



# The Vermont Conference of the United Church of Christ



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## Purpose (from the Gospel of Matthew):

*To love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength and our neighbor as ourselves*

## Vision:

*United in Christ's love, a just world for all*

## Mission:

*United in Spirit and inspired by God's grace, we welcome all, love all, and seek justice for all*

Weekly E-News Fall Edition

October 19th, 2023

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Dear Beloved Community in the Vermont Conference,

In our world, the world God created and loves including all its inhabitants, it's been a sad and painful week. The conflict erupting in Israel Palestine has left peoples divided and violence the only answer for violence. I want to share some UCC resources for you and your congregations that were lifted up by Dr. Peter Makari, transitional executive of Wider Church Ministries and Common Global Ministries. He writes:

"I am linking the three Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) statements that have already been issued. CMEP is an ecumenical coalition of which the UCC is a founding member. We have been active as a board in this past week, including offering an ecumenical voice through these statements:

**<https://www.ucc.org/churches-for-middle-east-peace-condemns-violence-calls-for-prayer-and-implores-global-leaders-to-address-war-between-hamas-and-israel/>**. All three statements can be found on this single page.

In addition, the UCC signed an ecumenical letter to members of Congress last Thursday, which can be viewed here:

**<https://www.globalministries.org/disciples-and-ucc-join-ecumenical-community-in-letter-to-congress-on-crisis-in-israel-palestine/>**.

An action alert was issued, associated with that letter:

**<https://p2a.co/rjgLBEEd>**

And last Friday, we issued another (ecumenical) action alert that is more comprehensive: **<https://www.globalministries.org/3rd-thursday-action-alert-call-for-a-ceasefire-end-the-gaza-blockade-and-provide-safe-spaces-for-gazan-non-combatants-release-and-do-not-harm-hostages-oppose-further-militarization/>**

There are updates posted frequently on this page:  
<https://www.globalministries.org/topic/Gaza2023/>. I hope this digest is helpful.”

Finally, I leave you with a prayer written by my colleague, David Long-Higgins and used with his permission.

### Night of the Soul - A Prayer for the World

Loving God,  
Bind up this old world  
Addicted to retribution  
Often expressed in violence  
Tearing apart the threads  
Of Your human fabric  
Meant for mending  
Into flourishing goodness  
Beauty and joy.

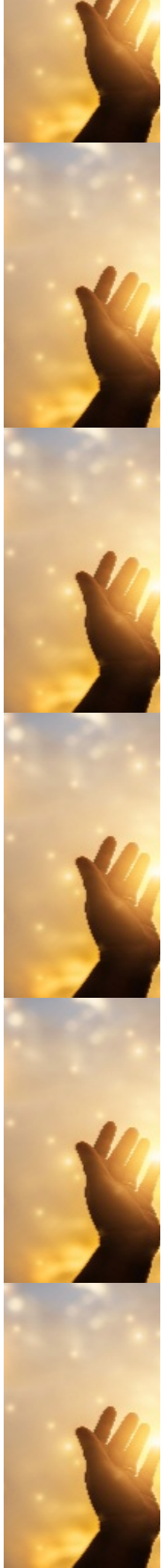
Interrupt the inertia  
Of evil's unchecked ego  
Crushing hope at every turn  
Taking prisoner the vision  
Of shalom You set loose  
Through prophets of old  
Bearing a word ever-new.

Transform every urge  
Toward terror's tremor  
Quaking the earth  
And widening the chasm  
Between your creatures  
All born as beloved  
Through Your great grace.

Let no history of hurt  
Or deep despair of today  
Be stronger than the vision  
You persistently place  
Before Your human family  
Bearing life out of death.

By Your Resurrection power  
Divide this night of the soul  
Pervading Your human family  
And shine Your light of healing  
Revealing a new way  
Replacing the rehearsal  
Of ancient animosities  
Daring to crowd out  
Your life-bearing blessing.

Yes, bind up the world  
With Your life-giving Word



Reshaping our speech  
Forming a new creation  
Out of every current of chaos  
Daring to drown in despair  
The hope You seek to offer.

