

United Church of Hinesburg  
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## SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

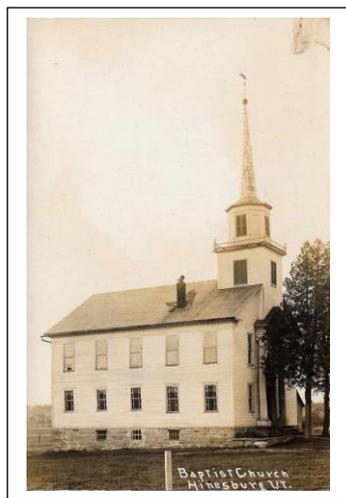


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### Pastor's Message:



For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and is faithful from generation to generation. -- Psalm 100:5

I've been scared and battered.  
My hopes the wind done shattered.  
Snow has frizz me, sun has baked me.  
Looks like between 'em  
They done tried to make me  
Stop laughin', stop lovin', stop livin' —  
But I don't care!  
I'm still here!

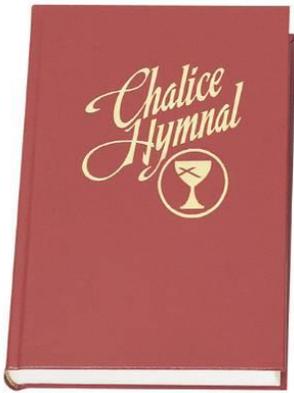
- Langston Hughes (1902-1967)



There is always a lot happening every September at the United Church of Hinesburg. The Sunday School program year begins and the Choir returns to our Sunday morning worship services. Committees and small groups that recess during the summer return to their work and spiritual devotions. Projects around campus and in the community pick up as well, and throughout the week, the Parish Hall bustles with community-based activities.

This year is no different. After nearly thirty years of faithful service, we will be retiring our *United Methodist Hymnals* from the pews and will introduce our new church pew hymnal, the *Chalice Hymnal*. From the *Chalice Hymnal* Preface:

“Like a mosaic, in which pieces of all shapes, shades, and sizes come together to form a beautiful whole, this hymnal brings together old favorite hymns and new discoveries that reflect [a] rich diversity.”



With hymns chosen from multiple denominational and faith backgrounds, inclusive language hymns, increased sing-ability and a catalog of favorites, we hope that this resource will reflect the diverse, inclusive and historically-rooted congregation that we aspire to be. To familiarize ourselves with the new hymnal, we will have a hymn sing Sunday morning service in September, October and November, so comb through the new hymnal when you are in the sanctuary next and find some of your favorites.

Meanwhile, a few of our old hymnals have dedications by current and former members of the congregation in their front covers. If you are interested in having the hymnal you dedicated 30 years ago returned, or if you would simply like a hymnal for home, contact the church office by September 30th and we will be sure to get one to you. The leftover hymnals will be sent to United Methodist Churches in the area that are looking for extras.

Homecoming Sunday takes place on Sunday, September 8th. This is traditionally marked by the return of families and the choir to worship and the beginning of the Sunday School program. The Sunday School program will be offering a new curriculum entitled *A Joyful Path* which is published by Progressive Christianity. This curriculum focuses on practices over belief and teaches interdependence, self-awareness, respect for nature, stillness, prayer and integrity.

We restart *Practicing God Talk* after church on September 15th. For many years, Rev. Wayne Schwab has run a drop-in small group once a month that looked at contemporary issues and interesting ideas through the lens of faith. This year, with Wayne's gentle guidance, I will be leading the group on the third Sunday of each month. We will continue to look at ideas and contemporary issues – an article for each month will be placed in the office and on the back table in the church sanctuary. When possible, a link to the article will also be published in weekly updates. This month, we will be reading "Your Neighbor Lives Next Door" by Chico Fajardo-Heflin found at:

<https://www.plough.com/en/topics/community/intentional-community/your-neighbor-lives-next-door>. Our discussion on the 15th after church will focus on the reading, technology, and how we connect to those around us. All are welcome!

