

United Church of Hinesburg  
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## OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



**TO:**

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## Pastor's Message:

### **“Don't Forget to Practice”**



HMS Terror – George Back – National Archives of Canada

*“Practice is everything. This is often misquoted as practice makes perfect.”*

- Periander, ruler of Corinth, one of the Seven Sages of Greece, died c. 585 BC

*“Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”*

- Philippians 4:8

In 1845, the HMS Erebus and the HMS Terror departed from England on an exploratory mission to chart the ever-elusive Northwest Passage around the Canadian Arctic to the Pacific Ocean. Led by an explorer and Royal Navy officer, Captain Sir John Franklin, this expedition had high hopes of finding a way through the icy waters of northern Canada and establishing an important trade route between the British Empire and the East. In less than a year however, these two ships would be stuck in ice and the entire crew of both ships would be lost.

At age 59, Franklin had been handed this command a little less than two months before the two ships were meant to depart. With little time to prepare for this expedition – one that could last 2-3 years – he and his officers scrambled to secure provisions and an adequate crew for the journey. The hastiness, however, would lead to quality control issues with the tinned food supplies that had been prepared. Further, Franklin and his officers packed the ships' storages with a number of items that were not needed for a dangerous expedition: fine china place settings for every officer and man, a hand-organ and a 1,200 volume library were found among the inventory list. This limited the space for cold weather gear or additional coal. Sailors packed only their Navy-issued uniforms and the two ships carried just a 12-day supply of coal for the auxiliary steam engines. When faced with adversity – ill crew, inadequate rations, and early ice – the expedition was unprepared for the challenges it faced.

Reflections on this ill-fated journey have been explored in a variety of different media: Margaret Atwood's, *Strange Things: The Malevolent North in Canadian Literature*, Annie Dillard's *Teaching a Stone to Talk*, and dramatized in the AMC series *Terror*. The lack of preparedness stands as an important theme of these reflections.

Christian Spirituality is often described as a set of beliefs and practices. Beliefs are a set of ideas that a faithful community of people hold to be noble and virtuous. God is love. All people are created in God's image. Generosity is a good and powerful thing, etc. Practices are different than beliefs. Christian practices are a set of common elements that individuals and communities of faith participate in with some regularity for the purpose of spiritual growth and enlightenment. Common practices include attending worship services, participating in sacraments like baptism and communion (but also confession, confirmation, penance and almsgiving in some traditions), prayer, Bible study individually or in a small group, offering gratitude, works of service, sabbath rest, and fasting from various foods and activities. If seen like athletic sport practices or drama rehearsals, these activities are designed to prepare an individual or a group for some endeavor that might be technically difficult, physically challenging or mentally demanding.

The Apostle Paul even uses a sports metaphor to describe his own spirituality in 1 Corinthians 9:

*Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable garland, but we an imperishable one. So, I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; but I condition my body and am master over it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.*

Here Paul uses a metaphor to describe how he prepares his body and spirit for the difficulties of his apostolic call. He has agency in the situations he is willing to enter as a leader of this early religious movement and he has trained himself to handle the difficulties he faces: personal conflict, the loss of companions, mob violence, ship wrecks, imprisonment, etc.

Likely, our lives are not as exciting. Our lives, however, have their share of trying moments, temptations and traumas. We experience personal conflict, the loss of those close to us and abuse. We've worried for our wandering children and sick partners and struggle to maintain hope. We question how to make change in our lives, in our combative world and how to feel a greater sense of peace. These endeavors might be technically difficult, physically challenging

and mentally demanding but require a strong and fit spirit that has prepared for living in the world. Spiritual practices are one way that we invite the Spirit of God into our lives and allow God to be present in during good times and bad.

