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The First Universalist Society of Hartland

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

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

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 5

MICHAEL DENMEADE—"MINDFULNESS"

The collection will support High Horses Therapeutic Riding Program

NOVEMBER 12

A SIMPLE FAITH

A simple service reflecting on the idea of faith as we understand it in our modern Unitarian Universalist tradition. *The collection will support Friends of the Windsor Public Library.*

NOVEMBER 19

GIVING THANKS—Annual Thanksgiving Service with the First Congregational Church of Hartland (at our church)

Join us as we welcome our neighbors from the First Congregational Church of Hartland for our annual joint Thanksgiving service. Paul will co-lead the service with the Rev. Lucia Jackson and our youth group will be offering a pancake brunch after the service to raise funds for this summer's mission trip. *The collection will support the Hartland Christmas Project—and please bring canned goods and/or some hearty fall vegetables to help a "harvest table" of donations for our food shelf and the Hartland Christmas Project!*

NOVEMBER 26

CHUCK FENTON

The collection will support An organization chosen by our worship leader.



LOVE IS THE DOCTRINE OF THIS CHURCH

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As we get ready for the usual “interesting” weather of winter in our region, here’s a reminder that, in general, we do not cancel services because of storms.

It’s not that we never would, if significantly extenuating circumstances made that the best choice. But since several of our members, including our minister, live very close by the church, unless something is wrong with our church building or grounds, we will likely hold services whenever they are planned.

Also, in the case of weather that keeps guest speakers, or Patty and other musicians away, we may alter the program as needed.

However, if you have any concern about the weather and your travel, **PLEASE STAY HOME!** *We don’t believe in salvation by attendance,* and in the good free church tradition of Unitarian Universalism, we leave the decision of whether you should come in the snow up to you. We love to see you in church, but not at the expense of safety.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

Our wonderful Coffee Hour Coordinator, Sarah Bruce sends out thanks to everyone who has signed up to help make our after-worship time welcoming and nourishing!

We have a few Sundays still available for the upcoming months:

November 26
December 17
December 24 (Holiday Fun!)
January 14

If you can host on one of these dates, please sign up at
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c4aabee2aa2f85-coffee>

Or you can contact Sarah Bruce directly at 802-436-2774,
brewsterscroft@vermontel.net, or speak with her after the service.

ADULT CHOIR

The Adult Choir will rehearse at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 12th and Sunday, Nov. 19th to sing in the ecumenical Thanksgiving service which FUSH is hosting on the 19th. Please note that there will not be an evening rehearsal. All are welcome to join us.

OFFERING RECIPIENTS

November 2017

We rely on the planned, committed financial pledges 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.

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

NOVEMBER 5—HIGH HORSES THERAPEUTIC RIDING PROGRAM

Based in Sharon, VT, High Horses works to improve the well-being of people with all manner of special needs through medically supervised therapeutic riding experiences. Riders at High Horses include people of all ages, and people experiencing all manner of physical, mental, emotional, or developmental conditions. Some riders are recovering from acute injuries, others live with life-long challenges. All riders participate in a program that is personalized for their particular needs and goals. More information is available at <http://highhorses.org>



NOVEMBER 12—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 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 <http://windsorlibrary.org>

NOVEMBER 19—THE HARTLAND CHRISTMAS PROJECT

The Hartland Christmas Project is a year-round, combined effort among the three churches in town, the schools, and the town of Hartland. Throughout the year, the Christmas Project provides financial and material support for Hartland residents in need. In the holiday season, the Christmas Project works with families and individuals to ensure that all members of our community have gifts and food with which to celebrate the holiday. For more information, contact Jill Lloyd, Beth Rice, or Paul Sawyer.



NOVEMBER 26—TBA

TURKEY SUPPERS!



HARTLAND CHURCHES YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE 2017-2018