We begin a six-week worship series on our mission and vision statements on September 22nd that will focus on the key themes from our newly-worked mission and vision statements:

**Mission Statement:** The United Church of Hinesburg is a welcoming and inclusive community where all are invited to connect, serve, worship, celebrate, learn and grow with God's help.

**Vision Statement:** The United Church of Hinesburg seeks to build a more just, loving and sustainable world through acts of fellowship, community service and joyful worship.

Finally, on Sunday, September 29th we mark the 100th anniversary of the United Church of Hinesburg's federation. 100 years ago, the Baptist, Methodist and Congregational churches joined together to form the United Church during a period of population decline in Hinesburg. There have been many changes through the years, but the idea of unity through diversity continues strong today. Come to this special worship service on the 29th at 10am and festivities afterward to celebrate 100 years of faithful service.



To prepare us for this special centennial celebration, please enjoy some stories and pictures from local media outlets throughout the past 100 years.

Have a blessed September!

*Pastor Jared*

## Gifts and Memorials Dedicated at Hinesburg Church

HINESBURG, April 24 — In celebration of the extensive renovations and redecoration of the interior of the United Church in Hinesburg, a largely attended re-consecration service was held in the church this afternoon.

Recent gifts and memorials were dedicated.

The sanctuary has been extended and beautified by the addition of an apse in which three imported stained-glass windows have been set in triptych form, done by Guido Nincheri Studio of Montreal. The large central window, given in memory of Mrs. Harry Lantman, beautifully depicts the Last Supper. The window on the left, given by the Henry L. Murray family, contains the vine and chalice, symbols of Christ's blood. The window on the right, a memorial to Flora and Roger Lyman, shows sheaves of grain and bread, symbols of Christ's body.

The white and gold altar, of colonial design, is a memorial to Mary and Dwight W. Eddy. The cross was given memory of Sylvia and Harry Page, the candlesticks and vases for Martha and Frederick Coleman. The altar rail was made and given by Mr. Leland Lyman. The dorsal cloth and rug were purchased and given to the church by the Women's Union. They have also given a candlelighter in memory of Sylvia Page and Martha Coleman, and hymnals to Sylvia Page and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Coleman.

Philip Eddy, chairman of the board of trustees presented these gifts and memorials to the church and will be received on behalf of the church by Gaylord N. Baldwin, chairman of the official Board. The act of consecration was given by Rev. Chester Simmons.

Former pastors of the Hinesburg Church, Rev. Charles Saum, Rev. Leland Lyman, and Rev. Chester Simmons, with the present pastor, Rev. James Osborne, conducted the service. Greetings were brought to the church by denominational leaders, Rev. Homer Bry-



Rev. James R. Osborne, pastor of the United Church in Hinesburg, conducted the service of reconsecration yesterday afternoon in the newly-redecorated church. He was assisted by three former pastors, Rev. Charles Saum, Rev. Leland Lyman and Rev. Chester Simmons. A part of the new stained-glass window arrangement shows in the background.

ant, executive secretary of the Vermont State Baptist Convention, Rev. Howard Paige, associate minister of the Vermont Congregational Conference, and the Rev. John Gregory, general secretary of the Vermont Church Council.

The Hinesburg church was federated in 1919, with three groups consisting of Congregational Society, organized in 1807, Baptist Society, organized in 1810, and the Methodist Society, organized in 1931.

# Hinesburg Community Resource Center Food Shelf

Thank you, thank you, and thank you very much for your continued generosity. We had a very busy, record setting, fall quarter at the Food Shelf. We are very grateful and appreciate all the help from our residents and friends for support of the Hinesburg Food Shelf. We received a special gift of 77 turkeys from the Shelburne-Charlotte-Hinesburg Rotary for Thanksgiving and Christmas. There were six more from individuals in town and many cash gifts that have helped us to provide for our neighbors at a difficult time.

