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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 Winter Edition

February 29th, 2024

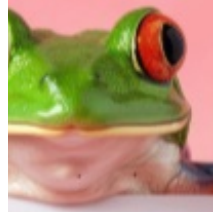
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The church in America needs revival. To some, it may seem like stating the obvious. To others, may seem like an outdated notion. Nevertheless, in too many instances, what the church has become in spin these United States bears little resemblance to the movement of God that we read about in the pages of the New Testament.

At its core, the Poor People's Campaign strives to be a moral revival. Some might dismiss it as a social justice movement on behalf of the poor because it is that. Others might dismiss it as a movement to lift up women, children, and our LGBTQIA you are a siblings because it is that. Mothers might dismiss it as a protest against an economy that always seems to have enough money to wage war, but run short when it comes to feeding the hungry, housing the homeless, and paying the living wage because it is that too. Just because it had all these things and more that is a way to renew and deepen our connection to Jesus. There's no sure way to find Jesus than to stand with The poor and marginalized in our world. What we do for and with the least of these are siblings, we do for and with Christ.

When is March 2nd on the statehouse lawn in Montpelier at 10:00 AM for a more revival the challenges the evils of systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, and the distorted morality of religious nationalism. Poverty is now



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the 4th leading cause of death in our country. The time for people of goodwill to act is now. This is a wonderful opportunity for the church to look like, speak like, and act like Jesus.

-Rev. Ed Sunday- Winters

WILL YOU BE JOINING US?

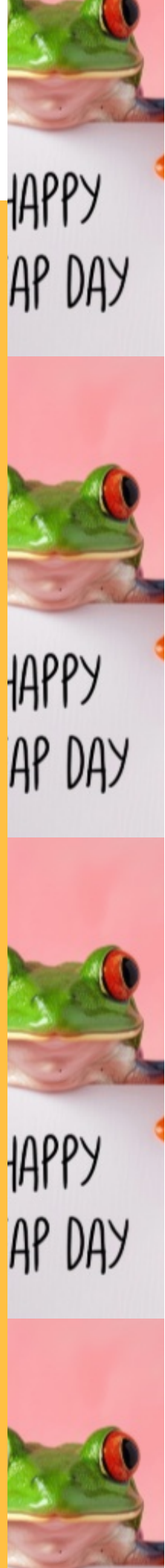
Let us know **HERE!!!**



Happy New Year, I hope you are doing well! My name is Ed Sunday-Winters. I co-chair the NEK hunger council, Today, I am reaching out to you on behalf of the Vermont chapter of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for a Moral Revival. I am involved with growing and strengthening our VT

chapter of this national campaign, including working toward a major day of action, coming up on Saturday, March 2nd, at the statehouse. I help you will consider helping us lift up and center the voices of those in our community most impacted by poverty. Here is some more details:

The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for a Moral Revival is a nationwide coalition of organizations, people of faith, and diverse individuals directly impacted by poverty who are collectively calling on state and federal governments to address the interlocking injustices of racism, poverty, the war economy, and ecological devastation. Poverty is the 4th leading cause of death in this country, and there are 140 million poor and low-wealth people in the US (almost half the population) who are at, below, or just one crisis



away from the "poverty line", while subsidies and policy preferences continue flowing to rich individuals and corporations. We believe you cannot address poverty without addressing the climate crisis, nor can we address systemic racism without addressing the war economy, and so on. It all goes hand in hand.

So we are building a diverse movement to develop the kind of power we need to make real change. Right now, we are building toward a major day of action (March 2nd) that will take place simultaneously at state houses across the country. The event is called the **Mass Poor People's and Low-wage Workers' State House Assemblies and To the Polls**, and comes 1 week ahead of Super Tuesday, a few days before VT Town Meeting Day, and 35 weeks ahead of the 2024 general election. We are asking organizations, faith groups, unions, and service providers, around the state, to partner with us by supporting this event, and by helping us to mobilize people from your networks to the statehouse on March 2nd.

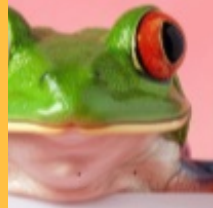
I hope your organization will consider partnering with us because of the bedrock commitment your work represents in our communities, and because of the deep connection we share in addressing the dignity and rights of the dispossessed, in order to address the health and wellbeing of all. Another key part of the PPC is giving the mic to the poor and dispossessed, and centering the lived experiences, shared by all of us, around poverty and precarity. We have the expertise to change the system, and we must lift from the bottom. If there were someone from your organization who might want to speak at our event in March, or ways that we can lift up the work you are doing, please let us know.

