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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

**FEB 4 LOVE IS THE DOCTRINE—LOVE AND THE PUBLIC GOOD
PAUL SAWYER**

An introduction to February's worship theme, "Love and the Public Good," with reflections what love means in the public sphere, where everyone from the President to Subaru claims to be acting on the side of love. The collection will benefit WISE of the Upper Valley.

FEB 11 LOVE AND CHOCOLATE

For Valentine's Day, and the annual chocolate auction, some reflections on love and what's good for us, and what's not so much. The collection will benefit Planned Parenthood of Northern New England. Our annual Chocolate Auction will take place following the service.

**FEB 18 LOVE—"LIVING WITH DEMENTIA"
PAUL SAWYER WITH REV. JANE DWINELL AND SKY YARDLEY**

"Living with Dementia" is a straightforward, first-person look at what it's like to live with dementia. Rev. Jane Dwinell, retired UU minister, and her husband, Sky Yardley (diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2016 at age 66), share what their life is like now, and give hope for those who have or may have dementia. They live in Burlington, VT with their son, Sayer, and his partner, Emma, where they like to garden, play on the lake, engage in interesting board games, and take in a round of disc golf whenever possible. Hoping to help erase the stigma of this disease, Jane and Sky have a blog where they share their experiences: <http://alzheimerscanyon.blogspot.com> At the request of Jane and Sky, the collection will benefit Dementia Action Alliance

FEB 25 HEALING: SERVICE IS OUR PRAYER

Health care providers from our church will join together to discuss the healing work they do in the light of their Unitarian Universalist beliefs. Participants will include, Tom Haushalter, who recently completed a chaplaincy internship at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center; Gary Shapiro, who works as a minister to those in hospice; Jill Lloyd, who is a nurse-practitioner with experience in many settings, including as a health care provider visiting isolated patients; and Michael Denmeade, who works as a recreation therapist at Mt. Ascutney Hospital. The collection will benefit an organization nominated by the worship leaders.



LOVE IS THE DOCTRINE OF THIS CHURCH

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SOCIAL ACTION CIRCLE

Gathering February 4

The FUSH Social Action Circle will hold an open-to-all meeting after the service on Feb 4 (starting ~11:45 am). This meeting will focus on concerns for the condition of the Earth's environment.

We will first gather in a circle in the Fellowship Hall to hear the environmental concerns of each person. At 12:30 we will break for a pot luck lunch and regather at 1 PM to discuss specific action steps.

Suggested discussion and environmental actions this season include:

- recycling of plastics that are contaminating our world;
- loss of habitat for animals and plants;
- and other environmental concerns.

We will use the time after lunch to discuss specific steps that each person can take to further the social action goals of our church community.

Please plan to attend and share your concerns and ideas.

For more information you can contact us at 802-738-0102 or visit us on the FUSH web site under "happenings".



Love in Action

COFFEEHOUSE & OPEN MIC

Saturday March 3, 6:30–9:00 in our Fellowship Hall. Join us for a laid-back evening of live music, poetry, coffee and desserts. Everyone is welcome, spread the word!

HARTLAND COMMUNITY PROM

Saturday, March 24 • 7 PM – 10 PM

Come for a great night of dancing in a terrific community. Everyone is welcome. Come alone, with a date, or with your family. Wear what makes you happy, dress up or dress down. Parents strongly encouraged to attend with kids 13 and under. Our theme this year is SUPER HEROS and we'll have an awesome Rice Krispi Bar!

\$10 per person • \$30 per family maximum



OFFERING RECIPIENTS

FEBRUARY 2018

Our regular collections during Sunday morning worship are dedicated each week to an organization 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.

