



MAY 2016

# The First Universalist Society of Hartland

## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Services & Religious Education Classes, Sundays, 10 am, in the Church

### SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

#### MAY 01 Annual All-Church May Day Celebration!

Come join us as we honor the ancient festival of Beltane, and dance around the May Pole to celebrate this energetic multigenerational Earth-centered ritual of Spring. Our annual all-church clean-up will take place following the service! *The collection will support The Upper Valley Trails Alliance.*

#### MAY 8 Mindfulness, Perfection, and Being Enough

We'll introduce this month's worship theme, "Mindfulness" with reflections on being present, and being enough—a topic for mothers and all of us. *The collection will support The Family Place.*

#### MAY 15 The Moment and the Path

Sara Doolan will join Paul in leading this service, which will explore the joys of both reaching for the stars, and embracing every moment. *The collection will support Hartland Community Arts.*

#### MAY 22 The Ponds We Shall Visit—A Reflection on Ten Years of Ministry

On May 21, 2006, the Rev. Paul Sawyer offered his first worship service as a candidate for the ministry of our congregation, with a service entitled, "The Ponds We Shall Visit," words borrowed from a Mary Oliver poem. This Sunday, Paul will revisit that theme, offering some reflections on the joys and challenges of our shared ministry together over these last ten years. *The collection will support the Living Tradition Fund of the Unitarian Universalist Association.*

#### MAY 29 TBD

Lay-led by The Worship Team

*The collection will support The Veterans' Place of Vermont.*

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## LOVE IS THE DOCTRINE OF THIS CHURCH

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# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE



Flowers at a wedding held in our church, Summer 2015

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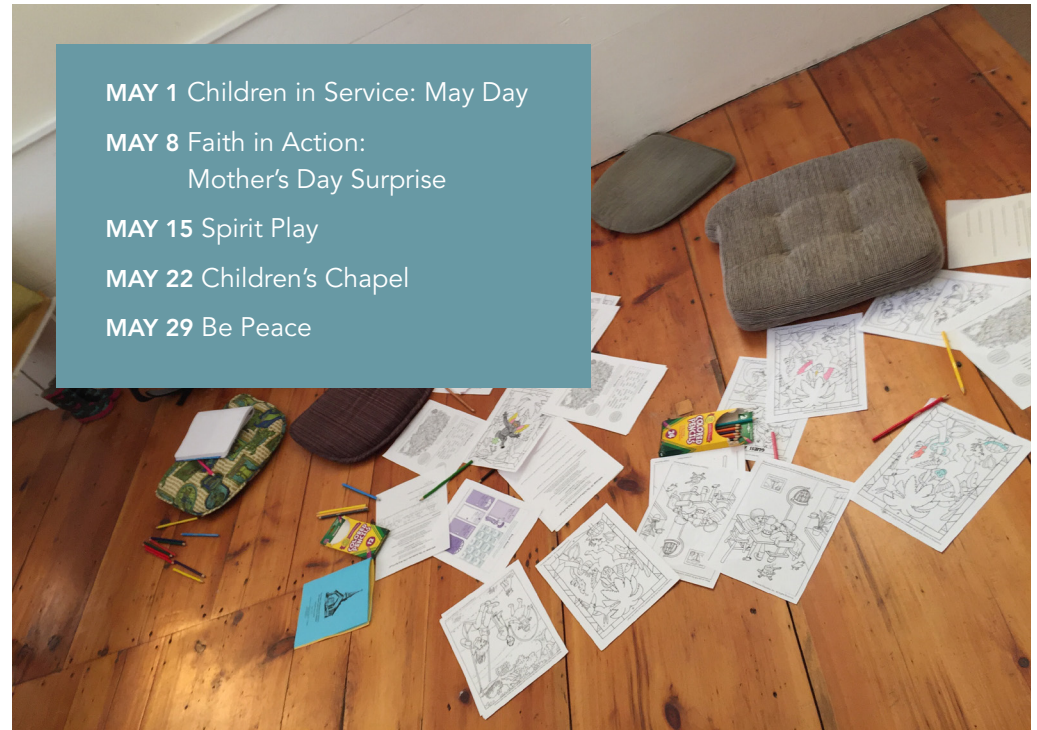
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Children's corner during April 2016 service



Maypole dance in celebration of Beltane, May 2011



# WEEKLY COLLECTION INFORMATION

*We rely on the planned, committed, pledged support of our members and friends to support the needs of our church.*

## WE DEDICATE OUR COLLECTIONS DURING SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP TO ORGANIZATIONS DOING GOOD WORK IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES OR IN SOCIETY AS A WHOLE.