All events are on Sundays unless otherwise noted

- NOV 3:** *Friday–Tentative!* Dartmouth Hockey Game
- NOV 12:** 5-6:00 pm –Junior Youth at the UCC Church
- NOV 12:** 6:00 pm–at the UCC Church–Mission Trip slide-show, and introductory information session for all 8th graders, senior youth, parents, and anyone else who is interested!
- NOV 12:** 6:30–8:00 pm–Senior Youth at the UCC Church
- NOV 19:** 9:00 am–1:00 pm–Mission Trip Fundraiser Brunch at the UU Church
(joint Thanksgiving service 10-11:15 am)
- DEC 3:** Youth Group Meetings at the UCC Church–Jr. 5-6:15 pm, Sr. 6:30-8 pm
- DEC 10:** 4:00 pm–Carol Sing and Cookies at the UCC Church–*Not just a youth event–open to all!*
- DEC 10:** 5:30 pm–Youth Group Hartland Christmas Project Volunteer work, at the UCC Church, pizza & games to follow!
- DEC 17:** Youth Group Meetings at the UCC Church– Jr. 5-6:15 pm, Sr. 6:30-8 pm.
Holiday parties with Yankee Swap!
- JAN 7:** Youth Group Meetings at the UU Church–Jr. 5-6:15 pm, Sr. 6:30-8 pm
- JAN 21:** Youth Group Meetings at the UU Church–Jr. 5-6:15 pm, Sr. 6:30-8 pm
- JAN 28:** 9:00 am–1:00 pm–Mission Trip Fundraiser Brunch at the UCC Church.
- FEB 4:** Youth Group Meetings at the UU Church–Jr. 5-6:15 pm, Sr. 6:30-8 pm
- FEB 16:** *Friday–7-9 pm–Junior High Game Night at the UCC Church!*
- FEB 25:** Youth Group Meetings at the UU Church–Jr. 5-6:15 pm, Sr. 6:30-8 pm
- MAR 4:** 9:00 am–1:00 pm–Mission Trip Fundraiser Brunch at the UU Church.
- MAR 11:** Youth Group Meetings at the UCC Church–Jr. 5-6:15 pm, Sr. 6:30-8 pm
- MAR 25:** Youth Group Meetings at the UCC Church–Jr. 5-6:15 pm, Sr. 6:30-8 pm
- APR 8:** Youth Group Meetings at the UCC Church–Jr. 5-6:15 pm, Sr. 6:30-8 pm
Mission Trip commitment and \$100 due to Lucia! Mission Trip paperwork will be available.
- APR 29:** Youth Group Meetings at the UCC Church–Jr. 5-6:15 pm, Sr. 6:30-8 pm
- MAY 6:** Youth Group Meetings at the UU Church–Jr. 5-6:15 pm, Sr. 6:30-8 pm
- MAY 20:** 5-6:00 pm–Last Junior Youth at the UU Church
- MAY 20:** 6:00 pm–at the UU Church–Mission Trip Logistics Meeting–***All Paperwork Due!***
- MAY 20:** 6:30–8:00 pm–Last Senior Youth at the UU Church

Mission Trip 2018

July 22-29!

Mission Trip Brunches

October 22 at the UCC

November 19 at the UU

January 28 at the UCC

March 4 at the UU

Mission Trip Initial Information Meeting

November 12 at the UCC

Mission Trip Commitment and \$100 Registration Due

April 8

Mission Trip Forms Due and Logistics Meeting

May 20 at the UU



ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

About Membership in the First Universalist Society of Hartland Four Corners

Our congregation is made up of both “members” and “friends,” with varying degrees of commitment to our work. Whether you formally join our congregation as a member, or whether you prefer to consider yourself a non-member “friend,” you are welcome and encouraged to participate actively in the life of our church community.

What it Means to Be a Member of Our Congregation

Members of our congregation are those who have made a formal commitment to our community by “signing the book”—declaring their commitment publicly by setting their signature to our book of membership, in consultation with our minister.

According to our by-laws, membership is available to all those over 18 years of age who:

- “State that they are in agreement with the purposes of our Society and of the Unitarian Universalist Association”
- Are willing to participate in the work and activity of our community
- Are willing to support our work with their time, energy, and resources

There is no set time frame or specific guideline about when you might choose to become a member, but we do ask you to spend some significant time learning about the mission, history, theology, practices, and culture of our congregation through regular attendance, through our “Introduction to Unitarian Universalism” sessions, and/or through conversations with our minister and other leaders of our community.

Members of our congregation can serve in volunteer leadership positions on our governing board, board of trustees, and our committee on ministry, and can vote in congregational meetings (please note that our by-laws require that to vote to amend our by-laws, or to call or dismiss a minister, an individual must have been an active member of the congregation for at least a full year).

Members are entitled to the services of the minister and the use of the church building for rites of passage (weddings, memorial services, child dedications, etc.) at no cost.

Members are formally considered “Unitarian Universalists” by the Unitarian Universalist Association, and receive *Unitarian Universalist World* magazine at no additional cost.

What it Means to Be a “Friend” of Our Congregation

Friends of our congregation are welcome to participate in nearly all aspects of the life of our church, including attending programs and services, serving on committees, leading lay-led worship, and, of course pledging to support our work financially.