Here is a **partnering form** that spells out what we're asking, in terms of organizational support/partnering. And here's a **short 5 min video** explaining more. And attached are a couple of fliers also describing the event. March 2nd will include a short march to the statehouse (starting at the Montpelier transit center and ending at the statehouse), and the event will be held outside, weather permitting. There will be music, art, food, and speakers. Accessible porta potties onsite, and a warming location for gathering before, during, and after the event.

Let me know if you have any questions. With gratitude and appreciation for all that you do!

- Ed on behalf of the VTPPC

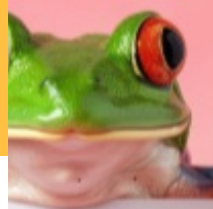
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Each church will be asked to bring a team of a Pastor and at least 3 lay people. Each of the above topics will be overviewed, and then each church will choose the two areas they wish to address first. Churches will be clustered in cohorts around these topics for a year of training and coaching. In my experience, the year of coaching helps a church to put the principles of a seminar into practice.


The Hope Fund is funding special scholarships for Vermont Conference churches to participate. We ask for \$100 for your church to come to the seminar (lunch included for all your participants) and \$250 for a year of coaching for your church.

**Saturday, March 9th from 9:30-3 at the
Federated Church of
Williston or online via Zoom.**

There is room for ONE more church to sign up for the Paul Nickerson event at the reduced Hope Fund rate! The first three churches that sign up will receive it!

REGISTER HERE!

ANNUAL MEETING 2024



ήταν ο λόγος, και ο λόγος ήταν ο Θεός. Ήταν σπινθηροειδή
τα πράγματα ήρθαν σε ύπαρξη μέσω αυτού, και χωρίς αυτόν δεν έγινε ούτε ένα
πλάσμα. Αυτό που δημιουργήθηκε μέσα του ήταν
η ζωή, και η ζωή ήταν το φως των ανθρώπων.
Το φως λάμπει στο σκοτάδι, και το σκοτάδι δεν
ήταν ένα άνθρωπος που αποστάλη από τον
Θεό, που ονομαζόταν Ιωάννης. Η μαρτυρία
να καταθέσει στα πρόσωπα για να
πιστεύουν όλοι μέσω αυτού.

CHRISTIANS ENGAGING WITH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

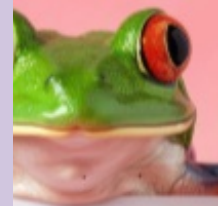
**APRIL 19-20TH, 2024
ESSEX JUNCTION, VT**

THE 229TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE VERMONT CONFERENCE
OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

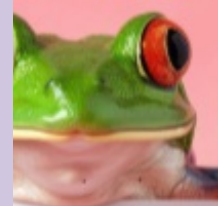
REGISTER NOW!!!

We have added two new workshops! Read about them below! If you have already registered and would like to change your workshop registration, email Elise [HERE!](#)

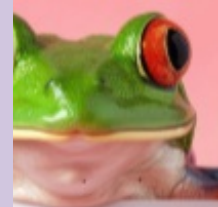
We are still looking to fill the positions of Parliamentarian



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and Scribes for our Annual Meeting, as well as help with our youth events! If you have any interest in these, or others, or would like to know more, just click the volunteer form below!

[Exhibitor Form](#)

[Hotel Information](#)

[Itinerary \(DRAFT\)](#)

[Volunteer Form](#)

New Workshop #1!!!

The Hope Fund Discernment Team invites you to come be filled with hope during our workshop! We will be inviting churches that have received Hope Fund grants in the past 6 months to share about the exciting things they are doing! We will also explain about how your church can apply for a Hope Fund grant in the future. Please join us for what should be a very special time together!

New Workshop #2!!!!

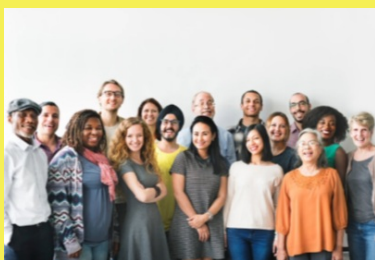
Considering land acknowledgements and reparations, "pretendians" and Abenaki peoples in our midst, many congregations are deciding how and if to engage with indigenous issues.

Providing resources for worship, current reflections and facts regarding the history and current issues impacting the Abenaki in Vermont, and possibilities for engaging in social action.

Sally Kerschner, Rev. Lise Sparrow and Joellen Tarallo and will provide a framework to help discern possibilities for congregations.

Participants will also have the opportunity to ask questions, share experiences and will take away resources for congregations to ponder.

