



# 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 Winter Edition

February 8th, 2024

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# ANNUAL MEETING 2024

Good morning, friends!!!


Registration for Annual Meeting 2024, "Christians Engaging with Artificial Intelligence" is OPEN! We are so excited to share this event with you. Our keynote speaker Rev. Robin Junker-Boyce (Thetford Hill) has been working tirelessly with the chair of the Annual Meeting Planning Committee Rev. Peter Plagge (Waterbury) to create not only meaningful but insightful Keynote and Worship. Rev. Mark Mendes of our host church (First Congregational Church of Essex Junction) has been a force of nature creating a sense of inclusion and community between his very generous church and the conference office, while patiently waiting to share that same feeling with all of you.

We are so blessed in this small state to have so many hands willing to help in so many capacities, whether on our Annual Meeting Planning Committee, our Board of Directors, our Clergy Convocation Planning Committee, Ministerial Standing and Standards Committee among so many others. Some of the positions we are currently looking to fill are Parliamentarian 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!

I hope you have a wonderful Ash Wednesday and a spectacular week!

- Elise



**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!!!**

[Exhibitor Form](#)

[Hotel Information](#)



## Latest News

Thank you so much for your donations in 2023! The letters recording this were sent out last week. If you would like your letter emailed to you as well, please email Elise [HERE](#).

last minute  
helps for Lent



**TREAT YOURSELF**  
BEDTIME STORIES AND PRAYERS WITH CULTIVATE FAITH @ PRC



SETTLE IN FOR A STORY, GO FORTH WITH A BLESSING!

<b>SUNDAY SESSIONS: 7 PM EASTERN</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY SESSIONS: 7 PM EASTERN</b>
• 2/18 GLENYS NELLIST	• 2/21 REV. KAREN WARE JACKSON
• 2/25 CAREY WALLACE	• 2/28 REV. LAMIE SIPES
• 3/3 LAURA ALARY	• 3/6 REV. A WILLIAMS
• 3/10 MELANIE GORDON	• 3/13 REV. JO OWENS
• 3/17 JUNIPER LANUNZIATA	• 3/20 REV. EVA JOHNSON
• 3/24 ELIZABETH CHRISTIE AND SARAH DEL GROSSO	• 3/27 ELIZABETH CHRISTIE AND THE FRITZKIDS


CLICK HERE TO REGISTER OR SCAN HERE 

### 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!](#)

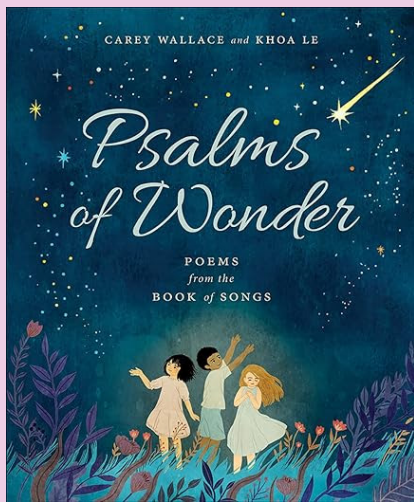
**Love God, Neighbor, Enemy**  
CONGREGATIONAL GUIDE



### 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.

[Read More Here!](#)



## 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!

[Click for More!](#)



For more ideas and resources click the PRC above!



YOU'RE INVITED!

# Informational Session

Jean Stone, Executive Director of Addison County Restorative Justice Services, is coming to the Shoreham Congregational Church

**February 17th, 2024, at 2pm**

Addison County Restorative Justice Services (ACRJS) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing restorative justice programs to the residents of Addison County. Our goals are to provide an opportunity for program participants to fully appreciate the impact that their offenses and behaviors have had, and to develop empathy for victims and the community.

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COME LEARN ABOUT  
OUR PROGRAMS,  
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE  
IN VT, AND VOLUNTEER  
OPPORTUNITIES IN YOUR  
COMMUNITY.