We are serving an average of 52 families per month for October-December. This is an increase of 85% more families served over last year. We had a total of 1640 adults and children this year.

Each family gets a box with cereal, tuna, pasta, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter and jelly, macaroni and cheese, canned fruit, canned vegetables, soups, cake mix and orange juice, plus a milk coupon for a gallon of milk at Lantman's IGA for each child. Cheese, eggs, and beef are added when available. A bag of miscellaneous items can be picked from the table.

It all adds up. Do you know that we are giving out over 1,000 canned goods per month? Plus many cases of box mixes and dry goods every month that adds up to a grocery bill over \$9,000 for the year in addition to the goods donated by individuals and the churches. Together we provided an estimated 20,600 pounds this year, over ten tons.

We were very pleased in December to get a large donation (44 boxes) of canned goods from the Hinesburg Community School. Thanks guys and gals. We appreciate your caring for our neighbor.

Special thanks to the Rock Hill Club, the Girl Scouts, Champlain Valley Telecom, Hinesburg Record, Hinesburg Business and Professional Association, Hinesburg Nursery School for cash donations and some individuals send in a monthly cash/check gift. This enables us to purchase the larger sizes, 28 or 32 ounces, of peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, baked beans and purchases at the Vermont Food Bank. This makes up the difference beyond the drop boxes and food drives.

We appreciate the many food donations in the drop boxes at Lantman's IGA and the Churches. The Girl Scout Troop #483 (October drive) and Girl Scout Troop #374 (December drive) can make a difference, Patriot Lodge #33 FAAM and many neighbors dropped off bags and boxes of foods for us. Thanks to all.

The Ecumenical Thanksgiving service held at the United Church on Sunday evening November 12, 2003 raised \$322.01 for the Food Shelf. Praise the Lord and thanks to God for His provision.

Thanks for the support of the Lion's Club to support the Milk Program. We gave out an average of 58 gallons of milk per month this fall and 640 gallons for the year, 53% over last year.

The Hinesburg Food Shelf is a non-profit charitable organization. All contributions are tax deductible. We have a Post Office box for your convenience. You can even contribute by specific donation through the United Way of Chittenden County.

Please consider what you can do to help our neighbors at a crucial time. We are running 85% more families over last year and need many more supporters to help.

To donate you may reach us at: Phyllis Russell, 482-2434, or Doug Gunnerson, 482-3069. Mail donations to: Hinesburg Community Food Shelf, P.O. Box 590, Hinesburg, VT 05461- 0590. Thank you!

Lastly, if we can assist you please stop in, or call during the week. We are open every Friday morning 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, at the rear entrance of the United Church. Have A Happy New Year.

*Douglass R Gunnerson, Treasurer – The Hinesburg Record – January 31, 2004*

# Vermonters fight hunger one step at a time

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**Abby Isaacs**

NBC5 Reporter



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## **HINESBURG, Vt. —**

Meaghan McKenna has always had a passion for traveling, and she says it has impacted her life's mission.

While she was working as a volunteer in a Sudanese refugee school in Cairo, Egypt, she saw how children are affected when they don't have enough food to focus on learning.

After finishing the masters program, she came back to her hometown of Hinesburg with a goal -- to end childhood hunger in Vermont.

She pitched event ideas to the United Church of Hinesburg's Social Missions Committee, and created Hearts for Hunger -- an annual 5k, fun run and walk that McKenna organizes. All of the proceeds go to The Vermont Food Bank.

"Our first year, we donated \$3,500 and we had 70 participants," McKenna said. "Today, we were able to get 170 people here so we have really grown over the past four years."

Because of her efforts to combat hunger, Chris Meehan said the Vermont Foodbank nominated her as a United Way Hometown Hero Volunteer.

"It's really inspirational when there are people like that in community, that wanna help and actually take action and do it and make a big difference, like Meaghan," Meehan said.