Form Your promised pulse  
Of Loving light in us  
Awakening Christ's call  
And claim on our lives  
To reverence and love  
Even our enemies  
And thereby discover  
The world made new.

By this of You, O Love,  
Divide this night of soul  
With Your bright light  
Of loving justice  
And bear in us all  
A new beginning.

Amen. So be it.

Lynn

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## Latest News

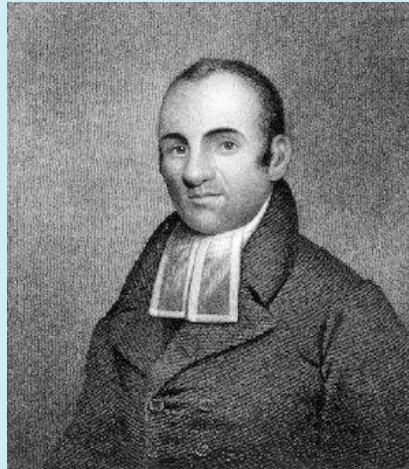
### 250 YEARS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN WEST RUTLAND!!!



October 20th marks the [250th year of the Congregational church in West Rutland](#). On October 20th, 1773 Rev. Benajah Roots and 14 people incorporated themselves into a church. Since then the church, now called the United Church, has worshipped in four buildings.

The first building was a log meeting house near the present entrance to Evergreen Cemetery. It was used from 1773 to 1788. The second building was a wood-framed church on the south end of Pleasant Street. It was used from 1855 to 1885. The third building was across the street and was used until 1885. The fourth building is a brick church on the corner of Chapel and High Streets in downtown West Rutland. It was built in 1886 and is presently still in use as the United Church.

Over the years, the church has been served by many ministers. The most notable was the church's second pastor, [Rev. Lemuel Haynes](#). Rev. Haynes was the first black congregational minister to serve an all-white congregation. He served from 1788 to 1818 and was known to be a powerful preacher who ministered well to his congregation.



The present interim minister is the Rev. Pete Hults. He and his wife Jean are natives of West Rutland and grew up in the [United Church](#). Their worship services are every Sunday at 10 am. Anyone who desires to worship is welcome. They are very proud to have been worshipping the glory of God for 250 years!

Read the 200th Anniversary Bulletin [HERE!](#)

Sunday, October 15th, Rev. Arnold Thomas lead a discussion on racial equity in Vermont at the First Congregational Church of Essex Junction.



# Holy Heat Pumps!

A Webinar on Heat Pumps for Faith Communities



How we cool and heat our buildings is a significant part of how we address the climate crisis. When it comes to Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems, heat pumps are a crucially important technology in the transition away from fossil fuels. This webinar will explain how heat pumps work and how government funds can be accessed by congregations for their purchase. We will hear a success story from a local faith community that installed both air-source and ground-source heat pumps. Finally, we will address frequently asked questions, such as, “What do you do with a building that has had radiator heating?” Even if you cannot make the webinar at its scheduled time on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm ET, still sign-up, and we will send you a link to a recording of it.

[Register now!](#)



## **UPDATE: Churches for Middle East Peace calls for de-escalation, humanitarian access and addressing systemic issues after war breaks out in Israel/Palestine**

by **Staff Reports** | published on Oct 8, 2023

UPDATED OCT. 10: The **following statement was issued Monday, Oct. 9** by **Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP)** — of which the United Church of Christ and **Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)** are members — after issuing an **initial statement Saturday, Oct. 7** (see **below**) regarding the ongoing conflict and violence in Israel and Palestine. CMEP held a **Pray for Peace online event** the morning of Oct. 9 and will continue to hold them on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. ET.