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## Our programs:

Circles of Support and Accountability (COSA)  
Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program (YSASP)  
Court Diversion (Youth and Adult)  
Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Diversion  
Driving with License Suspended (DLS) Diversion  
Pretrial Services  
Reparative Panel Program  
Reentry Navigation  
Victim Services  
Conflict Resolution  
Safe Driving Program



# 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.

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Make a commitment this February  
to begin plans for a 2024 study of --

***Afro-Christian Convention:  
The Fifth Stream of the  
United Church of Christ***

Use the free PDF Study Guide found on the Pilgrim Press website  
<https://www.thepilgrimpress.com/> to:

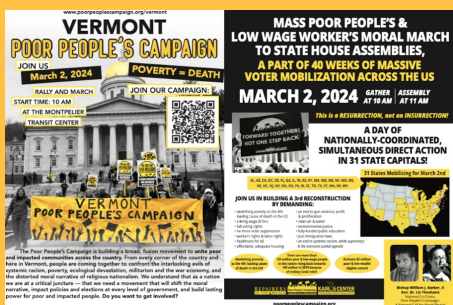
- **Discover** the origins of the Afro-Christian Convention in the 19th century,
- **Explore** the values that sustained Afro-Christian tradition throughout the 20th century, and
- **Celebrate** the legacy of Afro-Christians that widens and deepens our UCC commitments for ministry during the 21st century and beyond.

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*"To know the beliefs, movements, and events comprising [our] history is to begin to accept ownership and to be shaped by it. . . . In that process, insights are gained, perspectives brought into focus and visions renewed."*  
*The Shape of the United Church of Christ*, Louis H. Gunnemann, 1977.

***The United Church of Christ Historical Council***





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 VT PPC

## What is the Cost of Using Heat Pumps?

We hear a lot about how the heat produced from heat pumps will help us reduce our carbon footprint, improve air quality, and help fight climate change. Vermont's Affordable Heat Act passed by the Legislature in 2023 is intended to wean us off heating with fossil fuels by helping Vermonters switch their heating from fossil fuel-powered systems to cleaner systems like cold-climate heat

pumps. Churches and homeowners are being asked to make large financial investments to switch from heating with fossil fuels to heating with heat pumps. Before committing to spending thousands of dollars on a new heating system, We need to ask the question:

## Do Heat Pumps Save Money?

I'm gathering data from Churches and homeowners who have already installed heat pumps about the cost of their changeover and the operating costs of their new heating systems. Please e-mail me at [Jhill2583@gmail.com](mailto:Jhill2583@gmail.com) if you will answer some questions about your Church or home switchover to heat pumps as your heat source and how your costs of operating your heat pump system compare with the cost of heating your building conventionally.

You probably have never heard of me. I have been a member of UCC Churches in the Fair Haven Vermont area for over 20 years, have served on committees in the Southwest Association of the Vermont UCC and currently serve on the Vermont Conference Board of Directors. My intent in gathering data is solely so that Churches and homeowners can make informed decisions about heating system upgrades based on the actual experience of others.

Please indicate in your e-mail if you would prefer to have a questionnaire e-mailed to you or have me call or visit you to ask questions. Your participation is anonymous. Your name and your Church name will not be published in my report.

## Counselor Interest Survey



[tinyurl.com/hortoncentercounselor](https://tinyurl.com/hortoncentercounselor)

## HORTON CENTER NEEDS YOU!

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](https://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 12<sup>th</sup> 7pm-8pm
- April 17<sup>th</sup> 7pm-8pm
- May 30<sup>th</sup> 7pm-8pm

BRING YOUR VALENTINE TO MARDI GRAS

Swing  
North  
Big  
Band



7-9  
pm

MARDI GRAS, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Admission by donation -

Proceeds to help fund the  
kitchen's indoor grill

United Community Church  
1325 Main St.  
St. Johnsbury, VT



# Transformational and Compassion Resiliency: A Toolkit for Preventing Burnout in Work and Ministry

## Description

This class invites participants to recognize the signs and symptoms of compassion fatigue and burnout and how it impacts their work and personal life. More importantly, this course offers effective self-care strategies for promoting compassion resiliency.

## Key Content Areas Will Include

- Understanding the Impacts of the Work we do: Cumulative Stress, Collective Trauma and Burnout
- Introducing The 4 Phases of Erosion
- Expanding our Personal Resiliency Portfolio
- Exploring Post Traumatic Growth
- What is Self-Care Resistance?
- Growing as A Resiliency Aware Agency

This training is being provided by The New England Disaster Chaplaincy Association and The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services. There is no cost to participate but we ask that you register before-hand.

Please share this with anyone who may be interested.