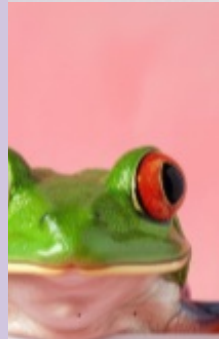
Ministry21: Equipping 21st Century Leaders for Ministry in a Changing World **A partnership of the Vermont and New Hampshire Conferences of the United Church of Christ**



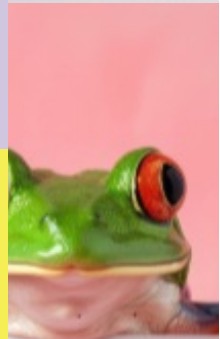
If you've attended Conference events lately, you'll have noticed that many of our churches are lively and joyful regardless of the size of the congregation. We have so much spirit, joy, and courage to offer the communities in which we serve! We are actively engaged in the ministry Jesus did, feeding bodies and souls, working for justice and safety for marginalized peoples, resisting the powers of war and divisive hatreds, and worshiping faithfully.



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To support the needs of these amazing churches for skilled leadership, our Conference is joining with our UCC neighbors in New Hampshire to develop Ministry21 — a partnership designed to help equip lay leaders for service in the Church through a three-year program of courses. Ministry21 will launch in September of 2024, bringing students together one Saturday per month to develop their skills and knowledge in preaching and worship leadership, the practical aspects of leading congregations, and pastoral tasks of caring for parishioners and engaging in ministries in the community. This program is particularly designed for licensed clergy and those potentially seeking licensure, as well as lay leaders who wish go deeper in their support of their local congregation.

One of the very life-giving opportunities for the local church is to take note of the gifts that are evident within the church family and encourage their development. If you are clergy or a lay-leader who has noticed the gifts of someone in your worshipping community, and you suspect they are being called to deeper learning and service within the church, please encourage them to contact Rev. Susie Webster-Toleno, the Vermont Conference Dean of Ministry21. Susie can be reached by text or phone at 802-579-8356, or via email: Ministry21.vtconferenceucc@gmail.com

NEAUCE Conference

Thu-Sat May 2 - 4, 2024



Keynote
Rev. Matt Carriker



Guest Speaker
Debbie Gline Allen

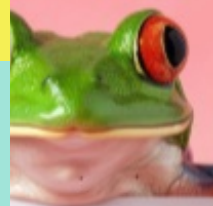


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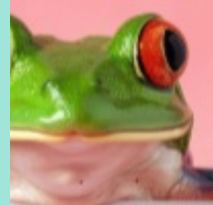
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Register [HERE!!!](#)

**Greetings NEAUCE Community,
We want YOU To Find Rest For Your Soul!**

Join us in **“Keeping Sabbath Sacred”** this May at NEAUCE 2024 on the beautiful Pilgrim Pines Campus in Swanzey NH.

Registration is open for the **53rd Annual NEAUCE Conference**. Gather with your colleagues for amazing worship, a variety of specialty workshops, networking, rich discussions, creative play, and relaxing opportunities.

Our Keynote, Rev. Matt Carriker will focus on **Sabbath Practices** that will guide us into long-term rhythms of rest amidst the busy, demanding schedules of our lives and ministries. In "Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in our Busy Lives," Wayne Muller says, "Without rest, we respond from a survival mode, where everything we meet assumes a terrifying prominence... a period of rest is not simply a human psychological convenience; it is a spiritual and biological necessity."

We have largely forgotten the Sabbath as a church. Jesus models a way of Sabbath as a refuge- setting aside a sanctuary in time to "disconnect from the frenzy of consumption and accomplishment and consecrate our day as an offering for healing all beings... the world aches for the generosity of a well-rested people." (Muller) Moving away from the legalistic, dreary Sabbath, Jesus invites us to reclaim the Sabbath not simply for self-care, but for the good of the church and the world. Come, explore together how this practice can offer nourishment, delight, savoring, and blessing.

Also joining us is **Guest Speaker Debbie Gline Allen, SNEUCC Minister of Faith Formation**. She will invite us all to explore the implications and implementations for Christian practices of hospitality that can lead to transformational congregational ministry fully grounded in a culture of welcome and acceptance. As faith formation leaders accommodate post-pandemic shifts and changes, this intentional perspective may be just what your church needs to enliven an intergenerational focus.

We are so excited to gather in person once again and meet new faces or reconnect with beloved colleagues from years in this ministry. Being a part of this three-day retreat is always magical, memorable, and transforming in so many ways.

Come, Rest, and Reclaim Sabbath in ways that are just right for you!