**Monday, Oct. 9 statement**

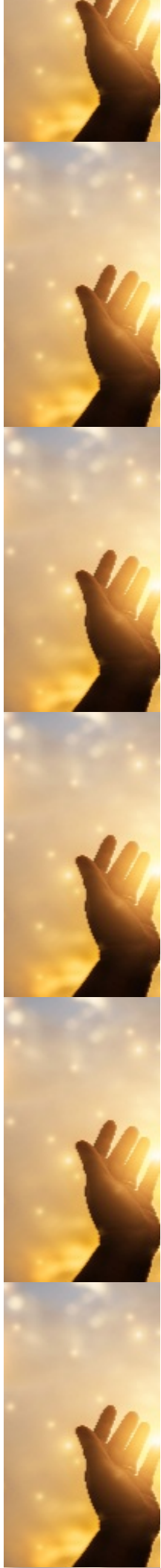
Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) continues to grieve the devastating loss of life in Israel/Palestine. As the numbers of those killed and injured climb, we ask people of faith to remain committed to praying and working toward

an immediate end to the violence. Yet, cessation of conflict will not automatically bring justice. Without attention to the core systemic issues of the war and the ongoing occupation of Palestinian territory, there will be no real peace. At a time when the rush by governments will be for more military responses, CMEP prays for the de-escalation of violence to prevail. We urge an escalation of diplomatic efforts by the United States, through the United Nations, and other regional bodies. Too many people are already grieving the loss of loved ones.

CMEP calls for an immediate end to all violence and calls for restraint from all parties. CMEP is deeply concerned by the prospect of an Israeli protracted military offensive and possible ground invasion into Gaza that could result in considerably more deaths and destruction and a broader regional war. **Half of the 2.2 million people of Gaza are children.**

CMEP abhors reports from the Israeli government that they have **shut off power, water, and fuel** to the people of Gaza. These actions constitute collective punishment, and **international law designates such actions as illegal and unconscionable.** The lack of water, electricity, fuel, and access to medical supplies will have a disastrous impact on millions of civilians in Gaza, especially those who need immediate medical attention. We urge the resumption of power, water, and gas for the people of Gaza. CMEP calls for the protection of access to humanitarian aid and the cessation of conflict so that emergency medical care can be offered.

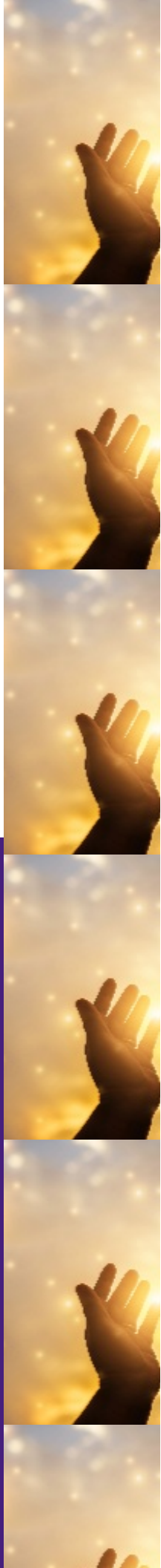
The call from Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu **telling Gazan residents “to leave”** is completely unrealistic given that all border crossings in and out of Gaza are closed, and leaving is not an option for the more than two million people living there. CMEP calls on Hamas to **do no harm and to release all hostages held in captivity.** CMEP continues to hold in prayer the families of those held hostage and the families of all who have been wounded or lost their lives already in the violence of the past few days. CMEP calls on the international community and the United States to stop supporting further militarization and pursue every alternative means to protect



all Israeli and Palestinian civilians.

The United States has long failed to serve as a constructive partner in helping to secure a just and lasting peace in Israel/Palestine. During heightened tension, CMEP implores the U.S. government to refrain from steps that only exacerbate the violence and increase the risk of expanding war into the broader region. Core issues of the conflict must be addressed, including but not limited to: ceasing the expansion of settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories; ending impunity given to settlers when they attack Palestinians, their homes, their lands, and religious sites; reversing de facto annexation of Palestinian land; ending the blockade of Gaza while ensuring the legitimate security needs of Israelis; ensuring freedom of access and movement for Palestinians. These are among numerous other issues that the United States and many in the international community have not held Israel accountable for decades.