I find myself drifting from spiritual practices this time of year. I usually blame my schedule and can get there pretty easily by saying that taking care of others is more important than taking care of myself. Usually I begin skipping monthly clergy groups that provide spiritual reflection and support. I often follow that by letting go of a consistent prayer routine. Then, I'll nix study and devotion for everything but the weekly sermon. And then I wonder why I wasn't prepared for an unforeseen conflict, a period of difficult work or a personal challenge. I imagine that I am not alone in allowing spiritual practices to slide during busy times. Perhaps this year I've realized how much of a disservice I do to myself and to others when I let that happen.

This month I am going to commit myself to showing up to practice. I am going to work through the book of *Daily Prayer* by Pádraig Ó Tuama which is 31-day prayer guide. It doesn't require much – stopping to pray three times a day, reflecting on a short Bible verse and poem. There are, of course, many other ways to practice. As we interact this October, I'd love to hear what your practice is and how you sustain it during busy times.

May God bless you and keep you.

*Pastor Jared*

## Practicing God-Talk – October 20th



What makes a church? At our next Practicing God-Talk on Sunday, October 20th, we will be looking at this question as we reflect on Julie Zauzmer's recent *Washington Post* article, "**The circuit preacher was an idea of the frontier past. Now it's the cutting-edge response to shrinking churches.**" The article can be found at <https://wapo.st/2mHVVH1s> and also in hard copy at the back of the church sanctuary.

## "Churchtoberfest" with special guests Inseldudler on October 20<sup>th</sup>



The Inseldudler German Band, Vermont's own authentic Bavarian band, will return to enliven our worship service on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. 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/10C0C49ADAA29AAF49-4thannual>. We hope you can join us!

Coffee hour committees are assigned to one month per year and one Sunday during the summer. The committee members prepare coffee and lemonade and provide food for fellowship time after church each week. They are responsible for setting up before church and cleaning up at the end of coffee hour. If you do not currently serve on a monthly coffee hour committee and would like to, please contact Sandy White at [sbwhite@gmavt.net](mailto:sbwhite@gmavt.net). Many hands make light work!

**Coffee & Conversation Committee Roster 2019-2020**  
**United Church Hinesburg**

**September**

Chair: Sherrie Simmons 879-3617

Renate Parke                  Donna Pezzimenti  
Thea Gaudette                Joyce Menning  
Sara Hawkins

**October**

Chair: Melissa Loretan 453-4951

Penny Grant                  Grace Farley  
Sandy White                  Thea Gaudette

**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        Kate Schubart  
Meg Reilly

**March**

Chair: Cathy Foutz 489-5843

Ellen Dooley                  Marie Eddy  
Mary Thompson              Eileen Ashe  
Mary Hong

**April**

Chair: Sally Mead 482-3198

Grace Ciffo                  Carla Wuthrich  
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

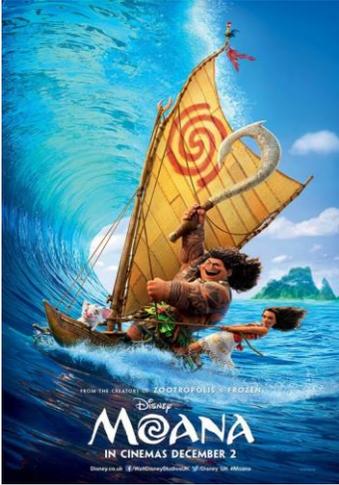
Cindy Dunshee              Barbara Herrington  
Kristi Kilbride              Alice Cobb

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

**Thank you all!**

## Christian Education Committee News

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



Wow....It's October already and we're adjusting to the routines of a new school year. In **Sunday School** that means we're exploring our new curriculum, *A Joyful Path*. So far, we have enjoyed lessons titled "Who or What is God?", "Who Was Jesus" and "The Bible and How We Use It". After these foundational lessons, we will move on to topics such as "Connecting with Kindness", "Learning from Mistakes" and "God in Nature". Feedback has been generally positive and we look forward to continuing to explore this spiritual path with our Sunday School children. During October, we will also have two special Sundays: Youth in Action Sunday on October 13<sup>th</sup> when the kids will remain in church to hear about the service activities of our youth program during the 2018-2019 year AND October 20<sup>th</sup> when we will make pretzels during a One Room Schoolhouse Sunday School to share during our "Churchtoberfest" coffee hour.