FEBRUARY 4

WISE OF THE UPPER VALLEY

Founded in 1971 as a resource center for women in the Upper Valley, WISE soon became known as a needed safe space for women and as an important and effective organization working to counter domestic violence in our region. WISE provides advocacy, crisis services, and community education to those affected by domestic and sexual violence and stalking throughout the Upper Valley. Their mission is "to lead the Upper Valley to end gender-based violence through survivor-centered advocacy, prevention, education and mobilization for social change." More information is available at <http://www.wiseuv.org>



FEBRUARY 11

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

Planned Parenthood of Northern New England offers reproductive and general healthcare services across our region, including clinics located in West Lebanon and Claremont. Planned Parenthood's work in advocacy, education, and direct services is a vital force in promoting sexual health in our wider society. Planned Parenthood is also a strong supporter of our Our Whole Lives comprehensive sexuality education programs. More information is available at www.plannedparenthood.org/ppnne



FEBRUARY 19

DEMANTIA ACTION ALLIANCE USA

Dementia Action Alliance USA is a non-profit national advocacy and education organization of people living with dementia, care partners, friends and dementia specialists committed to creating a better country in which to live with dementia. They work to: educate about stigma and misperceptions; support well-being and a focus on the whole person rather than just their dementia symptoms; advocate for inclusion and accommodating dementia as a disability needing compensatory strategies for changing abilities; promote person- and relational-centered care practices; identify beneficial technologies; and connect and engage people as much more can be accomplished working together. This organization was nominated for our support by our guest speakers for this Sunday. You can learn more at <http://daanow.org/>



Dementia Action Alliance
Powered by People with Purpose

FEBRUARY 25—TBA

The Offering on February 25 will support an organization nominated by our worship leaders for this service.

HARTLAND CHURCHES YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE 2018

All events are on Sundays unless otherwise noted

- FEB 11:** 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!



GET READY FOR THIS YEAR'S CHOCOLATE AUCTION!

A Chocolate Extravaganza is coming on Sunday, February 11 in time for Valentine's Day. This is our 10th Annual Live Chocolate Auction. In past years we have had between 40-50 items for bidding at this FUSH fundraiser.

For those who haven't been to one of these super-fun auctions, this is how it works:

1. On the date of the auction chocolate items will be received in the Fellowship Hall before the worship service.
2. After the service there will be a very brief coffee hour (more like a ¼ hour) along with a chocolate fondue.
3. During this time the chocolate items can be viewed and everyone is urged to pick up a bidding number.
4. Once everyone is seated the live auction will start promptly at 11:15 am. There will be items set aside for only children to bid on with their own bidding number. All items need to be sold within the hour, so this goes along quickly.
5. Once finished, along with your bidding number, go to the cashier's table, get a confirmation of all items you won, pay for them (cash and checks are accepted, not credit cards) then pick up the items.



For this auction bakers are needed to donate their favorite chocolate dessert or anything else, just as long as it has chocolate in it. If you have something to donate please be aware that not all bidders will be from our church, so the items need to be on plates or in containers that you don't need back. Also, please provide the name of your item along with the ingredients so people with allergies will be aware of what's in it.

In weeks leading up to the auction we will be offering a raffle for a \$100 gift certificate to our marvelous next-door neighbor Skunk Hollow Tavern. The tickets are \$5 for one and \$20 for 6. The winner will be chosen during the Chocolate Auction just in time to take your loved one to dinner on Valentine's Day.

If food-creation is not your specialty, you can help by soliciting some special chocolate item or gift certificate for donation from local restaurants, bakeries, and stores. For more information or if you would like to help before or during the auction contact Nancy Walker at 603-863-0066 or nancy.mr.walker@gmail.com or see her at the church office on Fridays 10:00 am-2:00 pm.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Winterim 2018: A Ruckus For Love

February brings themes of love--- touching upon the heart of our UU faith---and the Religious Education program is ready to make A Ruckus For Love! Our Winterim production is well underway and the children have all chosen their parts to play. This year, the children and RE staff have crafted a story based upon the poem "A Ruckus" by Thacher Hurd.