While mourning the tragic events happening in Gaza and Israel, CMEP remains committed to prayer and the belief that peace is possible even in these devastating times.



# NEW WORKSHOPS FOR EVERYONE

**Building a world of justice and compassion takes both passion and training. Whatever your passion, our workshops provide the training with tools, knowledge, and confidence for taking action on any issue.**

 <b>FORMS OF SOCIAL CHANGE</b>	<b>SOCIAL LOCATION</b>	<b>ADVENT: EMBRACE THE DARK</b>	<b>INTRO TO PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY</b> 
<b>OCTOBER 17</b>	<b>OCTOBER 30</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 29</b>	<b>5-PART SERIES LENT 2024</b>
<p>Explore the difference between social service and social justice and the various forms of social change actions. Think strategically about the direction you wish to take in seeking to change the world and the methods used to do it.</p>	<p>Examine the identities you carry in the world and how it impacts your experiences.</p>	<p>In preparation for Advent contemplate the slowing down of winter and join conversation about the possibilities of embracing the darkness as both an anti-racist practice and a space for art, music, and meditation.</p>	<p>From Exodus to Jesus the Bible offers an ancient, enduring and relevant story about people living in the light of the love of God. Explore how the lessons and values of our faith tradition can inform our work to build a better world.</p>


**ALL WORKSHOPS: ONLINE ZOOM \$20/PERSON, SERIES \$75/PERSON**



**Interested in integrating faith and justice work into your life in meaningful and transformative ways?**  
 Take the leap into Jubilee, a 5-month online program. Starting in January 2024, accepting applications now.  
[www.justiceleadership.org/project/jubilee](http://www.justiceleadership.org/project/jubilee)

"I know I couldn't do what I'm doing now without this program. I'm on the state steering committee. I never thought that people would listen to what I have to say, that my vote mattered. But with this program I know it does and I have confidence I didn't before."  
 -Kim, 2023 participant





[www.justiceleadership.org](http://www.justiceleadership.org)  
[info@justiceleadership.org](mailto:info@justiceleadership.org)  
 Facebook and Instagram: Justice Leadership Program



## Bring A Swingin' Epiphany to your community



This 90-minute service of Lessons and Carols features The Swing North Big Band with readers from your community re-telling the Christmas story interpreted by jazz carols and swing standards.

See 2023's *Swingin' Epiphany* here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0fEXEv5Yzrk&t=26s>  
Contact Phil Brown, [stjjazz@stjjazz.com](mailto:stjjazz@stjjazz.com), for pricing and available dates.

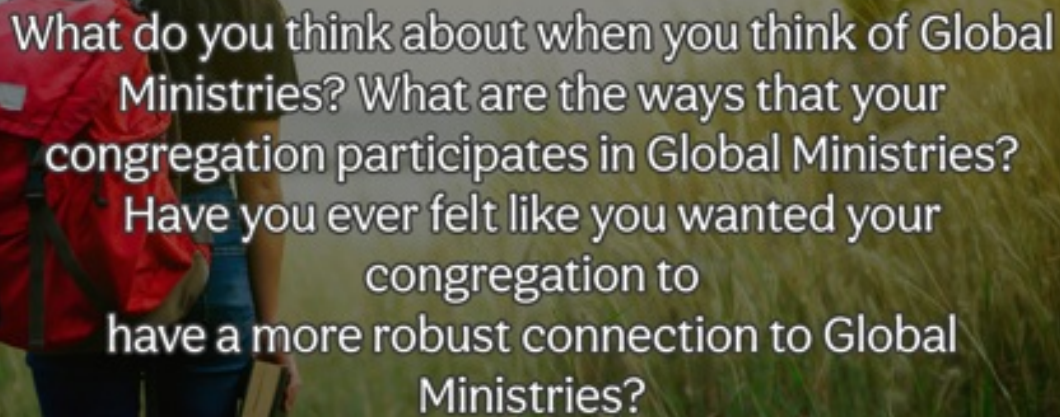


**Rev. Hadley Abernathy Bunting was ordained at the Charlotte Congregational Church on Sunday, October 1st!**

**Congratulations, Rev, Bunting!!!**



**You can watch it [HERE!](#)**



What do you think about when you think of Global Ministries? What are the ways that your congregation participates in Global Ministries? Have you ever felt like you wanted your congregation to have a more robust connection to Global Ministries?