October means that it's also time for our first Sunday School event of the year. We will have a **movie night** on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm in the Parish Hall. We will share a dinner of pizza and fresh veggies and then watch *Moana* on the big screen. Please bring a blanket, pillow, bean bag chair, etc. to watch in comfort. Popcorn and drinks will also be provided. This is a friend-friendly event so feel free to bring others along. We hope to see you there!

Can you help our growing Sunday School program by volunteering your time on Sunday mornings or one Friday evening per month? We are in need of:

- Leaders for our younger Sunday School classroom (grades K-3)
- Leaders for our older Sunday School classroom (grades 4-6)
- Roamers to monitor Sunday School classrooms and help out where needed
- A musician or vocalist to work with the Sunday School for 4-6 weeks at a time, learning a song to be performed in church
- Folks who have a special project or activity to share with the Sunday School during a One Room Schoolhouse (usually around holidays or school vacations when attendance is lower)
- Chaperones for our monthly movie or game nights on the first Friday of the month

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact Heather in the church office ([unitedchurch@gmavt.net](mailto:unitedchurch@gmavt.net) or 482-3352) or speak to her during coffee hour.

# Youth Programming

## Fall 2018 Middle and High School Groups

We continue to see growth in our youth programs at the United Church of Hinesburg. 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 6-8) and high school (grades 9-12) with middle school meetings on Sunday evening from 5:00pm to 6:30pm and high school meetings from 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 6th from 5:00pm to 6:30pm and will take place every Sunday evening through November 10th. This fall, we will recap the 2019 summer trip, extract honey from the UCH church hive and help build a high tunnel in Starksboro, Vermont with the New Community Project. We will also explore important questions about Christian Faith and Practices like “Why do people of faith gather regularly?” and “Why do Christians sing hymns?” At each Sunday evening meeting, this group will also make dinner for themselves and the high school group. 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 also begin Sunday, October 6th from 6:00pm to 7:30pm and will take place every Sunday evening through November 10th. We will be continuing our “Christian Faith and Practices” curriculum, will extract honey with the middle school and help build a high tunnel in Starksboro. If possible, bring \$5 each meeting to cover the cost of food supplies.

Along with these opportunities, both groups will meet to discuss 2020 youth trips, and combined recreational, service and fundraising projects.

If you have any questions about the youth programs at UCH or would like to help facilitate these meetings, please contact Pastor Jared at [revjared@gmavt.net](mailto:revjared@gmavt.net).

## Missions & Social Justice Committee News

*Missions: Lori McKenna - Chair; Sue Barden, Karen Farnsworth, Barbara Forauer, Penny Grant, Kristi Johnson, Melissa Loretan, Meaghan McKenna, Katie Morris*

### Robinswood Middle School (Orlando, FL)

This summer our committee voted to donate \$200.00 to Robinswood Middle School in Orlando, Florida, where Sue Barden's daughter teaches and works alongside students growing vegetables in raised beds. Our committee's special focus on food insecurity and desire to help people near and far made this a good fit. Lori McKenna had shared info on a film "The Florida Project", which chronicles very young children living in hotels on the outskirts of Disney theme parks, so we knew how different the learning environment can be there compared to what we are used to in Vermont. At Robinswood, 100% of the children are from low-income families, and all of them qualify for free breakfast and lunch from the school. Food insecurity is an ongoing problem that can affect these students' ability to learn. Katie has worked at this middle school for 14 years, teaching social studies, gifted programs and presently, STEM classes.

Katie wanted her inner-city kids to have a satisfying hands-on experience of "working in the dirt" to grow food, so she worked with other teachers to establish the garden project several years ago. Last year she expressed to Sue that the gardens could better succeed with more money for plant supports, rich soil and more starter plants. She was surprised and grateful for the United Church's support of her efforts with the students. "Our students are excited about the chance to grow vegetables and help their community! Thanks so much for your generosity." She will share photos and progress reports with us as the year goes on.