Kristin Putney
NEAUCE Chair

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The Seven Last Words of Christ by Franz Joseph Haydn



7 pm Wednesday, March 27th
1st Congregational Church
Berlin

7 pm Friday, March 29th
Memorial Baptist Church
Middlebury

Singers: Martha Peck, Linda Radtke
Brian Clancy, Jose Schmidt

String Quartet: Susan Janes, Patricia Fitzgerald
Jody Racht, Melissa Perley

Music of great power, anguish, tenderness, and love

Online Boundary Training Classes 2024

For Retired Clergy Only

Retired Minister Boundary Training with Rev. Tara Barber Thu, Mar 14, 1:30 – 4:30 pm ET

Maintaining healthy boundaries is challenging at any stage in ministry and it is particularly tender and difficult attending to boundaries as we transition out of our last call, and while in retirement. "A Sure Foundation", "The Ministerial Code" and Rev. Dr. Bruce Epperly's new book, "The Jubilee Years" along with case studies, will provide the content of this training. [Learn more & register.](#)

<https://ucc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUkf-6urzKjGtYbmv55ZNX6UfqWLdsB2PDK#/registration>

For All Authorized Ministers – Licensed, Ordained & Retired

Boundary Awareness Training: Through the Lens of Clergy Wellness from the Southern New England Conference UCC

Good professional boundaries allow ministry and those who do it to thrive with health and wholeness. Through the lens of clergy wellness, authorized ministers will renew their understanding of and develop skills for maintaining boundaries in an ever-shifting ministry landscape.

Upcoming Trainings are online via Zoom:

- [February 28, 2024, 9:30am-2:30pm](#)
- [June 5, 2024, 9:30am-2:30pm](#)
- [September 16, 2024, 9:30am-2:30pm](#)
- [November 12 & 13, 2024, 6:30PM-8:30pm](#) (both sessions must be attended)

The cost for the training is: SNEUCC Clergy - \$65.00; all other Clergy - \$85.00.

If you have questions regarding the training please contact Deb Holmes at holmesd@sneucc.org or 508-244-4399.

Enkei Resolutions – online training Cost: \$60

- February 13 and 14, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. (PT)
- April 10 and 11, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. (PT)
- September 4 and 5, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. (PT)

<https://enkei-resolutions.com/boundary-training-registration/>

Leaderwise - Online via Zoom Cost: \$85

MAY 15 & MAY 16 (3:00 PM TO 6:00 PM CENTRAL)

<https://www.leaderwise.org/workshops-programs/boundaries-training-may24>

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>

PATHWAYS Theological Education, Inc - PROFESSIONAL BOUNDARIES AND MINISTERIAL SELF-CARE -Synthesizing Courses (Level 3) - MP30606 - 1.5 Credits \$350

The website link is: <https://www.pathwaystheological.org/>

The registration link for this course is:

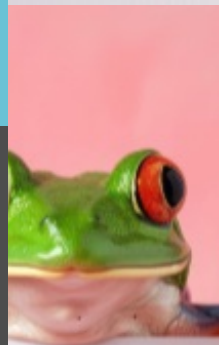
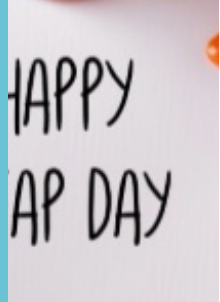
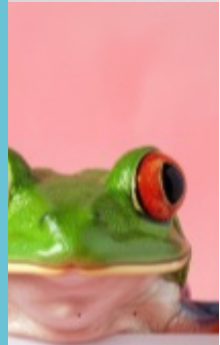
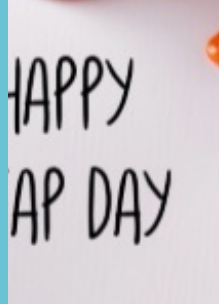
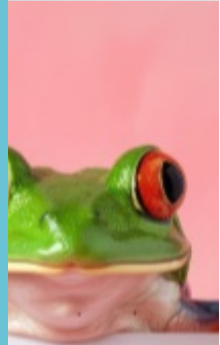
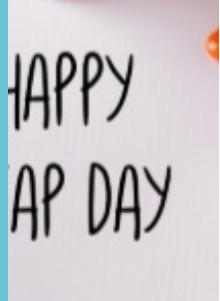
<https://www.pathwaystheological.org/index.php/programs/ministry-preparation/ministry-preparation-tagclasses/professional-boundaries-and-ministerial-self-care>

Required Texts

- Lebacqz, Karen, and Drickill, Joseph. (2000). Ethics and Spiritual Care: A Guide for Pastors, Chaplains, and Spiritual Directors. Abingdon Press. ISBN: 978-0-678-07156-2
- Gula, Richard M. (2010). Just Ministry: Professional Ethics for Pastoral Ministers. Paulist Press. ISBN: 978-0-80910463104

Isabel Wilkerson
Pulitzer Prize-winning author

Author of Caste: The Origins of Our





Discontents
 Virtual Presentation
 April 28, 2024
 6:00 pm
 Hilton Hotel
 60 Battery Street
 Burlington, Vermont