# Hinesburg Youth Making a Difference BY

JEAN ISHAM, HBPA



*Recent CVU graduate and current Simmons College Freshman Katie Ashe and CVU freshman Ryan Walker prepare heavy clay ground for planting at Siembra Tres Vidas farm in Aibonito.*

The Hinesburg Youth Project was started by the United Church of Hinesburg in 2016 to create summer trips for area youth to explore important themes and topics like social justice, poverty and animal welfare. The program is run under the leadership of United Church Pastor Jared Hamilton and is available to all youth in the community.

It is the youth who brainstorm and decide on the project they will undertake. In the fall of 2017 the decision was made for the group, ranging in age from 15 to 18, to plan a service trip to Puerto Rico in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria. The participants were Katie Ashe, Jacob Ashe, Ellie Baker, Julia Baker, Samantha Brown, Nathan Brown, Rose Gladstone, Julia Grant, Sarah Johnson, Amelie Lepple, Lilly Mead, Cody O'Neill, Erick Simkins, Ryan Walker, Calvin Wuthrich and Tyler Wuthrich, and accompanied by Jared and Leah Hamilton, Casey and Penny Grant, Westley and Eileen Ashe and Ryan and Carla Wuthrich.

The middle school group ranging in age from 11 to 14 went to Western Massachusetts for three days of adventure, team building and service. The service portion involved serving 75 plated dinners at the Pittsfield, Massachusetts Salvation Army. The participants were Cole Cudney, Sam Dennison, Jacob Lepple, Tom Roberts, Kate Roberts, Josie Sayre, Brian Simkins and Annalise Wood, and accompanied by Jared Hamilton, Drew Lepple and Amy Sayre.

## **The Puerto Rico Trip**

A total of 24 people, 16 high school students and eight adults, traveled from Hinesburg to Puerto Rico for nine days of service in late June. Jared noted that “[T]o make this trip possible, youth and parents planned fundraisers, volunteered hours of yard work and received donations from many folks in Hinesburg and, amazingly, across the country through online giving.” Other examples of fundraising efforts were a Zumba/dance-a-thon, silent auction, babysitting nights, numerous bake sales, food tables at the Fall Festival in Hinesburg, a community yard sale, flower arrangements, gift wrapping services, a fairy house workshop, salsa making/selling, community dinners, MUSIC NIGHT and more! Penny Grant, parent of a participant, said Music Night was one of their best fundraisers because they were able to entertain the community and get their message out about what they do and why they were raising money. It was a night of the participants and some of their family members entertaining the community with their musical talents. It consisted of an evening of a variety of performances including originals, well-known popular songs, duets and various instruments (guitar, piano, ukulele, etc.). Admission was by donation with food provided at an additional cost.

In Puerto Rico, the group worked with Daniella Rodriguez Besosa of Siembra Tres Vidas, an organic farmer and community organizer in the central mountain town of Aibonito as well as other small-scale market farmers. They also worked in a warehouse with Yvette Acevedo and Sara Lopez of Puerto Rico Rises on the western shore town of Aguadilla and delivered items from there to the residents of the small town called Juncos with Celine, a member of the IDDPMI Pentecostal Church. In addition, they built temporary housing in San Isidro with Derlis, Jaclyn, Sophia, Andrea and many other young volunteers with TECHO (roof in Spanish), a group that was working in one of the hardest hit pockets of the island.

