

The Call



The mission of The Call is to inform, inspire, and build community.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Upper Valley -Different People, Different Beliefs, One Faith / February 2013

Congregational Meetings January 27

**10 AM Meeting House &
4 PM Lebanon United Methodist
Church**

Share your thoughts on time and location of services, etc.!

President's Message

At our first service at the Lebanon United Methodist Church, we honored our past by remembering those who were no longer with us and looked to the future by sharing our visions of what we might become in the months ahead. It was a magical evening lit by the shimmer of candles and the glow of shared friendship in a beautiful place of worship. Following the service we broke bread together at a potluck that was extraordinarily delicious even by the UUCUV's usual high standards.

It doesn't quite feel like home yet. There are kinks to be worked out. We figured out where to park – and we don't have to put away chairs! But our greeters still need to set up, the sanctuary has to be arranged to reflect who we are, and we need more people who know how to run the dishwasher. Nonetheless, those members and friends who have been able to attend services have enjoyed this new space.

At the same time, we have missed some of our regulars – and recognize that our new arrangement may not suit them. As you know from the Weekly Blast, the Board will be soliciting input on Sunday, January 27th at 10:00 am at the Meeting House and from 4:00-5:00 pm before the regular service at the Methodist Church. Although the main focus of these meetings is to help the board decide whether we should continue in Lebanon or return to the Marion Cross School – or whether there are changes we could make that would resolve some of the problems that prevent people from attending--these are also opportunities for fellowship and conversation about anything that's on your mind.

It's been a rollercoaster of a year – with both ups and downs. But I hope that you are sensing, as I do, that we are in a good place in many ways. Thank you for your companionship on this journey we share.

Cappy Nunlist

Sunday Services

Services will be held at 5 PM at the Lebanon United Methodist Church, with potluck following. Service updates will be on the website, www.uucuv.org.



February 3.....To Be Announced

**February 10.....Life as a Tool Belt:
A Theological Odyssey**

Brad Johnston

Brad Johnston has been a peripherally involved member of the UUCUV since his mother, Peg Johnston, was instrumental in its inception. His UU connections go back to his New England family and his mid-western father, Don Johnston, a life long UU Minister. Brad attended Meadville Theological School after college and was ordained in 1970. He makes his living as a general contractor and builder. His sermon will focus on personal reactions to his history, education and faith.

February 17...I Lift My Eyes to the Hills

Nancy Bird Pelligrini

How do we find sustenance and hope amidst the injustices of the universe? Nancy will explore the 121st Psalm, Sabra Field's paintings, and her experience in chaplaincy in examining this question.

February 24.....To Be Announced

Sunday School News



Dear Friends,

Welcome to February - both snow *and* sunlight! I'm very excited!

Let's have a Family Cocoa and Sledding Party at the Meeting House on Sunday, February 3d at 10 AM! We'll get cold and snowy, then warm and cozy, and gab until we leave for lunch. A good chance to see one another and have fun as a community. Families of all ages and constellations are welcome, of course!

In February Sunday School - 5PM at the Lebanon United Methodist Church - we will be using the UUA's Tapestry of Faith lessons on Asking Questions, Speaking Out, Getting Involved, and Making Peace. Please help your child attend regularly to benefit from our explicit curriculum and from our community building.

Youth Group on February 12th - you asked for it, you got it, Knitting as a Spiritual Practice! I'm very excited for this session! If you have a knitting or crocheting project in progress, bring it, or any equipment - we'll get it all sorted and work on a prayer shawl and think about the magic of making socks.

February Vacation? I must be pulling myself out of the long muddle which was last fall. Between Lee's medical leave, my Mother's end of life, and preparing for Grace's transition, I was content to move along well-loved paths in religious education. This morning? I sat down at the calendar and exclaimed with surprise, "Why don't we do a February vacation camp!?" There are plenty of active activities out there in the Upper Valley for your kids. And if your child's need is for some intense, private, spiritual time, please consider Spirit Play Camp.

More information here:

<http://uucuv.org/2013/01/18/february-spirit-play-camp-at-the-uucuv/>

And register here:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?formkey=dG9lZlh5ZS1WRG5haUpVM1ZNWkM0UHc6MQ>

From your favorite Groundhog, waking up!

Peace,

Sparrow

Adult Education Opportunity

What Moves Us: Unitarian Universalist Theology

Providing a framework for deep and longtime Unitarian Universalists to engage in theological reflection, not as an intellectual exercise, but as a process of meaning-making that equips one for living in the world as a Unitarian Universalist person of faith, this program explores the life experiences of both historic and contemporary Unitarian Universalist theologians, highlighting that which caused in them a change of heart, a new direction, new hope, and a deeper understanding of their own liberal faith. These workshops offer participants a chance to engage with and bring their personal experiences to bear on the very questions explored by each theologian in turn. The program offers a pathway for developing not only one's own personal theology but also one's deep understanding of the threads of our Unitarian, Universalist, and Unitarian Universalist theological heritage.