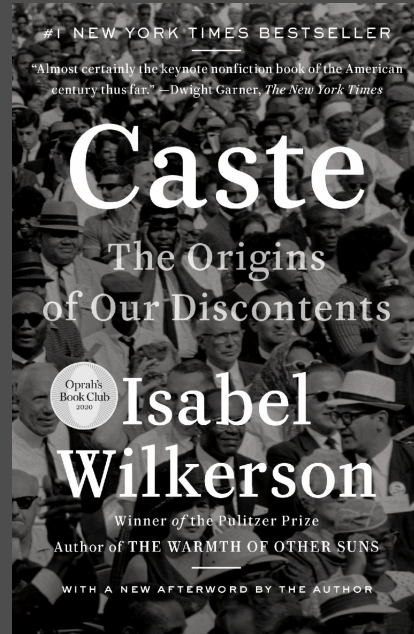
The Burlington Community is honored to welcome Isabel Wilkerson, Pulitzer Prize-winning Author, to give a virtual presentation on her new book, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*.

Please reserve an advance ticket for this event.

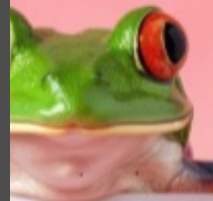
There will be a 30-minute presentation followed by a 30-minute Q&A.

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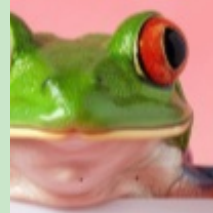
Urge Congress to prevent genocide by rejecting military aid to Israel and supporting UNRWA



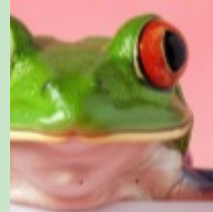
On Feb. 7, Israel **rejected** a cease fire proposal with Hamas that had been negotiated by the United States, Egypt, and Qatar. In doing so, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called the proposal "delusional," and called for the dismantlement of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA),

which provides essential services for millions of Palestinians throughout the Middle East, including in Gaza. PM Netanyahu also said that the war would continue until "Israel is completely victorious."

Since the escalation in violence on October 7 and the continuing Israeli assault on Gaza, more than 28,000 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza and almost 70,000 have been injured, with thousands still unaccounted for, **according to the UN**. To uphold the Convention on the



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Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, South Africa **argued in the International Court of Justice** in January that Israel that measures must be taken to save lives. On **Jan. 26, the ICJ ordered** that the Israeli government must take measures to prevent genocide and that the provision of humanitarian aid and basic services is required, among other things.

***We were heartened to learn that both of our senators voted against sending financial aid to Israel. ***

[Take Action Here](#)



SPRING '24 Webinars

7PM-8:30PM EACH NIGHT

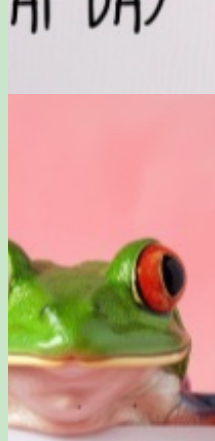
- 2/27/24. ONA 101 – Starting the Open and Affirming Journey.
- 3/19/24. ONA 201- We're ONA, What's next?
- 4/23/24. ONA and the Bible.
- 5/28/24. Beyond The Binary Panel: The spectrum of gender.
- 6/25/24. Unpacking Attraction with the Bible – A Deep Dive into Bisexuality, Pansexuality, and Asexuality.
- 7/30/24. Navigating Ethical Non-Monogamy & the Bible: Open Relationships, Polyamory and More.

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[How to Become ONA](#)

Greetings from Horton Center!

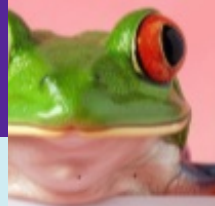
My name is Tivvi Pare and I am the Executive Director of Horton Center, the Outdoor Ministries site of the UCC in New Hampshire. Horton Center is an incredibly beautiful place where people of all ages come to rest, rejuvenate, reflect and relax! We have seven weeks



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of summer camping starting in late June and running through early August. Campers entering 3rd grade through 2024 high school graduates come for a week at a time to explore their faith, be part of an inclusive Christian community, try new things (rock climbing, archery, hiking, etc!), and make new friends. There are also opportunities for adults, families, and entire churches to come up to our mountaintop "thin" place!



I'd love the chance to connect with you and share more about the opportunities Horton Center holds for you, your youth, your churches and more!

Please complete this form and plan to attend an informational Zoom meeting so that I can meet you and provide more information about camp.

All are welcome at Horton Center!

