:00pm & 6:30pm	Chicken Pie Supper
Sunday, October 28 th	9:00am	Trustees meeting
Sunday, October 28 th	5:00pm-6:30pm	Middle School Youth Group (grades 5-7)
Sunday, October 28 th	6:00pm-7:30pm	High School Youth Group (grades 8-12)

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.



American Red Cross

The Missions & Social Justice Committee would like to encourage disaster relief donations to the **American Red Cross** to assist with recovery efforts in the Carolinas due to Hurricane Florence. Thank you so much.

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

01	Casey Grant
01	Bennett Main
06	Torin Bedard
07	<i>David & Marie Eddy</i>
08	Douglas Kendall
11	<i>Tim & Kathy Riggs</i>
11	Amy Sayre
12	David Blanck
12	Thea Gaudette
14	Andrew Lepple
16	Sharyon Sevene
17	<i>Jack & Sandy Milbank</i>
20	Rev. A. Wayne Schwab
20	Amayah Walker
22	Eileen Ashe
22	<i>Rev. A. Wayne Schwab & Renate Parke</i>
23	Paul Emmons
23	Micki Ketcham
24	Rev. Jared Hamilton
24	Josie Sayre
26	Richard Hildebrand
27	Jim Collins
27	<i>Douglas & Doreen Kendall</i>
27	Lori McKenna
27	<i>Reggie & Sandy Robinson</i>
30	David Eddy
31	Daniel Ashe

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



October 2018

October 7th

Greeters: The Cudney family

Ushers: TBD

Reader: Marie Eddy

October 14th

Greeters: youth

Ushers: youth

Readers: youth

October 21st

Greeters: Carrie & Allison Huestis

Ushers: TBD

Reader: Karen Farnsworth

October 28th

Greeters: Sandy & Reggie Robinson

Ushers: TBD

Reader: Amy Patrick

Coffee Hour hosts: Grace Farley & Melissa Loretan, Co-chairs; Penny Grant, Barbara Lyman, Deanna Utter, Marilyn Utter, Sandy White

Thank you for your service!



Looking for news regarding specific denominations?

Check these websites...

www.neumc.org | www.vtcucc.org | www.abcvn.org

Distributing the monthly newsletter by email saves the church a considerable amount of money in postage expenses. If you currently receive a mailed hard copy of the church newsletter, please consider contacting the church office with an updated email address to which future issues can be sent. Thank you!