Registration Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/MgzstjrHUu>

Training Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5085664590>

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 TH**  
**2:00PM - 3:00PM.**

Dear Vermont clergy and church leaders,  
I encourage you to take this class from NEDCA – the New England Disaster Chaplaincy Association. As we approach the 6-month mark after the July 2023 flooding, feelings of fatigue and burnout can manifest among both survivors and caregivers. This class is focused on identifying and providing self-care strategies.

One of the co-founders is Rev. Fred Meade a UCC minister who has done disaster response since he was a pastor in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina. He serves on the UCC's Emotional and Spiritual Care in Times of Disaster team.

As your communities continue to recover from the recent floods and severe storms, please don't neglect our emotional and spiritual care,



either. If I can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me – [pastor.greg.briggs@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.greg.briggs@gmail.com)

As a reminder, the "Light Our Way: A Guide for Spiritual Care in Times of Disaster" that was distributed at the Clergy Convocation discusses both long-term spiritual care and self-care for caregivers. If you didn't get a copy, please contact the conference office for a copy.

Greg Briggs

VT Conference Disaster Coordinator and E.S.C.T. member

## FROM EXODUS TO JESUS AND BEYOND

Progressive Christianity,  
Social Justice, and the Bible

AN ONLINE LENTEN SERIES

Ground yourself in this five-part series exploring the lessons and values of our faith tradition that can, sometimes surprisingly, inform our work to build a better world.

  
**JUSTICE**  
LEADERSHIP  
PROGRAM

FEBRUARY 20, 27, MARCH 5, 12, 19

4:00 - 6:00PM PST

[JUSTICELEADERSHIP.ORG/EVENTS](https://justiceleadership.org/events)

**From Exodus to Jesus and Beyond:**  
**A Lenten Series Workshop on Progressive Christianity, Social**  
**Justice, and the Bible**

There is an amazing and often hidden alternative understanding of what it means to be Christian. From Exodus to Jesus and beyond, the Bible offers an ancient, enduring, and surprisingly relevant story about people living in the light of the love of God. This five-part online workshop series will explore how the lessons and values of our faith can inform our work to build a better world.

Register and find more info [here](#).

This workshop meets online via Zoom on five Tuesdays during Lent at 4:00  
- 6:00pm PST.

We ask that participants attend in person but recordings will be available  
for registrants in the event of illness or unavoidable conflict.

\$75 per person for all 5 workshops. Group discounts available for groups  
over 8 people.

This workshop is led by Rev. Rich Gamble who has hands-on experience in  
leading congregations and a variety of social justice campaigns.

*FACEBOOK*

*POST:* <https://www.facebook.com/JusticeLeadershipProgram/posts/681181504097818>

*INSTAGRAM POST:* <https://www.instagram.com/p/C2NyzrBykNU/?igsh=Mmp6aWhwN3BnZmh1>



*Installation of  
Rev. Amanda Swoyer*



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**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME CELEBRATE  
THE COVENANT BETWEEN REV. SWOYER &  
THE WEST LEBANON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023  
2:00 PM**

**A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW  
(THERE WILL BE NO 10:00 AM SERVICE)**

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West Lebanon Congregational Church  
18 Maple Street, West Lebanon 03784  
603-298-8096

West Lebanon Congregational Church is pleased to announce that we'll be having the Installation of Rev. Amanda Swoyer on February 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm (There will be no Sunday morning Worship Service that day.). A reception will follow. ***An Installation highlights and celebrates the relationship between a local church, their newly called pastor and the larger church association.***

**The Installation will be in person and on Zoom. People on Zoom are welcome to join 30 minutes (1:30pm) before the start of the service.**

Topic: Installation of Rev. Amanda Swoyer  
Time: Feb 11, 2024 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84559295165?  
pwd=VG5abFdneEpiWW1iZ0J1RFIzR1RFUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84559295165?pwd=VG5abFdneEpiWW1iZ0J1RFIzR1RFUT09)