Sparrow hopes to offer all or part of this 10-workshop UUA course beginning in March. Please email education@uucuv.org to register and to help choose a time and format for the course.

Have Service, Will Travel

By Marty Shaw, Sunday Services Committee

Some people celebrate the New Year and then get back to business as usual but not the UUCUV! Our congregation has been checking out a new place and a new time. We have been warmly welcomed by the Lebanon United Methodist Church and they have done everything they could think of to make our “test run” go smoothly. Pastor Jill and a number of their members have showed up for support and to train us in the use of the building from light switches to the dishwasher in the kitchen. When that church says, “Open Hearts, Open Hands, Open Door”, they certainly mean it.

It will be important for friends, members and staff of our congregation to share their experience and thoughts about our services at the Methodist Church. The Board has planned two meetings on Sunday, January 27th to gather that input. Come at 10am to the Meeting House or 4pm to the Methodist Church to let your voice be heard.

Speaking of hearing voices, the Sunday Services Committee has continued to work at scheduling speakers and music for our services. We are so very grateful for the many folks who have shared their gifts with us, especially friends and members who have volunteered their services. Sunday after Sunday, we have heard insightful, inspiring words and beautiful music. We are always on the alert for referrals for speakers and musicians. We especially need pianists who can play the hymns and a prelude and offertory. Please think about this need and share any suggestions with us that you might have.

Also, thank you to those who have helped with the relocation – carting our gear to Lebanon and pitching in with the set up. And thank you for your patience when things haven’t gone as smoothly as planned!

As always, please share your thoughts and questions with the Sunday Services Committee.



Pods For The Pulpit Crafts Fair Record Setting Results

By Sally Page

This year’s fair brought in a record \$9,188.20. Half of the fair profits go to LISTEN, The Haven, and Cover with each group receiving over \$1,500.

Many thanks for those who helped out, especially Mary Layton who organized the lunch and Christine McDonough and Suzanne Simon who chaired the raffle which brought in a record \$2,327.

More important than the money raised was the fact that this was a real UUCUV community effort with many members, friends and teenagers volunteering time and food. I would say we set a record there too. Clean up was a piece of cake with many hands making light work. These old adages speak the truth!

My efforts paid off too, and I am grateful to have the time and energy to pull together a fantastic group of crafts people and get the word out that the crafts fair is happening. Compulsive behaviors are sometimes handy!

New Member Frank L.

FRANK L. became a member of the UUCUV on Sunday, January 20, 2013. The following is a short bio, intended to inspire you to have many future conversations with Frank!

Frank has been living in the Upper Valley since December 2010. Born in Trenton, NJ, he was raised nearby in Yardville before joining the Navy at 18. After six years in the service -- in which he got married, had a daughter, Amanda, saw a fair chunk of the world, and got unmarried -- he put a stake in the ground in Massachusetts. After working for 20 years as a telecomm technician and engineer at AT&T and Lucent Technologies, he decided to change careers into medical imaging about six years ago. He is now an MRI technologist at DHMC. And now he is not only a proud parent, but also a proud grandparent of Cody, age 7, and Ally, age 2, who live in Wynne, Arkansas. In his off-time he enjoys the outdoors, particularly hiking, biking, gardening and skiing a bit. He picked up sweeps rowing in 2005 and looks to return to it, perhaps with a week of learning in Craftsbury this summer! He loves cooking, movies (particularly "independent"), and is an avid reader of both fiction and non-fiction. He maintains a steady illusion of becoming a screenwriter/playwright. [He maintains other illusions as well, such as playing cello in the Longwood Symphony Orchestra in about 8 years. But since he doesn't yet play a lick at all, he keeps that under wraps so as not to distress the unknowing David Nierenberg about his role in that illusion].

Born and raised Catholic, he came to be a UU in an oblique way. He was volunteering for the Green Party candidate Jill Stein in her Massachusetts gubernatorial run in 2002. Of the dozen or so folks holding signs on the town green, he was the only non-UUer. Frank started attending the Haverhill UU congregation. There "he found his people." He signed the book in Haverhill in 2003 and still drops by.

Life has been a bit chaotic with the career change that involved a move to Boston for schooling, a long initial period of unemployment, moving, a new job in the new field, and now a change of employers. Frank is now "finally settling in". He looks forward to growth in multiple areas, particularly spiritually where he looks to get a little more traction with yoga and mediation practices. Long a believer in social justice and environmental issues, he hopes to grow

in those areas as well. Having a home base, a centering position from which to prosper and grow, is very important to Frank.