If you think that the Vermont Conference being partnered with a church body in another country would be a good way for us to be on mission together, please let us know. This conversation is not even at the beginning stage. Your voice needs to be heard. Would you be in favor of our conference exploring and discerning what God might have for us in such a partnership? If so, please share your thoughts with Kimberly McKerley [kmbethanyucc@gmail.com](mailto:kmbethanyucc@gmail.com), Mark Mendes [mmendes@fcej.org](mailto:mmendes@fcej.org), or Ed Sunday-Winters [edsundaywinters@gmail.com](mailto:edsundaywinters@gmail.com)



"You are no longer strangers or foreigners, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of the household of God."  
Ephesians 2:19

## Fall Boundary Training Opportunities 2023

Have you done your boundary training recently?  
All classes are offered online, including a self-paced option!

*All Authorized Ministers in the Vermont Conference are required to complete boundary training every three years unless they have applied for exempt status. Please submit your most recent Boundary Training certificate of completion to the [Rev. Jackie Lingelbach](#), VT Conference Ministries Coordinator.*  
**Trainings from the New Hampshire Conference**

**Ending a Ministry Well: An Advanced Boundary Training Session**

Facilitated by: the Rev. Peter Ilgenfritz  
Date: Wednesday, November 15, 2023  
Time: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Format: via Zoom  
Fee: \$25.00

Register: <https://www.nhcucc.info/event-details/ending-a-ministry-well>

**The Foundations of Understanding Boundaries: A Basic Boundary Training Session**

Facilitated by: the Rev. Gordon Rankin  
Time: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Date: Tuesday, December 5, 2023  
Format: via Zoom  
Fee: \$25.00

Register: <https://www.nhcucc.info/event-details/the-foundations-of-understanding-boundaries>

***Additional online Boundary Training classes Fall 2023***

**Enkei Resolutions** – online training Cost: \$60

Oct 10 & 11 2-3pm EST/9am-12 PST

Nov 7 & 8 12-3pm EST/9am-12 PST

<https://enkei-resolutions.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Boundary-Training-Fall-2023.pdf>

**Leaderwise** - Online via Zoom Cost: \$85

Oct 23 & 24 from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm CST

<https://www.leaderwise.org/workshops-programs/not-your-average-boundaries-training-1-spdde>

**Convergence** – self paced online course that can be taken at any time. Cost: \$199.

Certificate provided on completion – turn into the Conference office.

<https://www.faithlead.org/p/boundarytraining-clergy>

**Happy Retirement!!**



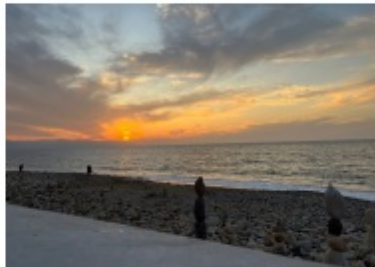
August 27th, 2023 was Rev. Evelyn Lavelli last day in the pulpit at the United Church of Hardwick.

Sept. 24th was Rev. Kathy Clarks last Sunday in the pulpit at the Federated Church of East Arlington.



# Boundary Training for Authorized Ministers

Sept 20 & 21 OR Oct 10 & 11 OR Nov 7 & 8  
9 am to 12 pm (PT) each day



The sun, the sea, and the sand are each aware of their own boundary and that of the other. This is what allows for the creation of a beautiful sunset.