They are not eligible to vote in congregational meetings, or to serve on our governing board, committee on ministry, or as a trustee. They can, however, serve in other leadership roles in church life, including serving as a champion of an activity.

“Active” Membership Status, Moving Away, and other Concerns

We ask members of our congregation to maintain their “active” status through ongoing participation and/or support of our congregation. Members who discontinue participation or support of our congregation, for whatever reason, may be listed in our records as “Inactive” and may need to reactivate their membership in order to vote or to hold a leadership position.

Even members that move out of town are welcome to remain as “active” members, through regular financial or other support and through making an effort to stay connected in some fashion with our congregation.

For those who move either to or from our region, it’s good to know that Unitarian Universalist tradition allows individuals to be members of more than one congregation, provided the member meets the requirements set forth by each congregation. Under the same stipulation, we are also open to members who continue to hold ongoing membership in communities identified with other faith traditions.

Youth who are active participants in our congregation are welcome to become members after their 18th birthday, and can be considered active members during their young adult years, even if their work or school commitments leave them unable to participate regularly in the life of our congregation. We do not have a formal “confirmation” program for our youth. Youth considering membership should speak with the minister.



PLANNING FOR OUR DECEMBER HOLIDAY SERVICES 2017



It's only November, but good celebrations take good planning, attention, and time, so we're already beginning to prepare for next month's special Holiday services. In addition to regular seasonal observations and reflections during the December Sundays, we'll also have a special Earth-centered Winter Solstice celebration the evening of December 21, and two services on Christmas Eve, one at 7:00 and one at 9:00 pm.

So please contact Paul now if you would like to:

- serve as a reader on Christmas Eve
- offer special music or artwork for any of our services
- join with your family to light the Advent wreath or the Hanukkah menorah on a Sunday morning
- participate in any way in our Winter Solstice service and celebration
- offer any ideas or suggestions for our services, or to share anything else that's on your mind related to this festive season in our church community!



Be a guest at your own party

THE RED APRONS

Red Aprons provides support for all kinds of gatherings.

Our services include:

- Event Planning
- Kitchen and food management
- Buffet and serving
- Clean up

The program is not only a fund raiser for the Church but also a great way to promote it to the wider Upper Valley community.

If you are planning an event, please see our web page at www.hartlanduu.com/redaprons or call us at (802) 738-0255.

If you would like to participate in this work, please contact Joan Fariel or Chuck Fenton at (802) 738-0255. **We always need more volunteers.** And **for those who have volunteered, a BIG THANK YOU!**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Deepening Our Faith in Community

Throughout the month of October, the children of the FUSH Religious Education (RE) program learned about Hospitality and practiced lots of "Faith in Action." We happily harvested and shared the bounty of our churchyard apples with the congregations during coffee hour and Turkey Suppers. The children enjoyed making pies and pressing cider—learning the methods and of course, eating the final products! A special thank you to Heather, Jess, Sara, and Todd who helped with the process and to those who donated ingredients and tools so generously. We hope to make this an annual tradition. Perhaps we can even plan a special gathering with a warm fire and live folk music in the years to come. The children have many ideas!

The "Faith in Action" energy from October is snowballing right into November. Oops, too soon to mention snow?! I feel like we are silly squirrels scrambling to store away acorns! The RE program has some vital tasks to complete before the deep freeze and we are hoping to gather a crew to help. Let us first pause in gratitude for the strong community we share and the abundance of resources to work with. We are truly blessed!

After service on Sunday, November 12th, we have a special afternoon planned that the children need your help with. The children will be hosting a small hospitality party/yurt tour during coffee hour, followed by a potluck lunch. After we clean up we will head over to Sam's yard for the pallet chicken coop building project. Builders of all skill level are welcome! And finally, taking a rest, we will skip over to the Hop at Dartmouth to view the new film "Jane." This film is about Dr. Jane Goodall's inspiring life and work as a scientist and activist. Tickets are available at a discount if we purchase ten at a time. Let Sam know by email if you'd like tickets. Here are links to view the "Jane" film trailer and to purchase tickets if you'd like to join us in viewing the film:

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/jane-the-movie/>

<https://hop.dartmouth.edu/Online/jane>

In the Spring of this year, the children formed a community action group we have called the "Hero's Journey Club." This stemmed from Dr. Jane's "Roots & Shoots" organization which empowers youth to take action and make a difference in their community. In this program, children can choose a service learning project having to do with humans, animals, and/or the environment. Of course our young UU's felt it important to highlight the interconnected way of all beings and the Earth, so they chose a project that enhances all three categories at once.