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*The Hinesburg Youth Project gathers for a photo at the Puerto Rico Rises Warehouse. Pictured are: L-R Back row: Wes Ashe, Katie Ashe, Julia Baker, Lily Mead, Casey Grant, Penny Grant, Calvin Wuthrich, Jared Hamilton, Ryan Wuthrich, Ryan Walker, Erik Simkins, Jacob Ashe and Eileen Ashe. Middle row: PR volunteer, Yvette Acevedo, Rose Gladstone, Julia Grant, Amelie Lepple, Tyler Wuthrich, Carla Wuthrich, Cody O'Neil, and Nathan Brown. Front Row: PR Volunteer, Sami Brown, Ellie Baker, Sarah Johnson and PR Volunteer.*

Pastor Jared Hamilton said “[O]ur young people and adult volunteers were incredible on this trip. Many of our days started at 5 or 6 a.m. and began with long drives. In fact, we logged over 3,000 miles between our four vehicles on the trip! We followed these drives with hard work on hot days. Sometimes the work was physically demanding. Other times it was monotonous, and sometimes it was really gross. Yet this group of 24 worked as a team, with each providing what they could to make sure our jobs got done.”

### **Takeaways From the Youth**

**Julia Grant:** Julia is 16 and a junior at Champlain Valley Union High School. Julia said “I think what struck me about the trip was how welcoming everyone was and how we felt such a part of their community even though we had just met them. They were super grateful for everything they had even if they had lost a lot.” Julia and Calvin both said it is one thing to donate money and it is completely different to offer your work because it gives these people so much hope and shows that people in the States care — it puts a face to it.

**Calvin Wuthrich:** Calvin is 16 and a junior at CVU. He said what was really striking was how much they needed and how much they couldn’t give them. He said they worked hard and had so much productivity, but there is so much to be done and he does not think people back in the States realize that.

**Rose Gladstone:** Rose is 15 and a sophomore at CVU. She commented that the people were awesome, and despite the situation they were in, it didn’t seem like they were discouraged.

**Sarah Johnson:** Sarah is a junior at CVU. She said that one day they were working on the farm on top of a mountain and talked with the owners for about an hour. They discussed how they felt about the relationship between Puerto Rico and the United

States and how they had been treated after the storm. She said that was striking to her; that it was hard to hear how little the United States had done, how they felt cheated and did not feel part of the country.

Ryan Walker: Ryan is a freshman at CVU. He sat with someone on the plane coming back from Puerto Rico. He said that person told him that there was no way to explain living for nine months without power; that there was no way to explain the struggle they had come through and that you have to live it to know how it felt.

Other members of the youth group concurred with the statements offered by their colleagues.

### **Comments From the Adults**

Rev. Jared Hamilton: Jared described the town of Aibonito as a big town with many vocations. It was the location of the small-scale market farming places where the Vermont group worked. There was Community Supported Agriculture and farmers markets. They told Jared that before the hurricane they talked about doing more work together but nothing came of it. Following the hurricane, where all of them were devastated, a group of eight farmers started working together. Every Wednesday they go to one farm and work together on whatever that farmer needs. Jared said it was good to see that folks took their situation as an opportunity to come together.

Carla Wuthrich: Carla and her family generally go to Puerto Rico every year to visit family, but had not been back since the hurricane. Carla said it was very humbling for her to bring people from her Hinesburg community to the community there. At first, she was getting responses that it was very different and by the end of the trip they were starting to feel that there were a lot of similarities between Hinesburg and Puerto Rico. She said it will take over the course of a lifetime to process it all. Carla also noted that it was “cool” to see the connection and the similarities between the communities. She said she “was very proud of the people that went and the people there” and that the Hinesburg group worked very intensely for consecutive days.

Eileen Ashe: Eileen said she loved Puerto Rico and everything about it including the climate (it didn’t get cold when it got dark like it does in Vermont), the mountains, the food and the music. A woman she met at one of the farms was telling her how she didn’t have power, when someone came to connect the meter, it was broken and it was her responsibility to have it repaired. She accomplished the repair and also joined a co- operative anticipating a lower cost. Her first monthly bill was \$600 compared to a pre-hurricane charge of \$100. She had the power disconnected and it was two months before she again had power, a total of eleven months after the hurricane. Eileen also said that water tanks for storage are very common. Whenever they have water available, they try to fill the tanks.