### Hearts for Hunger

Missions has recently sent in our proceeds from the 2019 Hearts for Hunger Fun Run to the Vermont Foodbank. This is sent in September to coincide with National Hunger Awareness Month. We are pleased to have sent \$7,800 specifically towards the Backpack Program which discreetly places food in children's backpacks, at school, for weekends and school breaks. Thank you all for your contributions!

Over the years we have been doing this, children in Vermont are faring better. In 2013, when our first Fun Run occurred, 1 out of 4 Vermont children were food insecure. In 2019, the VT Foodbank reports that 1 in 6 VT children are food insecure. The United Church of Hinesburg should be proud of all our initiatives to address this social justice issue. They are having an impact. Thank you again!



**With Love From Vermont –**  
**Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack Event**  
**Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

The 2019 Feed My Starving Children MobilePack is coming up and we need your help:

- Volunteer – There will be a setup shift 3-5pm on Friday. There are 3 packing shifts: Friday 6-8pm, Saturday 9-11am and Sat 11:30am-1:30pm. The clean-up shift is Saturday 1:30-3:30pm. Volunteer registration is now open!
- Please donate so we can purchase the food you will pack. We need another \$5000 to reach our goal to pack 100,000 meals.

This event will be held at A.D. Lawton Intermediate School, 104 Maple Street, Essex Junction VT. Kristi Kilbride has created a team for United Church of Hinesburg for the Saturday October 19th shift 11:30am – 1:30pm. Visit <https://www.fmsc.org/get-involved/volunteer> and look for the "Search for group" box. Enter code: **8DK3Gk** to sign up with the UHC group.

## Trustees News

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

### Upcoming work

#### Church Roof

Over the years, the church roof has been losing slate roof tiles during windy storms. We have contracted with Stewardship Slate to inspect the entire slate roof and to replace missing, broken and deteriorated tiles as well as secure any loose tiles. At the same time, we will be removing the brick chimney as it is no longer used and could present a safety hazard in the future. The work involves using a 65 foot motorized lift so please be careful when entering the parking lot. The work is scheduled to begin Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> and is expected to take 1 to 2 weeks.

#### Windows

The storm windows that cover the stained glass windows on the west side of the church are in need of repair. This work is scheduled to take place this fall, we will let you know when we have the dates fixed.

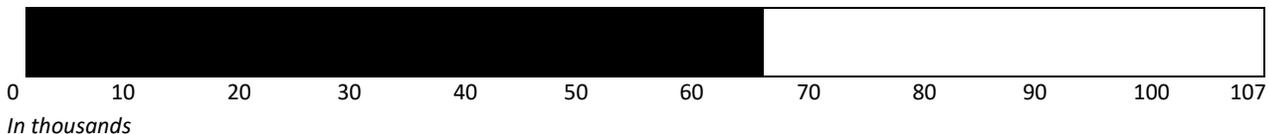
Please contact Andy Seaton ([aseaton@pccconstruction.com](mailto:aseaton@pccconstruction.com); 482-4313) if you have any questions.

## Finance Committee News

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

Financial support from our congregation through our offering, in addition to contributions of our time and talent, helps to ensure that our church will continue to grow and thrive and serve the spiritual and physical needs in our local and global communities. The progress bar below is published periodically to show how we are doing. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Plate offering received as of **August 31, 2019** (\$63,691 59% 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.



United Church of Hinesburg  
**Chicken Pie  
Supper**

**Where:** 10580 Route 116 in Hinesburg village

**When:** Saturday, October 26th

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

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

**Children under 5 are free**

**For reservations, call 482-3352**



## Save the Date! Annual Holiday Bazaar – Saturday, November 23rd

We will be holding our annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 23rd from 9:00am – 1:00pm. This is a 60+ year old tradition and it gets better every year. Come and shop in our Grandmother's attic, the jewelry corner, and the arts & crafts center. Our homemade baked goods area includes a delicious array from our local cooks including baked beans, pies, homemade breads, pickles, cookies and fudge, as well as our traditional "brown bobbies" table. We are sure you will enjoy the selections and the very reasonable prices in all our areas - you will find something for you and gifts for others!