Here is our "Roots & Shoots" story:

In our weekly meetings, on Sunday during service and during our "Hero's Journey Club" meetings, we often meditate on our feelings to cultivate compassion and empathy for all beings. Almost every week we hear from each other how animals bring us such joy.

When asked to come up with a service learning project, the children initially focused in on animals. Part of the beginning stages in forming a "Roots and Shoots" project is community mapping. In this process, we saw that a lot of animals in our community were farm animals- used for their product and not for their companionship. The children would like to raise awareness that all animals have feelings and can be part of the "Hero's Journey Club" when it comes to sharing love and joy. A message we would like to convey is that the language of love translates across all perceived barriers: religion, ethnicity, culture, race, gender, and even species.

After deciding we wanted to have chickens as pets, we began to think about the bigger picture in the planning stage. We learned about permaculture techniques and decided to apply them to a yard space that we have available to use. We mapped out the yard space and will build a chicken coop and fence out of recycled pallets. We plan to plant raised bed gardens and a spiral herb garden. In this project, the children emphasized that they only wanted the chickens to be pets and not raised as a commodity. We will donate the eggs they lay to the local food shelf. In this way, animals and humans are connected in a humane way. The children also noted that humans and animals are connected through loving interaction; by holding and petting the chickens. They love them! We hope to grow lots of vegetables and fruit to donate to community dinners and the food shelf. The chickens will keep the bug population down so we will have a high yield from our crops.

The children will be hosting informational workshops throughout the year to educate the community on small scale organic home-steading. They have planned using permaculture techniques, which work in harmony with nature, and we hope to spread these concepts. We will know that campaign is successful when community members and organizations around town recognize the "Hero's Journey Club" and ask us to participate in their program or next event. We will document our findings with photos, video, and written articles or quotes. We aim to present and celebrate our success in early June during the Children's Flower Ceremony.



Buddha squirrel. Artwork by Paul Brown.

OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM IN NOVEMBER:

Sunday, November 5th- Children's Chapel (Faith)

Sunday, November 12th- Faith in Action (Roots & Shoots)

Hospitality Party / Yurt Tour (11:30 AM -12 PM)

Potluck Lunch (12- 1 PM)

Chicken Coop Building (1-3 PM)

Jane (Hop Film @ 4 PM)

Sunday, November 19th- Guest Artist (Thanksgiving Centerpieces)

Sunday, November 26th- Spirit Play (Gratitude)

****Blue dates indicate that we need one or two volunteers to help with RE activities.****

Please contact Director of Religious Education, Sam Cronin, by email if you'd like to participate in our RE program! Her email is: dre.hartlanduu@gmail.com.

A NEW FUSH WALL CALENDAR IS HERE!



This fundraising effort will help you remember important 2018 church dates with room for your own information. Filled with photos of our community, this calendar is a great, useful tool for your home or office, and makes a great gift. Calendars are \$15 each. See Sara Morin to purchase or see a sample.



SAMHAIN AND ALL SOULS





**DEADLINE FOR
 DECEMBER
 NEWSLETTER
 CONTENT: NOV. 20**

If you have photos of
 people or places in our
 church community, please
 send them to David Morin
 at sporin@gmail.com for
 possible inclusion in the
 newsletter.

NOVEMBER 2017 CALENDAR

FRI	NOV. 3	Food Shelf
	NOV 3-9	Paul in Albuquerque, NM for an Installation Service and Meeting
SUN	NOV 5	Daylight Savings Time Ends—Fall Back! 10:00 am—Worship & Children's RE—Worship Circle After Service—All Church Clean-Up Party!
FRI	NOV. 10	Food Shelf
SUN	NOV 12	9:00 am—Combined Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary 10:00 am—Worship & Children's RE—Worship Circle After Service—Second Sunday SoUUp Sale! 5:00-6:00 pm—Junior Youth Group at The UCC Church 6:00 pm—Youth Mission Trip Information Session at the UCC Church 6:30-8:00 pm—Senior Youth Group at The UCC Church
MON	NOV 13	7:00 pm—Governing Board Meeting in the Parsonage
FRI	NOV. 17	Food Shelf
SUN	NOV 19	9:00 am—Combined Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary 9:15 am—Youth Brunch Prep in the Fellowship Hall 10:00 am—Worship & Children's RE Combined Thanksgiving Service at our Church After Service—Youth Fundraiser Brunch at our Church
THURS	NOV 23	Noon—Community Thanksgiving Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
FRI	NOV. 24	Food Shelf
SUN	NOV 26	10:00 am—Worship & Children's RE—Worship Circle