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Sunday Services & Religious Education Classes 10 am in the Church

Sunday Services

May 3

Tom Haushalter

Reflections on The Book of Common Prayer

The collection will support The Windsor Public Library.

May 10

No Better Cookie

Paul Sawyer

Community, Children, and the Kind of People We Want to Be

For Mother's Day we'll explore the importance of creating a community that cares for people of all ages, and what we're called to do as a society to support the special needs of our very youngest children. (The title "No Better Cookie" comes from a poem/story by Naomi Shihab Nye.) *The collection will support The Family Place.*

May 17

Friends and Foes

Michael Heaney

Reflections on War and Memory.

Our special guest, Michael Heaney, is a Hartland resident, history professor and Vietnam War platoon leader who returned to Vietnam to meet his former adversaries. *The collection will support an organization chosen by the worship leader.*

May 24

Surely Justice and Mercy Will Follow

Paul Sawyer

For Memorial Day, reflections on mercy, and the prayers and meditations of those facing the horrors of war.

The collection will support Vermont Vet-to-Vet.

May 31

A Mighty Wind of Mercy

Paul Sawyer

Reflections on the Christian celebration of Pentecost, the arrival of the Holy Spirit, and the promise of mercy that inspired and sustained the founders of our Universalist faith.

The collection will support the Cornish Rescue Squad.

OFFERING RECIPIENTS MAY

We rely on the planned, committed, pledge 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. Checks for the collection can be made out to "FUSH" and we will consolidate donations to pass on to the organization.

For those wishing to make a pledge payment, or a donation specifically to support our congregation's budget, there is a box on the welcoming table at the back of the sanctuary, or you can use the small manila envelopes available on that same table, or simply 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 3— The Windsor Public Library

Like most local libraries, the Windsor Public Library is a central cultural and community resource for the town it serves, and for others in our region. Unlike the libraries in most other communities, however, the WPL is not an agency of the town government of Windsor—it is now, and has been historically, a separate corporation, dependent on donations of resources and time from the wider community. Though they do usually receive an allocation voted on at the Windsor town meeting, the WPL does not enjoy anywhere near the kind of municipal support available in many communities. Several members and friends of our congregation have been leaders and strong supporters of the WPL for many years, and

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Warning of the Semi-Annual Meeting Sunday May 17, 2015 11:30 am (approximately)

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the First Universalist Society of Hartland will be held Sunday May 17, 2015 at approximately 11:30 am, after the regular Sunday service.

All members are invited to attend and participate in this very important meeting. All members are invited to vote on issues facing the church.

- Board members will be elected. The Nominating Committee will be nominating new (and renewing) Board members.
- Reports of the Circles and Chairs will be provided but not presented. Printed reports will be available at the meeting. Members who have questions or comments for the Circle leaders and Chairs can raise them at the meeting.

Other issues may be presented and voted, not determined at this time.

There will be a potluck lunch immediately following the

Engaging the Spirit Upcoming Themes

If you have a personal story, or suggested worship materials, or possible related worship topics, or any thoughts at all about any of these themes, please share your ideas with Paul.

May—Mercy

June/July—Compassion

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currently our own Tom Haushalter serves as the president of their board, and Sally Bemont serves as chair of the "Friends of Windsor Public Library." This organization was nominated for our support by John Hikory, who is also a former WPL board member. You can speak with Tom, Sally, or John for more information, or visit their website at windsorlibrary.org.

May 10—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 has recently accepted an offer to serve on the board of the Family Place, and you can contact him for more information, or see their website, www.familyplacevt.org.

May 17—TBA

May 24—Vermont Vet-to-Vet

Vermont Vet-to-Vet is a veteran-run support network that provides peer support, counseling, and other recovery services to veterans of all ages, branches, and experiences of military service. With regular meetings in White River Junction and Burlington, and counselors offering

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re: RE

We are in our last month of the RE year, then we'll head into our summer program in June after our end of year Children's Sunday.

In May, we'll enjoy our regular programs plus work on a secret project. During Children's Chapel, the children will hear a story about the first Flower Communion, then participate in one, at our Children's Sunday which is next month. All year, we have learned about Unitarian Universalist history through stories, projects and even our Winterim. We have such a wonderful, spirited group of children that I have high hopes for them making their own mark on history as important and influential people of our faith.

Thank you to Nancy Walker and Mariet Jaarsma for sharing their time with our children in April.

Sara
DRE



May RE Calendar

3	10:00	Faith In Action Sixth Graders: History Project
10	10:00	Guest Artist
17	10:00	Spirit Play: Flaming Chalice
24	10:00	Children's Chapel: Flower Communion
31	10:00	Wrap Up!

Youth - Be the Change

We're nearing the close of another successful school-year of youth programs. We'll end the year on May 17 with a full schedule of events, including our final regular meetings and our annual Mission Trip logistics meeting.

Please note that all mission trip forms are due, fully completed, including a photocopy of both sides of your medical insurance card at the meeting on May 17! You can pick up the required forms in advance from Paul Sawyer at youth group meetings or church, or contact Paul to get them another time.

Look for announcements of special events and service opportunities that may arise, and we'll see you all for more fun and faith this fall!

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, and be sure to keep an eye on the newsletters and weekly e-mail updates of both churches, or better yet, come to church and read the bulletin!

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connections and services wherever they are needed, Vet-to-Vet serves veterans from all across our region. Particularly now, as we welcome home thousands of veterans who have spent most of a generation at war, such peer support services, along with official VA services, are a necessity to support the ongoing health of those who have served. This organization was nominated by Jake Ross, and you can learn more about them from Jake, or through their web site, vtvet-tovet.org.