Leah Hamilton: Leah loved being there and particularly loved that she could speak Spanish again. Leah spent her childhood in Argentina. She thought that it was great that their culture was so welcoming.

Susan Lepple: Susan was a parent that stayed home. Her daughter, Amelie, was a participant in the trip. Susan said they were so happy and proud that they were going and that they raised the funds as a working group to make the trip possible. That was really impressive. She said they knew that whoever was going to get their services on the other end was going to be very lucky. Susan commented that during the year it took the students to raise the funds, they had learned to work together which was valuable in going into a difficult situation.



*CVU Juniors Sarah Johnson, Julia Grant and Jacob Ashe along with Casey Grant set up a fence at Siembra Tres Vidas farm in Aibonito*

### **The Middle School Trip to Western Massachusetts**

There were eight participants in this group with their chaperones, Drew Lepple, Amy Sayre and Jared Hamilton, along with Captain Elliot of the Pittsfield, Massachusetts Salvation Army and the Berkshire Outdoor Center group leader, Ben, a camp counselor from New Zealand.

The students' three days of team-building adventure activities included a zip line, alpine tower, ga-ga ball, camp fires, low and high rope courses, and archery. Of course, a stop at King Kone for ice cream, a Pittsfield institution, was a must. Jared said "[T]he youth showed great courage and teamwork throughout the weekend, challenging themselves and the group to accomplish their goals and serve a wonderful dinner."

### **Takeaways From the Youth**

Tom Roberts: "The Berkshire Outdoor Center was so much fun. We did many team-building activities that helped us grow closer as a group."

Kate Roberts: "I really enjoyed serving a meal at the Salvation Army in Pittsfield, MA. It made me more aware of hunger and homelessness and what I can do to help."

Josie Sayre: "All the teamwork and team-building activities really seemed to work. We got so much closer as a group. It was fun! I would love to do it again."

Jacob Lepple: "The high element ropes course and making a raft were very fun and challenging."

### **Comments From the Adults**

Drew Lepple: "What a fun adventure. This group, ages 11-14, were easy to travel with and were all respectful of each other. We were together for nearly 60 hours working and having fun through group challenges without a single group issue. Everyone pushed themselves beyond their threshold and were positive enforcers to those who needed help. Great facility!"

Amy Sayre: "I loved watching the group form a cohesive unit based on trust and experience. The connection fostered by the outdoor center staff over the weekend was evident as the youth group served a meal at the Salvation Army on Sunday evening in Pittsfield, MA. It's an experience that I'm grateful to have had with these incredible young people."

### **Conclusion by Pastor Jared Hamilton**

"A recap of the trip will take place Sunday, October 7 at 10 a.m. in the United Church of Hinesburg's Parish Hall. Youth and adults will present and lead a "Brunch Church" service. Throughout the year, the middle school and high school groups meet to discuss current issues in politics, religion, social justice and everyday life. The groups take on service opportunities at the church and the wider community and gather for fun outings to places like Petra Cliffs, go-cart racing and movie nights. As the summer trips begin to form, issues connected with these trips are explored. In the past, the groups have explored food insecurity while volunteering in New York City, issues of diversity and social justice while exploring Boston and most recently, disaster cleanup and humanitarian work in Puerto Rico."

"The Hinesburg Youth Project greatly appreciates the support this work has received from the wider community. Indeed, these trips, and others like it, would not be possible without that support. Upcoming summer 2019 trips will be announced later in the fall and any young person from Hinesburg interested in summer service trips is welcome."



