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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

#### MARCH 4 THE FAITH OF NOT-KNOWING: HUMILITY AND THE COMMON GOOD

An introduction to this month's worship theme: "Humility and the Common Good" with reflections on humility, holy curiosity, and faith.

*The collection will benefit the Cornish Rescue Squad.*

#### MARCH 11 "A RUCKUS"—RE WINTERIM PRESENTATION

The children of our Religious Education program will lead our service as the culmination of their Winterim activities, including a dramatic presentation based on the poem "A Ruckus" by Thatcher Hurd. The collection will support an organization chosen by our children.

*Please note that Daylight Savings Time starts this week. Turn your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday Night, so you're not late for church.*

#### MARCH 18 WELCOMING THE SPRING AND LEARNING TO FALL

As we greet the vernal equinox with expectation and joy, some thoughts on our paths through the cycle of life and death, and the hope that can arise through faithful humility, even in the face of the truth that to be alive means to be on the path toward death.

*The collection will benefit The Turning Points Network "Steppin' Up to End Violence" project.*

#### MARCH 25 HUMILITY AND CIVILITY—BECCA WHITE

Reflections on our theme for this month, "Humility and the Common Good" with a special guest speaker, coordinated by Becca White.

*The collection will benefit an organization nominated by our guest speakers and worship leaders.*

# LOVE IS THE DOCTRINE OF THIS CHURCH

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# SOCIAL ACTION CIRCLE

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## Report on Our February 4 Gathering

The FUSH Social Action Circle has adopted a campaign to identify ways to minimize use of plastics both personally and in the community. Focus groups at the Feb. 4th gathering identified several actions to work on, including

- Getting educated about plastic pollution of our environment and alternatives to plastic.
- Take the 28 day plastic purge.
- Using glass/paper/metal containers for food storage;
- Using non-plastic food wraps;
- Writing letters to the editors of local papers regarding local plastic pollution issues.
- Contacting local political reps to initiate changes in local/state regulations regarding plastic disposal and recycling.

For more detail, please go to the Social Action webpage or call 802 738-0102.



**Love in Action**

## HARTLAND COMMUNITY PROM

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**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

## MARCH 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.*

### MARCH 4—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 one of a 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.



### MARCH 11—TBA—AN ORGANIZATION CHOSEN BY OUR CHILDREN



### MARCH 18—TURNING POINTS NETWORK "STEPPIN' UP TO END VIOLENCE"

Based in Claremont, NH, Turning Points Network strives to end all forms of domestic abuse, sexual assault and stalking. Founded in 1977, Turning Points Network serves Sullivan County and surrounding areas and offers emergency shelters, education, support services, advocacy programs for children and victims of abuse. This collection will be part of our effort to support TPN through our team in the "Steppin' Up to End Violence" march, taking place in Claremont on

May 5. Our church member Pat Whitney serves as the chair of the board of directors of TPN, and Dianne Rochford has been actively involved in supporting this organization for many years. More information is available from Pat, Dianne, or at <http://www.turningpointsnetwork.org>



### MARCH 26—TBA—AN ORGANIZATION NOMINATED BY OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

## 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, Souuper Sunday raised \$165 in support of our church!



# 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 publically 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, trustees, or committee on ministry. 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.



# HARTLAND CHURCHES YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE 2018

*All events are on Sundays unless otherwise noted*

- 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!

*In February, our Youth made Valentine's Day cars and treats for delivery to some of our Senior community members.*



# OPEN MIC & COFFEE HOUSE

**Saturday, March 3rd  
6:30pm – 9pm**

*Join us for a laid-back evening of  
live music, coffee and desserts.*

## ALL ARE WELCOME

Unitarian Universalist Church Fellowship Hall  
Hartland 4 Corners, Hartland, VT

## ADULT CHOIR

Adult Choir will rehearse at 9 a.m. on **Sunday, March 25th** and **Sunday, April 1st**, to sing in the Easter service on April 1st.

Since there are five Sundays in April, the choir schedule for that month will be:

Choir rehearsal at 9 a.m. on Sunday, April 15th and Sunday, April 22nd, to sing in the service on the 22nd.

