

JULY 2016

The First Universalist Society of Hartland

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

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

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

- JUL 03 Annual Joint Independence Day Service with the First Congregational Church of Hartland at 9:30 am at the Congregational Church**
Join us at the Brick Church on Station Road in Hartland Village as we team up with our Congregationalist friends and neighbors in our annual celebration for the 4th of July. The Rev. Lucia Jackson and Paul will lead the service together.
*****please note the different time and location for this service*****
The collection will benefit the 2016 Youth Mission Trip.
- JUL 10 Mandela Fellows/Young African Leaders Initiative**
Led by Don Foster with representatives from the Mandela Fellows, young leaders from Africa, studying at Dartmouth this summer. *The collection will benefit the projects of the Mandela Fellows.*
- JUL 17 Journey Led by Sara Doolan**
Sara Doolan will explore our summer worship theme of "Journey" with reflections from the spiritual and physical journeys of her life. *The collection will support Zack's Place.*
- JUL 24 Sermon From the Question Box**
Do you have a theological or other question you've been dying to ask your minister? Put it in the Question Box in the back of the sanctuary, or send it to Paul by e-mail by July 22, and during this week's sermon time he'll address the questions he receives. This service always promises to be fun and at least a little unpredictable. We'll also take a moment in the service to send off our youth and adults heading to New Haven on the Mission Trip. *The collection will benefit COVER Home Repair.*
- JUL 31 Mission Trip 2016—Led by the Participants on the Youth Mission Trip**
Join us for this special intergenerational service welcoming home the youth and adults who participated in the mission trip from both our churches, and hear the reflection and spiritual learning from the week. *The Collection will benefit Mission Trip 2017.*

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday August 28 at the Universalist Church of Barnard—Annual Combined Upper Valley UU Service at the Barnard Church, followed by time for conversation and recreation at Silver Lake State Park.

LOVE IS THE DOCTRINE OF THIS CHURCH

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CONNECTIONS CIRCLE

AN IMPORTANT NOTE FROM DAVE AND SUE TAYLOR:

We are stepping down from chairing the Connection Circle after a number of years. We have had to drop everything for the year because of our daughter-in-law Vicki having a rare cancer that will require her undergoing three surgeries, three months of chemo, and an extended period of radiation at DHMC and at Dana Farber in Boston. Vicki and our son Tom have a three and five year old so it will be all hands on deck to help Vicki get well and to protect her health for the future.

We want to thank all of you who have helped us to enjoy Coffee Hour; to welcome newcomers; and to make many important connections between the people in our congregation. We especially want to thank our dedicated team who have worked so hard to see that all our projects were successful. Our circle has included Patti Eckels, Joan Fariel, Debbie Hart, Judy Howland, Bineke Oort, Cynthia Thompson, and Nancy Walker.

We have decided to have individual people in charge of some of the important tasks performed in the past by the Connection Circle as a whole. Coffee Hour will be organized by Sarah Bruce from Sept. 10 through January 15. Sarah is relatively new to FUSH and we really appreciate her taking on this important job! We know people will volunteer to do at least one Sunday during the time she is in charge. You will be hearing from Sarah as she is setting up the schedule for Coffee Hour. If you're unable to volunteer for Coffee Hour Sarah would also welcome contributions so that a tin of cookies could be purchased for those Sundays when no one has signed up. We will need to have someone volunteer from the Congregation to be in charge of organizing Coffee Hour from January 22 through May 31 if we want to cover those months on a formal basis. If you are interested you could contact the Board or Paul. We will continue with having the Summer months June, July, and August be informal Coffee Hours where anyone who would like to can make coffee and bring snacks and organize clean-up.

Joan Fariel has graciously agreed to be in charge of getting congregants to greet, pass out programs, and welcome on Sundays and to keep track of newcomers. She would love all of your help in making newcomers feel at home when they come to Coffee Hour. And we appreciate Judy Howland helping by being a sub for greeting and welcoming on Sundays. Joan will be working with Bineke Oort who has generously agreed to organize the workshops and New Members Sunday with Paul. We are also grateful to Pat Whitney who will create the name tags which Cynthia Thompson has worked so hard to do for many years. Thank you Cynthia! Our name tags use the beautiful design which our own John Osborne created.

We appreciate both Patti Eckels and Laurence Matson agreeing to organize the Circle Suppers. They will be contacting volunteers in January for March, April, and May Circle Suppers and then they will provide sign up sheets. Laurence has some good ideas for some more spontaneous get-togethers and he will be asking for your input.

We hope to organize the work parties in the future as we have in the past. However, this year we may have to ask for help in the organizing of these work parties.

Thanks for all of your understanding!