<b>Facilitator:</b>	Rev. Dr. Diane Weible, Ordained Minister & trained facilitator
<b>Structure:</b>	Six hours divided into two Zoom sessions. three hours each day. For credit, participants must be fully present and participate in all sessions. Each topic will include a case study and be discussed as a group prior to breaking out into small groups for discussion.
<b>Topics Covered</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Power and Vulnerability</li><li>● Social Media</li><li>● Finances</li><li>● Pastoral Identity and Vocation</li><li>● Self-Care (burn-out, stress, compassion fatigue)</li><li>● Receiving Gifts</li><li>● Boundaries and Church Conflict</li><li>● When a Minister Leaves/Retires</li><li>● Ministers as church members/Ministers in Four-Way Covenants</li><li>● Cultural Boundaries</li></ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	\$60
<b>To Register:</b>	<a href="#">Register</a> by 5 p.m. PT, the day before the training is to start. Once you register and pay (these are separate steps), you will be emailed the Zoom link.

## Have you done your boundary training?

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### Online Boundary Trainings in Summer Fall 2023

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Leaderwise - Online via Zoom Cost \$85

<https://www.leaderwise.org/workshops-programs/not-your-average-boundaries-training-1>

## Monday, November 6, 5:30-8:30pm ET – Boundary Training for Retired Clergy

By request, we have added another BAT for those considering retirement or who are already in retirement. Join us for a focused conversation on boundary topics faced in retirement – identity, leaving well, exempt status, as well as a refresher on the Ministerial Code, power, and accountability. Led by Revs. Tara Barber, Melanie Oommen, and Anissa Glaser-Bacon.

### PRAYER CONCERNS

For the family and friends of Rev. Anne Melendy Hancock. [Click here for obituary](#)

For the family and friends of Rev. Christina J. Del Piero who passed away on July 17, 2023. [Click here for obituary](#)

For the family and friends of Rev. Neil C. Carr who passed away in Plymouth, Massachusetts on August 12, 2023.

We pray for all affected by the recent flooding and other natural disasters.

Prayers for all our first responders, volunteers who are working so hard during this difficult time.

For those grieving and harmed by and violence and hate.

### Upcoming Services

Aug. 31st, Rev. Peg Slater passed away and was returned to the loving embrace of our Lord after a period of declining health.

Peg was the loving wife of Conference Minister Lynn Bujnak.

If you wish to send your condolences, please send them



to:

Rev. Dr. Lynn Bujnak  
89 Clair Point Rd  
Burlington, VT 05408

Donations in Peg's memory can be made to  
UVM Home Health and Hospice:

**[click here to donate to the UVM Home  
Health and Hospice](#)**

Or the Hope Fund of the Vermont  
Conference, UCC

**[click here to donate to the Hope Fund.](#)**

Please put Hope Fund in the note box.

**[click here for the full obituary](#)**

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## **AROUND THE CONFERENCE**

(Please let us know what your Congregation is up to by sending an email to  
**[VermontConference@gmail.com](mailto:VermontConference@gmail.com)** .

You may just see yourself or someone you love in the eKit or our Facebook page!)

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**[Happy Birthday to our  
Clergy!](#)**

October 3rd  
Richard L. Bingham

**[Happy Ordination  
Anniversary to our Clergy!](#)**

[October 1st](#)