So what exactly is a ruckus? There are several interpretations of the word, so after reading the poem "A Ruckus," we have decided to use the definition of: a noisy commotion. And sure enough Sunday mornings in January were full of noisy commotions! Out in the parsonage, the children worked hard, brainstormed, and got creative. Together we came up with their characters and mission in the play through song, collage art, and storytelling games. And good news is that there is still time to join in the fun---children and adults! What positive passion would you make a ruckus for? Here are some ideas the children came up with: For Peace on Earth, For a Healthy Environment, For All Beings to Be Happy, For Compassionate Care of Animals, For Fun, and of course...For Love!

We will continue working (and playing) until showtime on Sunday, March 11th. For those who wish to engage in the process, even more than our regular Sunday morning time, we will have several extended practice times. Please see the schedule below for details.

Volunteers for the Winterim play are welcome! Please contact DRE, Samantha Cronin, in person or by email to discuss participation: dre.hartlanduu@gmail.com.

Our Religious Education Program February & March:

Green dates indicate that we may need one or two volunteers for our RE program.

Sunday, February 4th- Winterim

Sunday, February 11th- Winterim

Sunday, February 18th- Winterim

Extended practice hours 11-1pm
(SCRIPTS handed out!)

Sunday, February 25th- Winterim

Extended practice hours 11-1pm

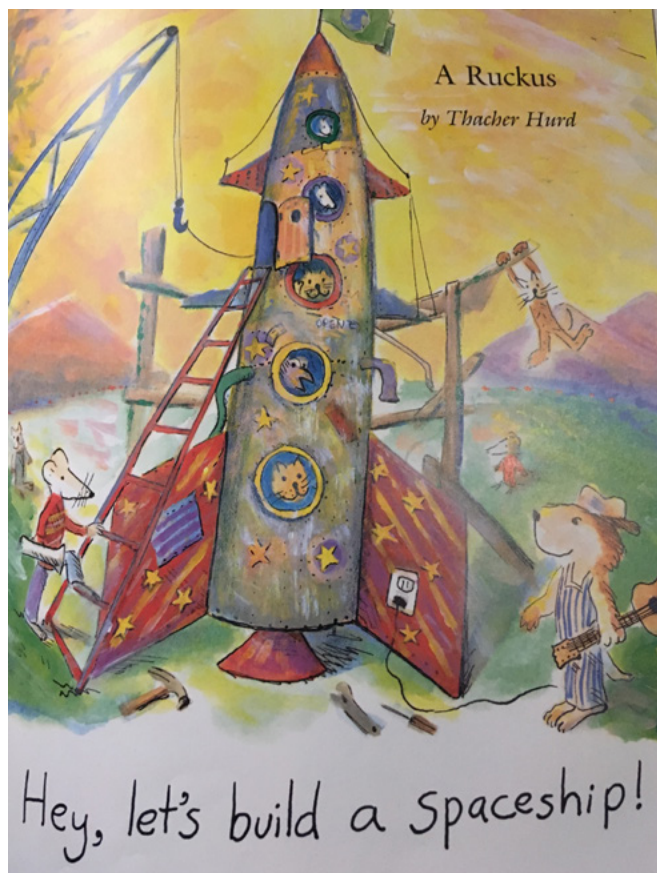
Sunday, March 4th- Winterim

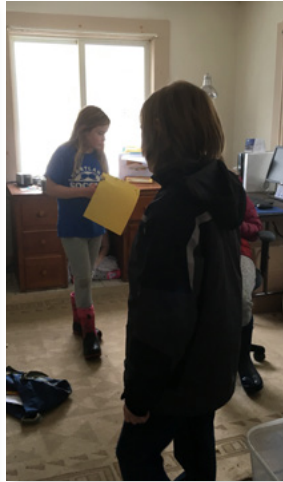
***Saturday, March 10th- Winterim Dress Rehearsal
and Dinner***

Sunday, March 11th- Winterim Presentation

Sunday, March 18th- Children's Chapel

Sunday, March 25th- Faith in Action:
Seeding Starting





FUSH WOMEN'S RETREAT

It's been a year since the empowering Women's March of 2017. The time feels right to reflect, replenish, and connect again through fellow sisterhood. **A retreat will be held at FUSH on Saturday, February 3rd at 6:00 pm** for a potluck dinner and then head to the sanctuary for reflection and of course some laughter so as to not take ourselves too seriously. The intent of the retreat is replenish our spirits through reflection, connection and an opportunity to individually ascribe for ourselves a guiding word to bring us through the new year. I fondly remember the magical serenity of the sanctuary at night over many years of RE sleep-overs, so those who are game, bring mattresses and sleeping bags for a sleep-over. For questions call Jill Lloyd 436-2385 or Nancy Foote 436-2605.