Sincerely, Sue and David



*Gift for adults
who helped with
RE this year,
made by Sam.*

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Photos from our annual tent service, where we welcomed new members and celebrated 10 years of Paul and the Sawyers.



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.

JULY OFFERING RECIPIENTS:

JUL 03 Youth Mission Trip 2016

Help support our Youth Mission Trip to New Haven, taking place July 24-30. Your donations support our expenses for food, transportation, small donations to our partner organizations, and other needs.

JUL 10 Mandela Fellows/Young African Leaders Initiative

The Mandela Washington Fellows are young people from Sub-Saharan Africa who have been chosen to study at Dartmouth College during the summer as part of the US State Department's Young African Leaders Initiative. The goals of this program are to build and sustain a network of young Sub-Saharan leaders; to strengthen ties between Sub-Saharan Africa and the United States; and to prepare the Fellows for future leadership opportunities in Africa. Dartmouth is one of 20 universities nationwide serving as a host to Mandela Washington Fellows, and through our own Don Foster, who is one of the community members involved in the program (and someone with extensive experience working on issues of development and leadership in Africa himself) we were honored to hear from several of the young leaders participating in last year's inaugural class of Fellows. Our contributions will support the work of the Fellows who will be sharing their stories and their inspiration with us on this day. More information is available from Don, or at the website of the program: dickey.dartmouth.edu/global-engagement/conferences-initiatives/young-african-leaders-initiative

JUL 17 Journey Led by Sara Doolan

Zack's Place in Woodstock is a free enrichment center whose mission is to empower special-needs people of all ages to express themselves through art, music, dance, literacy, athletics, and fitness while developing bonds of friendship. Founded in 2006, Zack's Place works to be a resource to address the daunting issue of serving special-needs individuals and their families during and after their school years have ended. More information is available at zacksplacevt.org.

JUL 24 Sermon From the Question Box

COVER Home Repair, located in White River Junction, Vermont, works to ensure warm, safe, dry housing for people in need in the Upper Valley. COVER works together with homeowners, and volunteers to provide urgently needed home repairs, and they also offer a weatherization program empowering homeowners and volunteers with knowledge and supplies to button up homes and reduce fuel/energy usage. They also operate the ReCOVER store, which resells used but useful building products at low rates. More than simply providing services, the mission of COVER is to build community and foster hope through cooperation and fellowship among all home repair and reuse participants. More information is available at: coverhomerepair.org

JUL 31 Youth Mission Trip 2017

At this service led by our returned mission trip participants, help us kick off our efforts for next year's Youth Mission Trip to New Haven, taking place next summer!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SUMMER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: LET THE FUN SHINE!

SAMANTHA CRONIN, DRE

This month in RE, the children will be working on our Permaculture Garden Project out in the yard on Sundays. We will be taking the opportunity to feel the summer flow and to mix work and play! Tending the gardens, hula hooping, making music, yoga, and crafting outdoors are all on the list.

AND NOT TO BE MISSED...

The next Friday Night Firelight Story Telling is July 15th at 7:15 PM!

The first gathering was well received and we are excited to meet monthly until October. We will circle up directly after the Hartland Farmers' market on the Hartland Library field.

During this time together, we listen as local storytellers share legends and ancient tales from many cultures.

A fun way to bring connection and diversity to our community!

Sit back, relax and enjoy the show...just like the good old days (before TV.)

Bring snacks, blankets to sit on, your imagination and a sense of adventure!



Friday Night Firelight STORYTELLING

Join in community as local storytellers share ancient legends and tales of olde.

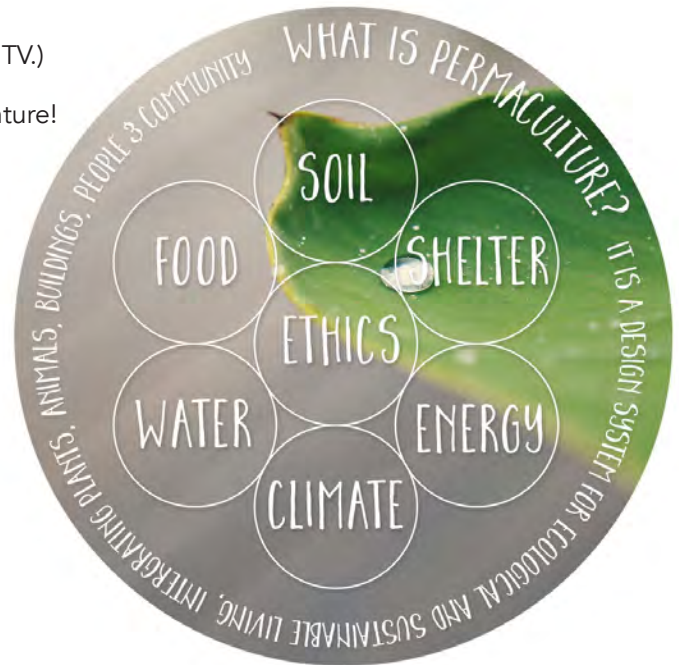
Friday, July 15th at 7:15 PM

Directly after the Hartland Farmers' Market
at the Hartland Public Library Field

Hosted by the First Universalist Society of Hartland

This event is free, family-friendly, and open to the public.