**To contribute to the collection:** *Cash and checks made out to "FUSH" will be consolidated and passed on to the organization.*

**To make a pledge payment, or a donation to support our congregation's budget:** *Use the box on the welcoming table at the back of the sanctuary, the small manila envelopes available on that same table, or mark "for FUSH" in the memo line of your check.*

**Please contact Paul if you have nominations for organizations you feel would be good choices for our support.**

### MAY OFFERING RECIPIENTS:

#### MAY 01 Upper Valley Trails Alliance

The Upper Valley Trails Alliance supports active lifestyles and a strong sense of place through the development and maintenance of hiking, skiing, biking, and other recreational trails all across the Upper Valley. UVTA also maintains an on-line database of trails in our region and works to ensure that information about trails is kept up-to-date. UVTA also works with schools and other organizations to encourage healthy activity and further trail development for children and adults in our area. More information is available at: [www.uvtrails.org](http://www.uvtrails.org)

#### MAY 08 The Family Place

Founded in 1985, The Family Place is a parent-child center serving the entire Upper Valley region. They offer comprehensive services for families and children, including home visits, training and support for new parents, early intervention for children with special needs, and ongoing education, playgroups, resources for financial aid for child care, and other support for families. They also operate an important service through their child advocacy center, working with state agencies to offer a safe environment for legal testimony and follow-up support for children who have made a disclosure of abuse. Rev. Paul Sawyer serves on the board of the Family Place, and dear friend and former DRE of our congregation, Nancy Theriault, is on the staff. You can contact either Paul or Nancy for more information (or to arrange a tour of the Family Place), or see their website, [www.familyplacevt.org](http://www.familyplacevt.org)

#### MAY 15 Hartland Community Arts Youth Arts Scholarships

Hartland Community Arts is a local non-profit organization supporting concerts and other artistic endeavors in our home community of Hartland. They offer scholarships of up to \$200 for art camps, lessons, or classes for young people from Hartland or those from other communities who have participated in HCA events, such as the Christmas Concert. More information is available at [hartlandcommunityarts.org/scholarships](http://hartlandcommunityarts.org/scholarships)

#### MAY 22 The Living Tradition Fund of the Unitarian Universalist Association

Established by the General Assembly in 1988, the Living Tradition Fund is used by the Unitarian Universalist Association to support ministers and ministerial students who are in significant financial need. Specifically, this fund offers three targeted forms of assistance: emergency support for ministers in financial distress, debt reduction grants for ministers facing high educational debt loads, and need-based scholarships for seminarians who have completed at least a year of theological education. This fund is an important recognition of ministry in our tradition, and sadly, it is deeply needed every year. It is funded entirely by collections taken at ordinations, installations, and other services recognizing ministerial milestones. You can speak with Paul for more information, or see the description of the fund at: <http://www.uua.org/giving/funds/living-tradition>

#### MAY 29 VThe Veterans' Place

Based in Northfield, VT, the Veterans' Place offers transitional housing and support services with the goal of helping homeless vets find a home and return to society and true health. The Veterans' Place works partners with more than 25 other agencies in our region, including the Veterans' Administration system, and by all accounts does some remarkable work. More information is available at [www.vermontveteransplace.org](http://www.vermontveteransplace.org)



*Our silly and sweet April Fools service, April 2016*



## SPRING CLEAN-UP WORK PARTY

May 1, following the service

**We hope to accomplish a number of projects:**

- Raking up leaves and debris from the lawn and reseeding areas where seeding is needed
- Straightening or replacing granite posts in front
- Removing the wooden steps that cover the stone steps in front
- Trimming shrubs
- Doing touch-up painting inside
- Cleaning where needed in church and parsonage

# FUND RAISING NEWS & EVENTS



## IT'S TIME TO PLAN YOUR SUMMER PARTIES!

Weddings, reunions, graduation parties...Don't get stuck in the kitchen while your guests have all the fun. Let the Red Aprons take the work out of your party and serve you and your guests like royalty.

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## 5<sup>TH</sup> PRINCIPLE: THE RIGHT OF CONSCIENCE AND THE USE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS WITHIN OUR CONGREGATIONS AND IN SOCIETY AT LARGE

The Principles are not dogma or doctrine, but rather a guide for those of us who choose to join and participate in Unitarian Universalist religious communities.



*Thank you to Bruce and Clyde for our delicious Sugar on Snow celebration in early April.*

# YOUTH GROUP NOTES

## YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE MAY

All events are on Sundays unless otherwise noted\*\*

**MAY 1** Youth Group Meetings at the UU Church  
Jr. 5:00-6:15 pm, Sr. 6:30-8:00 pm

**MAY 15** Junior Youth at the UU Church  
5:00-6:00 pm

Mission Trip Logistics Meeting at the UU Church  
6:00 pm — All Paperwork Due!

Senior Youth at the UU Church  
6:30-8:00 pm

Mission Trip 2016 July 24-30, with Worship on July 31!

conjunction with our friends and neighbors from the Hartland Congregational Church, and are led by the Revs. Lucia Jackson and Paul Sawyer, with dedicated support from David Morin.