Shalom,
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MATTHEW 5:13-16 (NIV)

SALT AND LIGHT

13 "YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH. BUT IF THE SALT LOSES ITS SALTINESS, HOW CAN IT BE MADE SALTY AGAIN? IT IS NO LONGER GOOD FOR ANYTHING, EXCEPT TO BE THROWN OUT AND TRAMPLED UNDERFOOT.
14 "YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. A TOWN BUILT ON A HILL CANNOT BE HIDDEN..



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15 NEITHER DO PEOPLE LIGHT A LAMP AND PUT IT UNDER A BOWL. INSTEAD THEY PUT IT ON ITS STAND, AND IT GIVES LIGHT TO EVERYONE IN THE HOUSE. 16 IN THE SAME WAY, LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD DEEDS AND GLORIFY GOD IN HEAVEN.

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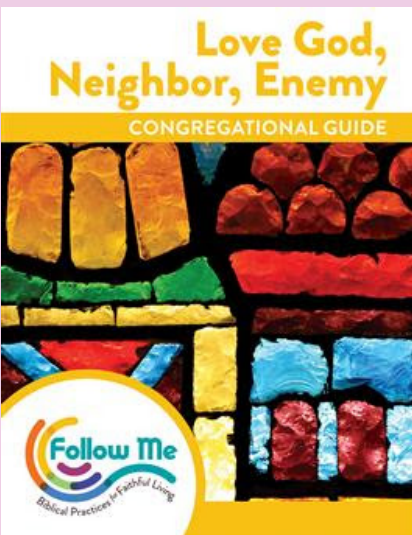
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Bedtime Stories and Prayers

Our Lenten gift to all. Invite your congregation to join us for 12 separate sessions of bedtime stories and prayers!

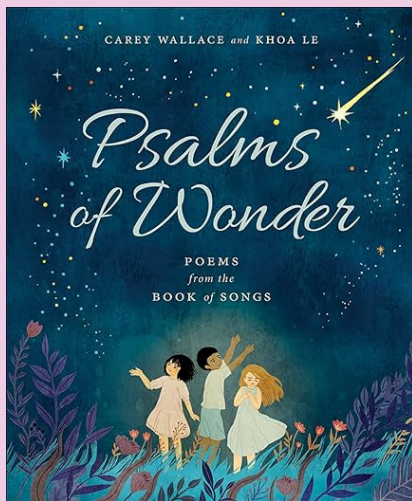
[Register Here!](#)



Follow Me: Love God, Neighbor, Enemy

Need to polish up your congregational plans? This congregational resource around the theme of loving God, neighbor, and enemy is excellent.

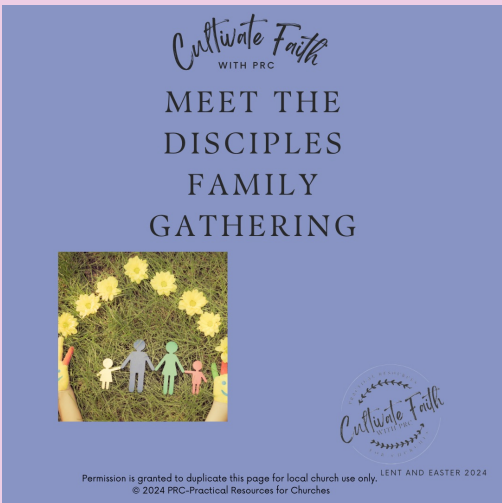
[Read More Here!](#)



Coloring the Psalms

I'm using *Psalms of Wonder* as the spine for two midweek multigenerational sessions of coloring the Psalms. Spread the tables with newspaper, pull out the watercolors and tempera paints, and let the people listen to you read Psalms while they respond through art. We'll be using these as liturgical art throughout the rest of the year.

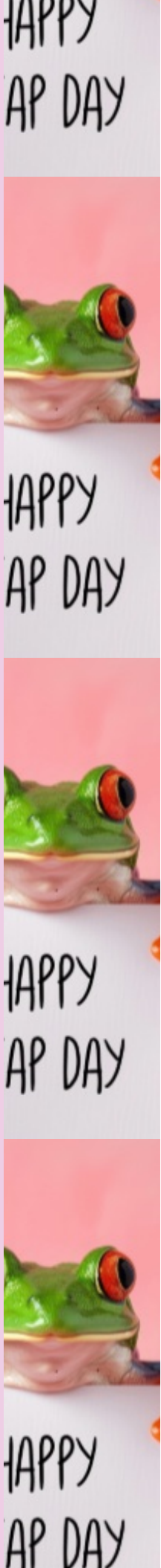
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Meet the Disciples Family Gathering

Looking for a Lenten gathering for all ages? Look at our Meet The Disciples family gathering. It introduces everyone to the disciples, gathers people to make friendship bracelets, and includes two games. Something for all ages!

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Click for More!



For more ideas and resources click the PRC above!