*The middle school group doing a challenging activity at the Berkshire Outdoor Center.*



*Middle school youth prepare to launch their homemade raft at the Berkshire Outdoor Center.*

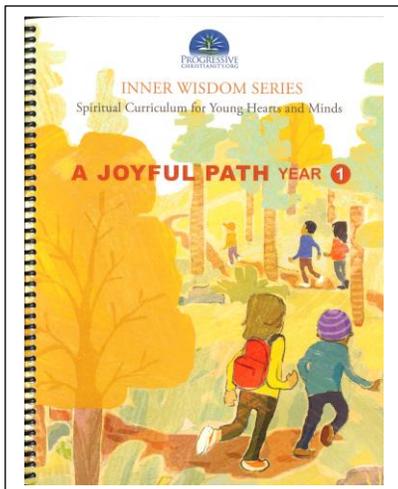
## Christian Education Committee News

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

Summer is nearly over and we are looking ahead to the start of Sunday School. We will kick off the program year on **Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** with a school supply drive, a One Room Schoolhouse mission project for Grandparent's Day and a brunch after church. During the brunch, families will have the opportunity to mingle with one another, complete the registration paperwork for our 2019-20 Sunday School year and ask any questions about the program. We hope to see you there!

School supplies that are needed include:

- No. 2 Pencils
- Colored paper (copy, card stock or construction)
- Ear buds
- Rectangular pink erasers
- Tri-fold display boards
- Tissues
- Dry erase markers
- Hand sanitizer



This year we will introduce a new curriculum in our classrooms called *A Joyful Path*. This behavior-over-belief curriculum connects children with their own inner wisdom. It teaches interdependence, self awareness, respect for nature, stillness, forgiveness, prayer, meditation, and integrity. Using the Bible and other wisdom stories, *A Joyful Path* helps children learn how to follow the path of Jesus in today's world. Regular Sunday School classes will begin on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

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 the Homecoming Sunday brunch.

## Middle and High School Youth Programs

The fall session for middle and high school youth programming will begin Sunday evening, October 6th. If you would like to receive information about the upcoming program year, please email Pastor Jared at: [revjared@gmavt.net](mailto:revjared@gmavt.net).

### Highlights from the Middle School Youth Trip to The Dog Service Project August 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>



### Trustees News

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

The land behind the parish house was used and maintained by the Iroquois Soccer Club for many years but they have been using it less frequently since the completion of Millie's Field in the Spring of 2018. The United Church now plans to reclaim the field for church use. While we contemplate the long term plans for the field, we will be mowing the grass. Are there any mowers out there who would be interested in mowing the additional land with the church's new zero turn mower? The estimated mow time would be 1 to 1.5hrs. If so, please contact Andy Seaton at [aseaton@pconstruction.com](mailto:aseaton@pconstruction.com) or 482-4313.

## Finance Committee News

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

### Electronic Giving

Making a budget-friendly automatic monthly contribution from a bank account or on a credit card helps us be faithful stewards even if we are not at church on Sunday morning. There are three ways to participate:

**Electronic Funds Transfer (through Vanco)** - you designate an amount to be debited from your checking or savings account and deposited into the church's account. Our Financial Secretary receives a monthly report of contributors and amounts. To sign up, complete the Authorization Agreement, put it in a sealed envelope along with the applicable voided document, and either place it in the offering plate or send it to the church office, attention Financial Secretary. The form can be obtained from the church office or downloaded and printed from this link: [https://www.ucofh.org/uploads/2/4/1/5/24158700/uch\\_eft\\_form-1.pdf](https://www.ucofh.org/uploads/2/4/1/5/24158700/uch_eft_form-1.pdf)

**Donate through the United Church's website** – go to the website (ucofh.org), click on 'Donate', and set up a recurring monthly donation charged to a debit or credit card. Choose the option 'My donation is for the ongoing work at the United Church of Hinesburg.'

**Automatic payments from your bank** - if your bank or credit union offers an online banking bill pay feature you can set up regular payments to the church. This service is usually free for you, the customer, and there is no cost to the church. Typically the bank or credit union generates and mails a check to the church on a date you specify. The funds are deducted from your account when the church deposits the check. The church's mailing address is PO Box 39, Hinesburg, VT 05461.