**BLACK  
HISTORY:  
UNSUNG HEROES  
OF THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
JUSTICE MOVEMENT**

**FEBRUARY 14 | 1 PM ET**

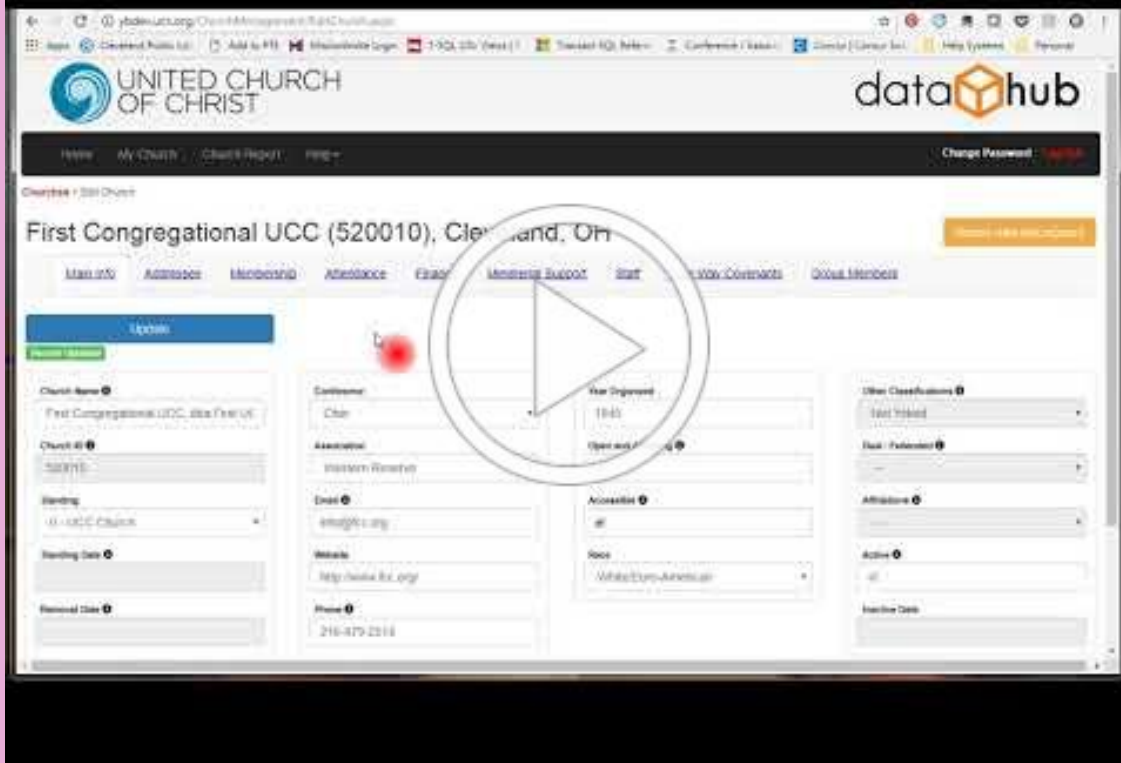
**UCC Webinar—Black History: Unsung Heroes of the  
Environmental Justice Movement**

For Black History Month, the UCC will be celebrating past environmental justice leaders and their historic contributions to the movement. We will lift up and reflect upon the lives of champions for justice such as Dana Alston, Damu Smith, Hazel Johnson, and others. To fully appreciate their impact and legacy, we will hear from those in the movement who knew them. Featured speakers will include those who have been at the forefront of the movement: Robert Bullard, Vernice Miller-Travis, and Peggy Shepard. Even if you cannot make the webinar at its scheduled time on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm ET, still sign-up, and we will send you a link to a recording of it.

**[Register now!](#)**

**[It's Yearbook Time!!!](#)**





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!](#)



# HOW TO HELP YOUR CHURCH GROW!

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

There is room for three more churches 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!**

## 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](#).

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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!

February 6th  
Sherry Baer  
James Macintyre III

February 7th  
John C Weatherhogg

February 13th

### Happy Ordination Anniversary to our Clergy!

February 3rd  
Janet Langdon

February 4th  
Richard E. Ringwald Sr

February 8th

Margaret Wickham Tooker

Cynthia Jane Batten

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

February 13th  
Shawn Edward Bracebridge

February 26th  
Robin Junker-Boyce

February 15th  
John N. Bixby Jr

February 23rd  
Jenei Rossigg

February 24th  
Lucia A. Jackson

February 27th  
Rameen Zahed



## 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?**

# HOPE FUND FOR THE FUTURE



**"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),  
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**



# 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](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 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 Munnat [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>



**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.

## **VT CONFERENCE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**Christian Education:**

**Administration & Finance:**

**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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