3/6/2024 - 4/23/2024

PROFESSIONAL BOUNDARIES AND MINISTERIAL SELF-CARE

Ethics are a set of principles for appropriate conduct. While often based on morals, which is the understanding of what is right and wrong, ethics differs from morality.



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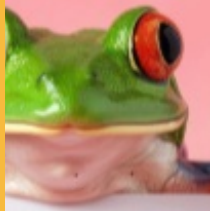


MEET THE FACILITATOR
Rev. Valerie Coe Lowder

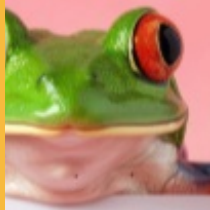
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Counselor Interest Survey



tinyurl.com/hortoncentercounselor

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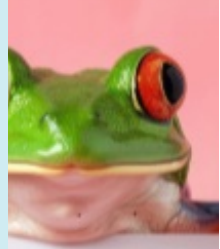
A week away in the mountains is just what you need! Come up to Horton Center and make the life-changing magic of Outdoor Ministries happen. Whether you're co-leading a faith discovery group, hiking along a river or ridgeline, reading a bedtime story, or (perhaps most importantly) scooping ice cream, YOU are changing lives and making a difference!

**Fill out the Counselor Interest Survey
here: tinyurl.com/hortoncentercounselor**

Plan to attend a Zoom information session to learn more about what it's like to be a counselor! Fill out the survey to register for a session.

- March 12th 7pm-8pm
- April 17th 7pm-8pm
- May 30th 7pm-8pm

It's Yearbook Time!!!



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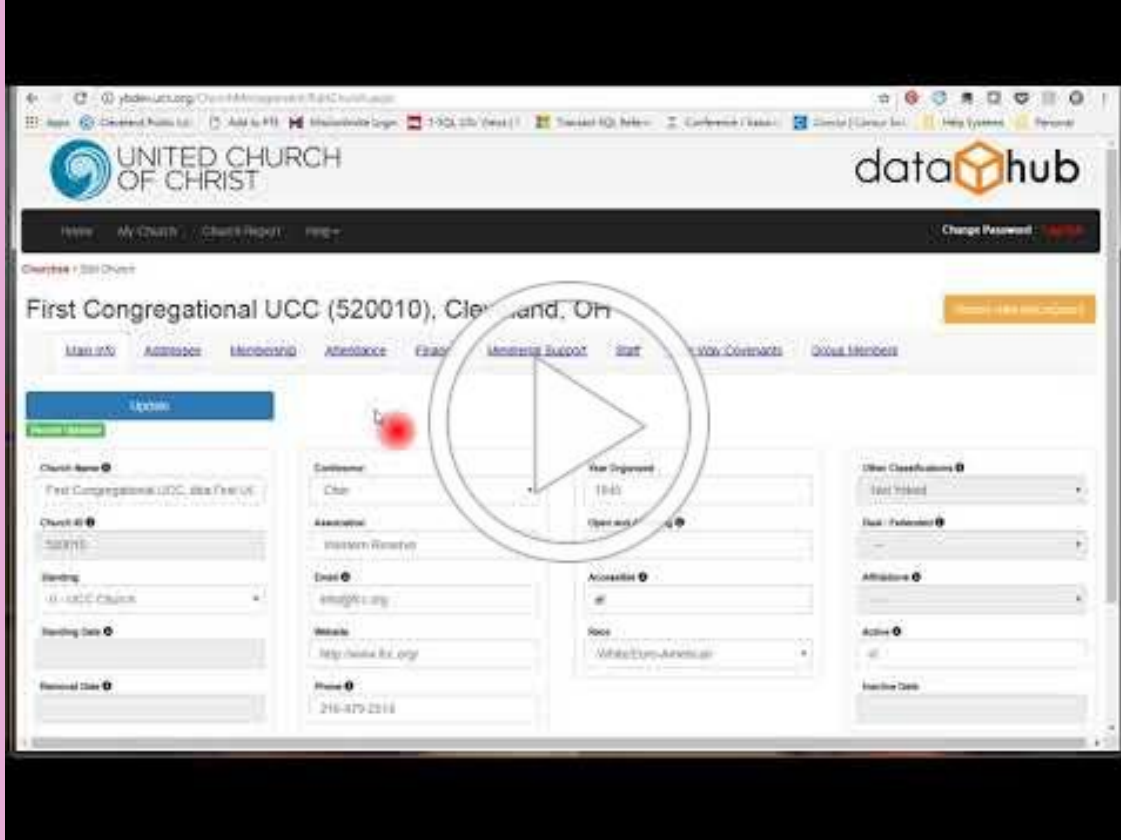


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Hi Friends!

'Tis the season for the national yearbook! I hope you are as excited as I am!!