# CIRCLE DINNERS

## Don't forget to sign up for a circle dinner in March!

The Connections Circle Is Sponsoring Two Pot Luck Circle Dinners For March:

**SATURDAY, MARCH 10 AT 6 PM**

Helen And Gary Shapiro's Home  
1643 Hammond Hill Rd.  
West Windsor (Hartland Side)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 23 AT 5:30 PM**

Patty Talbot's Home  
476 Quechee Rd.  
Hartland

If you are interested, sign up at FUSH by the blackboard or email: Sue Taylor: [suetaylor158@gmail.com](mailto:suetaylor158@gmail.com)

If you would like to host a Circle Dinner in April, please email Sue or Rhoda Moore: [rhoda.seekingpeace@gmail.com](mailto:rhoda.seekingpeace@gmail.com)

## UU•101

### SUNDAY, MARCH 11 FROM 12-2 PM

Our minister Paul Sawyer will lead a discussion of Unitarian Universalism theology after the Sunday service. There will be an opportunity for the sharing of spiritual journeys. This is a workshop for people who are new to the Church and who want to explore our faith or who have questions about UU theology. Members and friends who want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism are welcome too. Lunch and childcare provided.

Please RSVP to Sue and David Taylor at [dstaylor342@gmail.com](mailto:dstaylor342@gmail.com) or 603:675-6566.

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



## 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](http://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!



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## A Ruckus For Love & Humbly Planting Seeds

The Religious Education program is ready to make A Ruckus For Love! Our Winterim production is well underway and the children are practicing 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? A ruckus can be defined as a "a noisy commotion." Sundays in January & February were full of noisy commotions, out in the parsonage, as children brainstormed and got creative. Together we came up with their characters and mission in the play through song, collage, and storytelling games. We even crafted our very own rocket ship out of recycled materials--- young rocket scientists we have here! We will continue working (and playing) until showtime on **Sunday, March 11th**. Please join us in service as we share themes of peace, harmony, adventure, growth, friendship, freedom, and of course, LOVE!

After all the ruckus has subsided, on the Sunday following our big production, we will hold Children's Chapel. We will be exploring this month's theme: Humility. We will humbly bow to each other in celebration of our teamwork and success. And to round out the month, we will enjoy a peaceful morning on 3/25. The morning after our 2018 Hartland Community Prom has to be kind of relaxing! So we will garden and meditate---embracing the change of seasons with Be Peace: Seed Starting.

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

### Our Religious Education Program, March 2018:

Sunday, March 4th- Winterim Practice:

Scripts handed out! 10-11am

(Break for Youth Group Brunch)

Extended practice hours 11:45am-1pm

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

Sunday, March 11th- Winterim Presentation: A Ruckus For Love

Sunday, March 18th- Children's Chapel: Humility

Sunday, March 25th- Be Peace: Seeding Starting

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



Rocket science blueprints:  
Aidan, Caitlin, Elkie, Jack, Lily, Remy.

*Names in alphabetical order  
(not aligned with art pieces)*



### 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 APRIL NEWSLETTER CONTENT: MAR. 18

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



## MARCH 2018 CALENDAR

- FRI MAR 2 Food Shelf
- SAT MAR 3 6:30 pm—Coffeehouse/Open Mic in the Fellowship Hall
- SUN MAR 4 9:15 am—Youth Brunch Prep  
10:00 am—Worship & Children’s RE—Paul Sawyer  
After Service—Mission Trip Fundraiser Brunch at Our Church
- FRI MAR 9 Food Shelf
- SAT MAR 10 1:00-5:00 pm—RE Winterim Dress Rehearsal and Dinner
- SUN MAR 11 10:00 am—Worship—Winterim Presentation  
*Daylight Savings Time Begins* After Service—SoUUp Sale!  
11:30-1:15—Introduction to Unitarian Universalism Session (UU•101)  
5:00-6:30 pm—Junior Youth Group at FCCH  
6:30-8:00 pm—Senior Youth Group at FCCH
- MON MAR 12 7:00 pm—Governing Board Meeting in the Parsonage
- FRI MAR 16 Food Shelf
- SUN MAR 18 10:00 am—Worship & Children’s RE—Paul Sawyer  
Deadline for the April Newsletter
- FRI MAR 23 Food Shelf
- SAT MAR 24 7:00-10:00 pm—Community Prom at Damon Hall
- SUN MAR 25 9:00 am—Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 am—Worship & Children’s RE—Worship Team  
5:00-6:30 pm—Junior Youth Group at FCCH  
6:30-8:00 pm—Senior Youth Group at FCCH
- THUR MAR 29 7:00 pm—UCC Maundy Thursday Tenebrae & Communion Service at FCCH—UU’s welcome
- FRI MAR 30 Food Shelf
- SAT MAR 31 5:00-7:30 pm—FUSH Seder in the Fellowship Hall
- SUN APR 1 6:00 am—UCC Easter Sunrise Service, Hammond’s Hill in Hartland Village—UU’s welcome!  
9:00 am—Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 am—Worship and Children’s Religious Education Easter Sunday