October 9th  
William E. Cobb  
Neil Carr

October 12th  
Sue Church  
Diana Marie Benjamin

October 13th  
Pamela Y. Lucas

October 14th  
Susanna K. Griefen

October 16th  
Dereen C.Vanderlinde-Abernathy

October 17th  
Diana F. Scholl  
Robert J Russell-Faling

October 19th  
Susan G. Mcknight  
Arnold Isidore Thomas

October 20th  
Jo Shelnett

October 21th  
Ivy J. Merrill  
Lava Mueller  
Jean A. O'Bresky

October 24th  
Laura Cadmus

October 26th  
Jessica Moore

October 28th  
Shawn Edward Bracebridge

October 29th  
Jared Hamilton

Mark Mendes

October 3rd  
Douglass Moore

October 4th  
Gail Dimick  
Joan Vincent

October 5th  
Paul Eyer

October 10th  
Alison Young

October 12th  
Paul Sangree  
Arnold Thomas

October 14th  
Katherine Arthaud  
Susan Church

October 16th  
Margaret Flad

October 18th  
Adrienne Carr

October 21st  
Evelyn Lavelli  
Susan Mcknight

October 24th  
Jeffery Cornwell

October 25th  
Alyssa May

October 27th  
Larrimore Crockett

October 29th  
Margaret Tooker

October 30th  
John Sanborn

October 31st  
David Vanderlinde-Abernathy



## Farewell, Welcome and Blessings

Pastoral Transitions since the 2022 Vermont Conference Annual Meeting

[For the most up to date information click here](#)

**Do you or your church want to apply for a Hope Fund grant?**



You can now find the application online [HERE](#) or by clicking the link above!

Please help us thank the wonderful Discernment Team members who helped make this application happen! Those team members are:

Rev. Paul Sangree (Associate Minister, Vermont Conference),  
Rev. Dan Haugh (Stowe Community Church),  
Rev. Mary Hoadley (Brownington Congregational Church),  
Rev. Jessica Moore (First Congregational, St. Albans),  
Rev. Lava Mueller (Love Church, Randolph),  
Rev. Paul Eyer (Williston Federated Church),  
Rev. Caryne Eskridge (Weybridge Congregational Church )

Please send all completed applications to [VermontConference@gmail.com](mailto:VermontConference@gmail.com).

OUR MISSION: TO HELP YOU STAY IN YOUR HOME —  
HAPPY, HEALTHY & CONNECTED!



SASH is **free** and available to  
Medicare-eligible people in our community.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP, CONTACT:**

Sue Balfe 802-989-3134

## VTCUCC CLASSIFIEDS

**First Congregational Church of Essex Junction** is currently looking to hire a Children's Ministry Coordinator.

### **Position Description:**

Coordinator for children's Christian Education programs for ages Nursery up through 5th grade. Primarily responsible for the Sunday morning Faith Formation program. Other children's programs with which the Coordinator may be involved currently include the Young Apostles "youth group" and summer Vacation Bible Camp.

### **Compensation:**

Hourly Rate: \$18-22/hour based on experience, equivalent for expected work hours of 10 hours/week with reduced responsibility mid-June to

mid-August.

Interested candidates may send resumes & cover letters  
to [welcome@fccej.org](mailto:welcome@fccej.org)

FCCEJ is an open and affirming church, serving all in the spirit of Christ.



**WE'RE  
HIRING!**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Stowe Community Church is seeking a Part-Time Administrative Assistant. This staff member attends to many different office and administrative duties of the church, to further the goals of the Pastor and church leaders. Primary responsibility would be book-keeping; recording donations, transfer deposits, preparing budget reports.

Any interested applicants should send a resume or a letter of interest to [jobs@stowecommunitychurch.org](mailto:jobs@stowecommunitychurch.org). The position is available for the right person to start immediately.



JUMP - the Joint Urban Ministry Project - an interfaith and community organization with support from many individuals, businesses, foundations and more than 20 faith communities - manages a direct services Drop-In Center (in donated space) at First Congregational Church UCC of Burlington, VT.

[Read Job Descriptions Here!](#)

## Client Services & Outreach/ Development Managers



*Based in Burlington, JUMP has been providing direct assistance to people in need in Vermont for 35 years. If you are a team player who cares about people and community, apply to work with JUMP!*

### **MANAGER OF CLIENT SERVICES:**

Manage JUMP Drop-In Center; meet with clients; allocate direct assistance; maintain records; supervise volunteers; collaborate with JUMP staff/leader team.

**MANAGER OF OUTREACH & DEVELOPMENT:** Coordinate JUMP communications, outreach, social media; JUMP Drop-In Center involvement, collaborate with JUMP staff/leader team.

Apply with letter and resume: JUMP, P.O. Box 1657, Burlington, VT 05402.