[You can sign in here!](#)

[You can find instructions here!](#)

[You can find the paper form here!](#)

[And you can always email Elise here!](#)

PRAYER CONCERNS

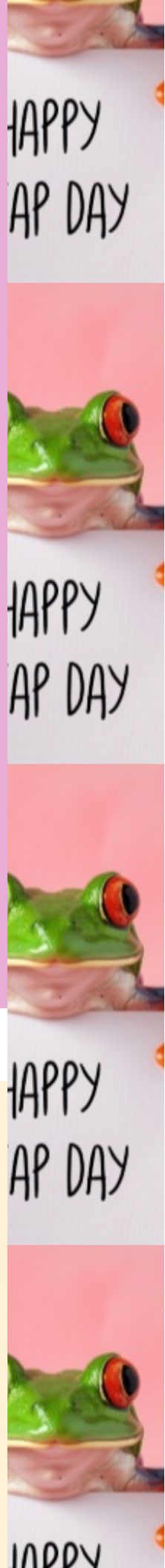
We pray for all affected by the ongoing work and recovery from flooding and other natural disasters.

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

For those grieving and harmed by violence and hate, including Hisham Awartani, Kinnan Abdalhamid, and Tahseen Ali Ahmad.

Reverend Doctor Harry R. Flad died peacefully on Saturday evening, December 30th, 2023 . Please keep all of Rev. Dr. Flad's family, friends, and colleagues in your prayers.

Reverend Richard White died peacefully, on January 2nd, 2024.



Please keep all of Rev. White's family, friends, and colleagues in your prayers.

Joan O'Gorman broke her shoulder in a fall and would appreciate your prayers. While she would love cards, please do not call her at this time.

Rev. Phil Hall passed away peacefully on January 22nd, 2024. Please keep all of Rev. Hall's family, friends, and colleagues in your prayers. His obituary can be found [HERE](#).

AROUND THE CONFERENCE

(Please let us know what your Congregation is up to by sending an email to VermontConference@gmail.com .

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



Happy Birthday to our Clergy!

February 6th
Sherry Baer
James Macintyre III

February 7th
John C Weatherhogg

February 13th
Margaret Wickham Tooker

February 20th
Harold E. Masback III
Gary O'Gorman

February 26th
Robin Junker-Boyce

Happy Ordination Anniversary to our Clergy!

February 3rd
Janet Langdon

February 4th
Richard E. Ringenwald Sr

February 8th
Cynthia Jane Batten

February 13th
Shawn Edward Bracebridge

February 15th
John N. Bixby Jr

February 23rd
Jenei Rossigg

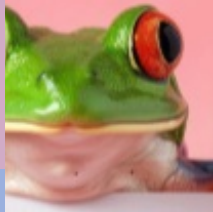
February 24th
Lucia A. Jackson

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Farewell, Welcome and Blessings
Pastoral Transitions since the 2022 Vermont Conference Annual Meeting
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Do you or your church want to apply for a Hope Fund grant?

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"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for, and certain of what we do not see"
(Hebrews 11:1)

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),

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Vermont Interfaith Power & Light Seeks Coordinator

Job Description-Coordinator

Vermont Interfaith Power & Light

Vermont Interfaith Power & Light (VTIPL) is a non-profit organization that provides a religious response to climate change via education, advocacy and working with faith and spiritual communities and their members to reduce their carbon emissions and energy costs.

[Read More Here!](#)



WE'RE HIRING!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR

If you have a passion for young people, outdoor recreation and building a community of faith, we should talk!

Stowe Community Church is seeking a 10 hours/week, part-time Youth Activities Coordinator who is ready to build on a solid foundation and bring new life to the growing ministries of SCC. Duties include developing inspiring and engaging service projects, social outings, bible studies for students 6th grades and up...and maybe a trip to the mountain every once in a while.

Any interested applicants should send a resume or a letter of interest to 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-

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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

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 ; 802-684-1151

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

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description is available upon request.
Phone: 978-273-6399
Email: 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 Munnat elliott@vergenesucc.org.

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

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



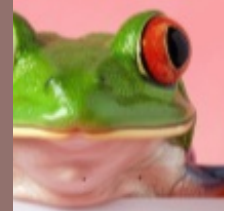
Middle School Ministries Coordinator:
First Congregational Church UCC of Burlington Vermont is looking for a team player ready to work with youth in a great location – Burlington, Vermont! The person hired for this new part-time position will work with our great team to oversee programs and service-learning

opportunities, facilitating the spiritual development of youth (6th-12th 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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Administration & Finance:



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Music & Other Lay Ministries:

Music Director- North Pomfret Congregational

Church Musician- Tunbridge Church

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[The Online Learning Platform of the United Church of Christ](#)

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