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Some of our children at the annual Children's Service



At our annual tent service, we took some time to celebrate Paul's 10 years with us, and thank Paul and the Saywers. One of Paul's gifts is pictured here to the left, a handmade canoe paddle.

YOUTH GROUP NOTES



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 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!

MISSION TRIP 2016 JULY 24-30, WITH WORSHIP ON JULY 31!

PLEASE WATCH PAUL'S EMAIL FOR SIGN UP INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO HELP WITH FOOD FOR THIS YEAR'S MISSION TRIP.

FUND RAISING NEWS & EVENTS

THE RED APRONS

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.

RED APRONS CAN EXPERTLY HANDLE:

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All proceeds benefit Hartland Universalist Society



FOURTH OF JULY BOOTH

A champion and two followers have stepped forward to take on the Fourth of July booth.

We will be selling ice cream cones, cups, root beer floats and brownie sundaes from 5:00 p.m. to the beginning of the fireworks.

We are looking for people to help:

- Canopy and lights set up and take down
- Ice cream scoopers
- Brownie bakers
- Money collectors

If you are able to help, please contact Joan Fariel (802) 436-1770 or Nada Pierce (802) 436-2336

RUMMAGE SALE CONTINUES!

Thank you all that contributed to and helped set up the Rummage Sale in the Ladies Aid Hall. It was a huge success, bringing in almost \$1500.

We still have lots more. It has been decided to have it open for more Sales and also to accept more donations. Expected opening on Friday mornings 8:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. starting June 3 and continuing one Saturday per month, future dates to be determined. Questions? Call Nada Pierce at (802) 436-2336.

UNDER THE TREE 5K AND 10K RUN – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Happy Summer – It is that time of year again when we call for volunteers for the Under the Tree Run. This year it is on Saturday August 20th. As a volunteer you are assigned a spot on the course and simply cheer & direct the runners along the course. The runners love having "live" course markers!! Time commitment is only several hours in the morning – done by 11am to enjoy the rest of the day. This is a great community event and all proceeds go to the Hartland Christmas Project which serves Hartland Community members in need year round. Please contact Beth Rice if you are able to volunteer or have questions at brice@vermontel.net.

TRAVEL WITH UUS

Submitted by Beverly Carr, Neighbourhood UU Congregation, Toronto, Canada

TWO MINDFUL JOURNEYS IN 2017, FOR UUS & THEIR FRIENDS

PERU: Always wanted to experience Machu Picchu? Join us March 25-April 5, 2017. Our journey will be filled with comfortable places to stay, Shamanic conversations, lovely food, water blessings at an old Inca spring, beautiful natural vistas and reflections while sitting on a mountain top.

PORTUGAL/ SPAIN: May 14-24, 2017, from Lisbon to Santiago de Compostela. Along the way, we enjoy soulful Fado music, a tile-making workshop, wine, port and culinary tastings, and a bit of a walk on the Camino. Imagine cruising down the Douro River tasting Port while reflecting on the scenic vineyard-covered hillsides.

Journeys led by UU minister, Wayne Walder, Toronto, Canada, www.nuuc.ca

To receive a detailed itinerary for either journey, please email Beverlz@me.com

To learn more about Mindful Journeys go to nuuc.ca/spiritual-growth/spiritual-practice/mindful-journeys/

JULY 2016 CALENDAR

**DEADLINE FOR
AUGUST NEWSLETTER
CONTENT: JULY 18**



LGBTQ

Welcoming Congregation

This Unitarian Universalist community welcomes and celebrates the presence and participation of people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer.



JULY

01	FRI	8-10 am	Food Shelf
03	SUN	9:30 am	Worship Service & RE
Joint Service at UCC Church			**Note 9:30 start time**
08	FRI	8-10 am	Food Shelf
10	SUN	10 am	Worship Service & RE
11	MON	7 pm	Governing Board Meeting
15	FRI	8-10 am	Food Shelf
17	SUN	10 am	Worship Service & RE
18	MON	ALL DAY	Newsletter Content Deadline
22	FRI	8-10 am	Food Shelf
24	SUN	10 am	Worship Service & RE
24-30 YOUTH MISSION TRIP			
29	FRI	8-10 am	Food Shelf
31	SUN	10 am	Worship Service & RE



New members at our annual tent service.