### 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.

## 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
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
Monday, September 2 <sup>nd</sup>		Church office closed in observance of Labor Day
Tuesday, September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00pm	Church Centennial Committee meeting
Wednesday, September 4 <sup>th</sup>	12:30pm-2:00pm	Knitting/crocheting group
Sunday, September 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Homecoming Sunday – choir returns; Sunday School begins with a One Room Schoolhouse project for Grandparent’s Day
Sunday, September 8 <sup>th</sup>	11:15am	Homecoming Sunday Brunch; Sunday School registration
Sunday, September 8 <sup>th</sup>	11:15am	Church Centennial Committee meeting
Sunday, September 15 <sup>th</sup>	11:15am	Practicing God-talk discussion of “Your Neighbor Lives Next Door” by Chico Fajardo-Heflin
Tuesday, September 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Membership Care Committee meeting
Wednesday, September 18 <sup>th</sup>	12:30pm-2:00pm	Knitting/crocheting group
Monday, September 23 <sup>rd</sup>		October newsletter deadline
Friday, September 27 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm-7:00pm	Monthly free community meal hosted by 4H
Saturday, September 28 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Stone Soup Supper fundraiser for the Hinesburg Land Trust
Sunday, September 29 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am-2:00pm	United Church of Hinesburg 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, September 29 <sup>th</sup>	3:00pm	No Strings marionette show – “Wasabi, A Dragon’s Tale”



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!

### Coffee Hour Notes



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!



Our knitting/crocheting group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month (September 4<sup>th</sup> & September 18<sup>th</sup> this month) from 12:30-2:00pm in the Parish Hall. 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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## *September Birthdays & Anniversaries*

02	<i>Michelle &amp; Steve Fischer</i>
02	Kate Schubart
03	<i>Gerald Ouimet &amp; Lana Benoit Ouimet</i>
03	Arthur Thompson
04	<i>Douglas &amp; Betty Lantman</i>
06	J.P. Hong
07	Jacob Lepple
07	Jan Rahelich
08	Holly Russell
08	Matt Sayre
09	<i>David &amp; Sharlene Palmer</i>
10	Kathryn Ciffo
10	Inez French
10	George Munson
11	Grace Farley
12	Peter Mead
12	<i>Bruce &amp; Judy Parker</i>
13	Roderick Isham
15	Grace Ciffo
16	Sue Barden
16	Cathy Foutz
16	<i>Casey &amp; Penny Grant</i>
19	John Lyman
19	Amanda Seeholzer
19	Abigail Trutor Mead
20	<i>Richard &amp; Kay Hildebrand</i>
21	Donna Pezzimenti
22	Bruce Parker
23	<i>George &amp; Linda Palmer</i>
23	Tessa Sayre
24	George Palmer
24	Heather Roberts
25	Katie Dooley Morris
25	Cindy Dunshee
25	Kristi Johnson
28	Alice Cobb
28	<i>John &amp; Cindy Dunshee</i>
28	Tom Roberts
29	John Dunshee
29	<i>Kate &amp; Bill Schubart</i>
29	Brian Simkins

## **September 2019**

### **September 1st**

*Greeters: The Foutz family*

*Ushers: Grace Farley & Melissa Loretan*

*Reader: Marie Eddy*

### **September 8th**

*Greeter: Marilyn Utter*

*Ushers: Sandy Milbank & TBD*

*Reader: Sharonlee Trefry*

### **September 15th**

*Greeters: The Johnson family*

*Ushers: Barbara & Bob Forauer*

*Reader: Amy Patrick*

### **September 22nd**

*Greeters: Carrie & Allison Huestis*

*Ushers: Kristi Kilbride & Sherrie Simmons*

*Reader: Barbara Herrington*

### **September 29th**

*Greeters: Sandy & Reggie Robinson*

*Ushers: Grace Ciffo & Kate Schubart*

*Reader: Betsy Patrick*

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



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