Positions @20 hours/week. Details: [jumpvt.org](http://jumpvt.org)

## Music Director Wanted

The Danville Congregational Church in Danville, Vermont is seeking a part-time Organist/Music Director. Responsibilities include providing organ/piano music for the church's weekly worship service, providing for/or performing anthems and special music at all services, directing the church's choir, coordinating guest musicians, etc..

Salary and hours are negotiable.

For more information please contact Rev. Douglas Carter.

[dcarter36@charter.net](mailto:dcarter36@charter.net) ; 802-684-1151

The First Congregational Church, UCC, of Burlington, Vermont is a progressive faith community, intentionally and enthusiastically in a time of visioning and transition. The Director of Congregational Life (DCL) will be passionate about creative and transformational ministries, working with the Lead Minister, church staff, and congregation to steward this progressive faith community into its next manifestation. This position will be the primary professional staff working to assist and guide member-driven teams in the creative development and implementation of programming throughout the church community. They will focus on two main areas of oversight: Congregational Care and Welcome; and designing and activating engaging



faith experiences for all life stages.

[Read more here!](#)

The **Bradford Congregational Church** of the United Church of Christ is searching for a part time organist/pianist. All interested persons should contact Pastor Jeff Long-Middleton. A job description is available upon request.

Phone: 978-273-6399

Email: [pastorjeffuccbradford@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjeffuccbradford@gmail.com)



[Read More Here!](#)

### **Vergennes is seeking a Sunday School Coordinator.!!!**

The Congregational Church of Vergennes, United Church of Christ, is an Open and Affirming congregation of 135 members seeking a Sunday School Coordinator. We are a vibrant, Christian community—full of life, music, and laughter. We have a long history of deeply appreciating the gifts of our staff in supporting an inclusive, loving, and compassionate ministry in the heart of our little city.

The pay rate is \$25 per hour, and the hours range from 8 to 15 hours per week depending upon applicant interest. We seek a person of faith with experience working with children, who will direct a program of stimulating and nourishing faith formation. If this sounds like the way you want to make a big impact in our community, please contact Rev. Elliott Munn at [elliott@vergennessucc.org](mailto:elliott@vergennessucc.org).

For more information, including the Job Description, please go to the church's website:

<https://www.vergennessucc.org/ccfmsearch>



### **First Congregational Church of Berlin is looking for a music director!**

First Congregational Church of Berlin (FCCB) seeks an enthusiastic Music Director to lead our vibrant music program. We are looking for an individual with skill and experience both as keyboardist (organ and/or piano) and as choir director whose music will inspire our congregation and invite participation from the larger community. As a “singing congregation”, we know that music is vital in our lives and welcome the opportunity to share in music from every genre and tradition.

Visit [www.fccbvt.org](http://www.fccbvt.org) to submit a question or a cover letter and resume. You can also mail your cover letter and resume to FCCB, PO Box 1157, Montpelier VT 05601-1157, or send email to [FCCBorganist@gmail.com](mailto:FCCBorganist@gmail.com). You can call us at 802-229-0338 with questions.

The Waitsfield United Church of Christ in Waitsfield, Vermont, an Open and Affirming church, is seeking a MUSIC DIRECTOR AND ACCOMPANIST to join our church ministry. We are seeking one person to fill both roles or two people to fill the two roles individually. This person should possess strong interpersonal skills, keeping lines of communication open between the choir and the pastor, and build and maintain relationships in the church.

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**Middle School Ministries Coordinator: First Congregational Church UCC of Burlington Vermont** is looking for a team player ready to work with youth in a great location – Burlington, Vermont! The person hired for this new part-time position will work with our great team to oversee programs and service-learning

opportunities, facilitating the spiritual development of youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade). You'll work with middle school youth on Sunday mornings at FirstChurchBTV and with our collaborative youth program (youth in grades 6 thru 12 from both the College Street Church and FirstChurchBTV) one evening per week and periodically on weekends. Learn more about this opportunity here: <https://bit.ly/middleschoolcoordinator> Approx. 6 hours per week - \$20/hour.

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**Music & Other Lay Ministries:**

**Music Director- North Pomfret Congregational**

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