May 31—The Cornish Rescue Squad

Providing primary emergency medical support for both Cornish and Plainfield, NH, the volunteers of the Cornish Rescue Squad serve many members and friends of our congregation, as well as thousands of others in these neighbor communities. This is part of an ongoing series of offerings to our local rescue squads, in an effort to connect with and support those doing effective and important work in our member communities. This idea was suggested by our own governing board member, Dan Poor, who served for several years on the Cornish Rescue Squad. You can speak with Dan or with Paul (who is also a former volunteer rescue squad member) for more information.

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The Youth Group is on Instagram now, too—@hartlandyouth. Follow us for photos and announcements!

Youth Group Schedule May 2015

Please note that all remaining events for this spring are taking place at the First Congregational Church of Hartland (the Brick Church)

May 3 -- 5:00-6:15 pm—Junior Youth Meeting at FCCH
6:30-8:00 pm-- Senior Youth Group Meeting at FCCH

May 17 -- ***All Mission Trip Paperwork Due***
5:00-6:15 pm—Senior High Affirmations at FCCH
6:15-7:00 pm—Mission Trip Logistics Meeting
for All Mission Trip Participants at FCCH
7:00-8:00 pm-- Senior Youth Group Meeting at FCCH
Last meeting of the year!

Save the Dates: This year's trip will take place July 26–August 1 and we will lead worship for both churches in a joint service on August 2.

Calling All Circles

Connections Circle

Coffee Hour

We thank Joan Fariel and Ellen Sauer, Dianne Rochford and Debra Hart, Elaine and Doug Hart, and Mary Erdei and Melinda Meyerhoff who have provided delicious snacks and organized coffee hour for us in April. The Easter Coffee Hour prepared by Joan and Ellen was a special treat and we all enjoyed the left overs from the amazing and inspiring Seder given by Gary and Helen Miller-Shapiro.

If you have not yet had a chance to help before we go on summer schedule without a formal coffee hour, there are still slots to fill in May and June. 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.

Pictures of Our Members and Friends

If you are not on the bulletin board either bring a picture to tack up or David Taylor will take your picture so we can include you in our gallery.



Bulletin Board

Adult Choir - Rehearsal at 9:00 am on Sunday, May 10 and Sunday, May 17 to sing in the service on the 17th.

April Rummage Sale -

Thank you for all the wonderful donations. Thank you to all the helpers, Judy Winans, Carol Perry, Debra Hart, Bineke Oort, Sue and Dave Taylor, Betsy Stewart, Phyllis Tucker, Ruth Quimby, Sally Bemont, Rita Boynton, Robert Foote, Sara Milek, Kelly, Helen Miller-Shapiro, Karl Kemnitzer, Rob Jaarsma, Ellen Sauer, Michael Theroux and Coral Ovitt. The sale brought in \$1029.90.

Thanks again for a job well done from Mary Esty and Nada Pierce.

VT. & Quebec Universalist Unitarian Convention will be having their Annual Meeting in Hartland on May 9. This organization uses the proceeds of sales of old Universalist properties to give annual grants to its roughly twenty members.

They are looking for folks to fill the following positions at their Annual Meeting in Hartland: Secretary, one Allocation Committee Member, two Nominating Committee members, and one Trust Advisory Committee member.

No position involves a great deal of time, and all are necessary to keep the Convention functioning so it can continue to allocate funds.

If you are interested contact Herbert Ogden at hogden@vermontel.net.

Work Party

**Sunday, May 3
11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

We will be welcoming Spring by raking the church lawns, cleaning out the flower beds, removing the winter steps, cleaning out the parsonage basement, and doing some Spring housecleaning inside our Church.

Please join us. There will be jobs for all ages and there's always a great community spirit. We will share a meal after our work is done. Please make any suggestions of tasks you think we should accomplish. If you are unable to come there are always jobs you can do on your own time.



Unitarian Universalism 101 the Nuts and Bolts of FUSH

**Sunday, May 31
11:30 am - 1:30 pm**

Our minister Paul Sawyer will lead a discussion of Unitarian Universalism history and theology as practiced in the First Universalist Society of Hartland Four Corners. The workshop will be an opportunity to have your questions answered and to explore the workings of our Society, the activities available, and the privileges and responsibilities of membership.

This is a workshop for people who are new to the church, as well as, members and friends who want to explore our faith or who have questions about UU history or theology.

Lunch and childcare will be provided.

Please RSVP to Sue and David Taylor at:
dstaylor342@gmail.com or at 603-675-6566.

We especially need to know if childcare is needed so we can hire a child care person.

Calendar - May 2015

1	Fri.	8-10am	Food Shelf
3	Sun.	10am	Worship Service & RE
		11am-1pm	Work Party
		5-6:15	Jr. Youth
		6:30-8	Sr. Youth
8	Fri.	8-10am	Food Shelf
10	Sun.	9am	Adult Choir rehearsal
		10	Worship Service & RE
11	Mon.	7pm	Governing Board
15	Fri.	8-10am	Food Shelf
17	Sun.	9am	Adult Choir rehearsal & sing
		10	Worship Service & RE
		11:30	Semi-Annual Meeting & potluck lunch
		5-6:15pm	Sr. High Affirmations
		6:15-7	Mission Trip Logistics Meeting
		7-8	Sr. Youth
18	Mon.		Deadline for June newsletter
22	Fri.	8-10am	Food Shelf
24	Sun	10am	Worship Service & RE
29	Fri.	8-10am	Food Shelf
31	Sun.	10am	Worship Service & RE
		11:30-1:30pm	UU 101, Nuts & Bolts

Happy Mother's Day!



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