ADULT CHOIR

The Adult Choir will rehearse at **9:00 a.m. on Feb. 11 and Feb. 18** to sing in the service on the 18th.

SOUUPER SUNDAY

The second Sunday of each month, the menu is SOUUP! The varieties are endless -- hearty, international, vegetarian, gluten-free, meat-based, some you've never tried and all DELICIOUS! They are inspired and home-made by our church family. Bring some! Buy some! Last month, Souper Sunday raised \$165 in support of our church!



ISO HOSTS FOR SPRING COFFEE HOURS



Coffee Hour is a relaxing hour following the weekly service for FUSH members, friends and guests to meet, greet, and communicate. Please help us make this special time live up to its potential by volunteering to host one coffee hour this spring.

To sign up go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c4aabee2aa2f85-coffee1>. The SignUpGenius system allows you sign up right now as you read this request rather than remembering to do so the next time you are at the Church. It also allows you to change your date if needed. Most importantly, it will send you a reminder e-mail 3 days before your Sunday.

This job is not very complicated and involves the following.

- Bring snacks (something sweet and something not sweet) along with half and half for the coffee. Coffee and sugar are provided.
- Set-up the machines for regular coffee, decaf coffee & hot water. Set out cups & mugs, teaspoons, sugar jars, & creamer pitchers.
- Clean-up. Generally, you can depend on several people to help to do this.

Full instructions will be sent to you when you sign up and the coffee making instructions are also posted in the Fellowship Hall on the end of wall cabinet to the left of the Bunn coffee maker.

One person is sufficient, but you can always get a friend or partner to help you. If you will have a co-host, please provide the name of your co-host in the provided box.

Thanks, Sarah - 802-436-2774 or brewsterscroft@vermontel.net

THE RED APRONS

Red Aprons is the hospitality service of our Church. It provides support service for all kinds of gatherings. Our services include:

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

Now in its fourth year, Red Aprons is a big fund raiser for the Church and a fun way to be together while promoting FUSH to the wider Upper Valley community.

If you know of someone planning a dinner party, reception or birthday please visit the web page at www.hartlanduu.com/redaprons or call (802) 738-0255.

This is a great way to meet new people and serve our congregation. Please consider participating in this work. For info 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!



Be a guest at your own party





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.



**DEADLINE FOR
FEBRUARY
NEWSLETTER
CONTENT: FEB. 18**

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.

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FEBRUARY 2018 CALENDAR

- FRI FEB 2 Food Shelf
- SUN FEB 4 10:00 am—Worship & Children’s RE—Paul Sawyer
11:45 am—Social Action Circle Gathering—Earth’s Environment
- FRI FEB 9 Food Shelf
- SAT FEB 10 6:00 pm—FUSH Women’s Retreat
- SUN FEB 11 9:00 am—Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am—Worship & Children’s RE—Paul Sawyer
After Service—Chocolate Auction!
5:00-6:30 pm—Junior Youth Group at our Church
6:30-8:00 pm—Senior Youth Group at our Church
- MON FEB 12 7:00 pm—Governing Board in the Parsonage
- FRI FEB 16 Food Shelf
- SUN FEB 18 9:00 am—Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am—Worship & Children’s RE
Paul Sawyer with Rev. Jane Dwinell and Sky Yardley
Deadline for the February Newsletter
- FRI FEB 23 Food Shelf
- SUN FEB 25 10:00 am—Worship & Children’s RE—Worship Team—Healing
5:00-6:30 pm—Junior Youth Group at our Church
6:30-8:00 pm—Senior Youth Group at our Church