**Lunch will be served between 11AM and 1PM** and features homemade soups and sandwiches. Each order includes a free dessert and free coffee is served throughout the day.

For your shopping convenience a local wreath maker will have a variety of Christmas wreaths for sale in our parking lot on that same day.

If you have any questions please contact Mary Eddy Stewart at 802-777-8288 or Heather in the church office at 482-3352.

### Donations for the Holiday Bazaar are being accepted!

**Grandmother's Attic:** We are accepting donations, gently used and clean, which could include linens, kitchenware, table dressings, small furniture items, children's toys, books, and Christmas and everyday decorations. We aren't able to accept large furniture items or electronics. Small electronic items will be accepted and must be in working order. If you have any questions about donations, please contact Mary Eddy Stewart at 802-777-8288 or Heather in the church office.

**Jewelry Corner:** Do you have jewelry hanging around that you just aren't wearing anymore? Consider donating it to us – the jewelry corner is one of our most popular areas at the Bazaar. Dianne Hall and Bonnie Farrow are the dynamic duo in charge of this area and are happy to collect your donations.

**Arts and Crafts:** We are planning on four themes and would appreciate your donations in any of these areas. These handmade items have always been a holiday shopping favorite for young and old.

**Christmas-** Stockings, tree skirts, ornaments, mantle and table decor, wall hangings, lap quilts and anything else festive and fun.

**Children's Table-** Seasonal and gift items for children, to catch a parent or grandparent's eye -the more charming the better!

**Gifts-** Hats, mittens, scarves, sweaters, quilts and wall hangings, hand-crafted jewelry, wooden bowls, tote-bags and reusable shopping bags, and whatever else people enjoy making

**For the Thanksgiving table and home-** Placemats, napkins, table runners, centerpieces, aprons, and decorative items of all kinds. With the bazaar being held the weekend before Thanksgiving, these gifts will provide last-minute purchases to help make shoppers' homes and tables extra special. And, these items would also make a great hostess gift if you'll be visiting family or friends over the holiday!

All donated craft items should be marked with a price, and can be brought to church anytime on Friday afternoon November 22<sup>nd</sup> or dropped off at the church office any time before then at your convenience. Should you have any questions about donating to our arts and crafts area, please contact Mary Eddy Stewart at 802-777-8288.