Both groups offer fun, fellowship, games, and a youth-centered exploration and development of faith. We gather to support one another, to have a good time, and to think about some of the big questions of life in a safe environment. We have regular meetings with activities, time to check in, reflection, and games. We also offer special events throughout the year including service opportunities, fundraising brunches at both churches, trips to Dartmouth sporting events, game nights, and, for senior youth, our annual week-long mission trip to New Haven, CT in July.

For further information about our youth groups and youth events, please contact Paul or Lucia. To stay in touch with youth group happenings, make sure that Paul and Lucia have your e-mail address, follow the youth group Facebook page, keep an eye on the newsletters and weekly e-mail updates of both churches, or better yet, come to church and read the bulletin!

Our congregation offers activities for youth in grades 7-12 (or the homeschool equivalent) through two youth groups—the **Junior Youth Group, for those in grades 7 & 8**, and the **Senior Youth Group for high school students**. Both groups are offered in



*Members of the 2015 Mission Trip*

# CONNECTIONS CIRCLE

CONNECTIONS CIRCLE: The present members of our circle are: Sarah Bruce, Patti Eckels, Joan Fariel, Debra Hart, Judy Howland, Laurence Matson, Bineke Oort, and Sue & Dave Taylor. We will have a lunch on Friday, June 24 at 11:00 a.m. at Sue and Dave Taylors' home just for fun and to discuss the reorganization of the Connections Circle with the Taylors stepping down from being Chairs. We have a lot of committed members who want to continue working on connections. The Connection Circle facilitates the work of champions for the Greeting and Welcoming of Newcomers; Newcomer Workshops; Coffee Hour; Circle Dinners; Work Parties; and the Annual FUSH Social Gathering. If you are interested in being involved in any of these areas please join us for lunch at the Taylors' home on June 24 and RSVP to [dstaylor342@gmail.com](mailto:dstaylor342@gmail.com).

COFFEE HOUR: A big "thank you" to all the people who have worked hard to make sure we have a Coffee Hour after services. We appreciate the efforts of the Youth Group from both churches; Ariel Arwan; Bruce Locke and Clyde Jenne; Nancy and Rob Foote; and Sarah Bruce and

Phyllis Tucker for the month of April. They provided us with delicious snacks! As always Bruce and Clyde's "Sugar on Snow" event was a highlight of the year! We also appreciate the people who stay to help clean up and wash dishes after the Coffee Hours week after week.

May Coffee Hours will be hosted by Sue and Dave Taylor on May 1 for the Cleanup Day; on May 8 by Zara Reeves and Marit and Rob Jaarsma; and on May 22 by Lydia and Dick Johnson. We still need two people for both May 15 and May 29. Sign up sheets are on the snack table. We will send directions to each team the week before and the directions are on the coffee pots and on the wall by the coffee pots. There is always someone to help when you are doing coffee hour for the first time!

We will move to summer coffee hours for June, July, and August since we've had trouble getting people to sign up in the nice weather. If someone wants to make coffee and/or bring snacks you are welcome to do this but you just need to be sure to arrange for a cleanup crew.

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## ADULT CHOIR

Adult Choir will rehearse at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday May 8th and Sunday May 15th to sing in the service on the 15th.

- Patty Talbot



After thoughtful consideration, the champions of the Fourth of July booth have decided to not have a booth at this year's festivities. We would love to have a champion come forward to lead a group in making a great float for the parade. If anyone is interested, please talk to Sara Morin or Jill Lloyd for details.



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# MAY 2016 CALENDAR

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**DEADLINE FOR JUNE  
NEWSLETTER  
CONTENT:  
MAY 18**



| MAY |     |  |  |
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| 01  | SUN | 10 am<br>5-6:15 pm<br>6:30-8:00 pm           | Worship Service & RE<br>Junior Youth Group at the UU Church<br>High School OWL at the UU Church  |
| 06  | FRI | 8-10 am                                      | Food Shelf   |
| 08  | SUN | 10 am<br>after service                       | Worship Service & RE<br>sUUp second soUUp sale   |
| 09  | MON | 7 pm   | Governing Board Meeting  |
| 13  | FRI | 8-10 am                                      | Food Shelf   |
| 15  | SUN | 10 am<br>5-6:00 pm<br>6-6:30 pm<br>6:30-8 pm | Worship Service & RE<br>Junior Youth Group at the UU Church<br>Mission Trip Logistics at the UU Church<br>High School OWL at the UU Church |
| 18  | WED | ALL DAY                                      | Newsletter Content Deadline  |
| 20  | FRI | 8-10 am                                      | Food Shelf   |
| 22  | SUN | 10 am  | Worship Service & RE   |
| 27  | FRI | 8-10 am                                      | Food Shelf   |
| 29  | SUN | 10 am  | Worship Service & RE   |