## September 2019 Happenings at UCH

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

Monday mornings (except 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	10:00am-11:00am	Spanish speaking group
2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	8:00am-3:00pm	WIC
Monday nights	5:00pm-9:30pm	Parish House reserved by private group
Tuesday nights	6:15pm-7:30pm	Cub Scouts
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday night	6:30pm-8:00pm	4H Midnight Riders
Wednesday nights	6:30pm-9:00pm	Boy Scouts
Thursday mornings	10:00am-11:00am	Spanish speaking group
Fridays (except 1 <sup>st</sup> )	9:00am-1:00pm	Hinesburg Senior Meal site
Wednesday, October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	12:30pm-2:00pm	Knitting/crocheting group
Friday, October 4 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm-8:00pm	Sunday School movie night - <i>Moana</i>
Saturday, October 5 <sup>th</sup>	12:00pm-4:00pm	Parish Hall reserved by private group
Sunday, October 6 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	World Communion Sunday
Sunday, October 6 <sup>th</sup>	11:15am	Church Council meeting
Sunday, October 6 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm-6:30pm	Middle School Youth Group (includes dinner)
Sunday, October 6 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm-7:30pm	High School Youth Group (includes dinner)
Sunday, October 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Youth in Action service; No Sunday School
Sunday, October 13 <sup>th</sup>	11:15am	Finance Committee meeting
Sunday, October 13 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm-6:30pm	Middle School Youth Group (includes dinner)
Sunday, October 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm-7:30pm	High School Youth Group (includes dinner)
Tuesday, October 15 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Membership Care Committee meeting
Wednesday, October 16 <sup>th</sup>	12:30pm-2:00pm	Knitting/crocheting group
Sunday, October 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	"Churchtoberfest" featuring Inseldudler German Band; One Room Schoolhouse Sunday School - pretzels
Sunday, October 20 <sup>th</sup>	11:15am	Practicing God-talk discussion of "The Circuit Preacher...."
Sunday, October 20 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm-6:30pm	Middle School Youth Group (includes dinner)
Sunday, October 20 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm-7:30pm	High School Youth Group (includes dinner)
Saturday, October 26 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm & 6:30pm	Chicken Pie Supper fundraiser
Sunday, October 27 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm-6:30pm	Middle School Youth Group (includes dinner)
Sunday, October 27 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm-7:30pm	High School Youth Group (includes dinner)
Monday, October 28 <sup>th</sup>		November newsletter deadline
Wednesday, October 30 <sup>th</sup>	12:30pm-2:00pm	Knitting/crocheting group



The United Church of Hinesburg is host to the first Little Free Pantry in Vermont and **we continue to need your help to keep it stocked!** The Little Free Pantry is designed to help neighbors in need and is available for food, toiletries and household items 24 hours a day, no questions asked. Take what you need, leave what you can. Do you have an excess of fruits or vegetables from your garden? Please place any fresh produce in the bins to the right of the pantry. Thank you!



Our knitting/crocheting group usually meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 12:30-2:00pm in the Parish Hall. This month, in preparation for the Holiday Bazaar, we will also meet on the fifth Wednesday. Join us on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, October 16<sup>th</sup> and October 30<sup>th</sup>. Bring your project, old or new, or just bring yourself. We have a large supply of yarn if you need some to start a prayer shawl or a project for the Holiday Bazaar. Come for some stitching fun and conversation!

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## *October Birthdays & Anniversaries*

01	Casey Grant
01	Bennett Main
06	Torin Bedard
07	<i>David &amp; Marie Eddy</i>
08	Douglas Kendall
11	<i>Tim &amp; Kathy Riggs</i>
11	Amy Sayre
12	David Blanck
12	Thea Gaudette
14	Drew Lepple
16	Sharyon Sevene
17	<i>Jack &amp; Sandy Milbank</i>
20	Rev. A. Wayne Schwab
20	Amayah Walker
22	Eileen Ashe
22	<i>Renate Parke &amp; Rev. A. Wayne Schwab</i>
22	Stephen Russell
23	Paul Emmons
23	Micki Ketcham
24	Rev. Jared Hamilton
24	Isla Sterrett
24	Josie Sayre
26	Richard Hildebrand
26	Jaymes Benoit Ouimet
27	Jim Collins
27	<i>Douglas &amp; Doreen Kendall</i>
27	Lori McKenna
27	<i>Reggie &amp; 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 2019**

### **October 6th**

*Greeters: Mary Thompson & Sarah Hayes*

*Ushers: Mary Thompson & Kate Schubart*

*Reader: Mary Thompson*

### **October 13th**

*Greeters: youth*

*Ushers: youth*

*Readers: youth*

### **October 20th**

*Greeters: The Reilly family*

*Ushers: Meg & Dan Reilly*

*Reader: Yvonne Whitaker*

### **October 27th**

*Greeter: Sue Barden*

*Ushers: Melissa Loretan & Grace Farley*

*Reader: Thea Gaudette*

***Thank you for your service!***



**Looking for news regarding specific denominations?**

Check these websites...

[www.neumc.org](http://www.neumc.org) | [www.vtcucc.org](http://www.vtcucc.org) | [www.abcvnh.org](http://www.abcvnh.org)

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