[He had a bit of bad experience in his initial foray into UU membership, when a tumultuous schism developed in his original congregation. He was still relatively new to the congregation and completely blindsided when this occurred. Many people left. He is happy to report that that congregation is much stronger and vibrant today, but it was a quite a tough go for awhile. Because of this experience, he had become a bit emotionally weary and intellectually leery of a UU congregational commitment.]

Frank's four years in Boston found him occasionally dropping in on various UU congregations in Cambridge, Boston, Jamaica Plain and Brookline. This pattern continued in the Upper Valley. While UUCUV has been his center, he has forayed to the North Universalist Chapel Society in Woodstock on occasion, particularly after Bruce's initial departure, and was a dishwasher at the Thursday night Hand in Hand suppers there over the past year.

Now with a seemingly steady job, some set work hours, a stronger sense of familiarity and place, and a confidence in this congregation, particularly from the covenant that was recently approved, Frank is looking to join us as we all journey forward. With joy, gratitude and love, he hopes to become an active contributory member of this congregation.

[Last name omitted by request for internet privacy.]



Ways & Means Update

By Lori Fortini, Ways & Means Chair

Here is an update on our Ways & Means activities this year. In November, we had an amazingly successful Pods for the Pulpit Craft Fair! Special thanks to Sally Page for putting it all together, Mary Layton for the lunches for the crafters, Suzanne Simon for organizing the raffle and to all the members and friends who volunteered time and food for the event. As you may know, the proceeds from the fair go to our outreach efforts and to the UUCUV operating budget.

I want to report that because of the fair and with help from the 5 Church Rummage Fair in July and Holiday Bazaar in November, the Board informed me that we have already exceeded our fundraising goal for the fiscal year! And it is only January!

This couldn't have come at a better time. We have so much going on right now – Lee's illness, our transition team's work on vision/mission/covenant, and our trial of holding services at the Lebanon Methodist Church – having some breathing room for fundraising is a real blessing. It is a wonderful thing to be looking at what we "want" to do instead of what we "need" to do to meet the budget.

One thing we had already committed to was working at two Dartmouth Men's Hockey Game concessions. We did one game in December and we have our second game on January 26th. This is a fun way to have some community recognition and was covered by our core group of hockey helpers.

The second event we are committed to is our Book and Music Sale on March 23th. Rich Greenlee has already been spreading the word among some of the local book dealers and we have a number of people who have collected books in anticipation of the sale. It is also fun to do, not all that much work, and usually brings in double what a Soup-athon typically raises. Plus, this is an established community sale and there is something to be said for continuity. And finally it "recycles" books, some of which otherwise might wind up in a landfill.

After those two events, that would be it for the year!

I realize that this means we will not be holding any Soup-athons or the Super Salad Bar this year. Although there are many good reasons to hold those events, the main reason for taking them off the calendar is the amount of work that is involved. These events take many volunteers (plus the

money and time that goes into the soups, salads, and desserts) and they are typically attended mostly by UUCUV members and friends.We make the soup, we serve the soup, we buy the soup...

Although I agree that we lose something without the soup-athons, I feel that this year, there may be other ways to focus our energy into building our community. I feel that it is important to connect with one another through our services and our potlucks, if the congregation agrees that we want to continue them.

This decision feels right to me. I hope it feels right to you too. Please contact me if you have any concerns or questions about this decision. I would be available to talk about what we may miss and to try to build in another way to meet our needs that is more about community and less about money.

With sincere gratitude for everyone in our community,

Lori

Random Acts of Stewardship

One of the ways in which we can nurture one another is with appreciation and gratitude. Here is a place to say thank you for the large or small acts that sometimes go unsung. Good stewardship cultivates gratitude!

Gratitude to all who made the January potluck series so welcoming, friendly, and delicious! Special thanks to our organizers and favorite nurturers, Claudia Kern and Suzanne Simon.

Gratitude to Bill Brawley for researching, purchasing and setting up the new office computer.

Gratitude to Jamie Gibson for filling in on the dishwasher after the potluck.

Gratitude to Jenny Tolman for bringing vegan dishes for all to enjoy.

Have you spotted a random act of Stewardship? Send your entries for "random acts" to office@uucuv.org, and it will appear in next month's CALL.

Life Passages

Chris Howe

ANNIE CHRISTINE HOWE, known to us as Chris, a member of the UUCUV since 1990, died on December 31, 2012, after long struggles with Alzheimer's and arthritis. She and her late husband, Ray Howe, did much to help build the congregation in its early days and after we began services in the Marion Cross School. A memorial service was held for Chris on Friday, January 11, at the Lebanon United Methodist Church. Sparrow Alden conducted the service, and she wrote and delivered the following eulogy:

Chris was once a little girl whose head was full of dreams, doing the things little girls like to do: hopscotch, playing with dolls, swimming in streams going to school, and visiting the zoo.

She is the young woman madly in love with the boy from the summer camp; she is the girl in the kitchen with flour handprints on her shorts.

She is the musician who could sight read and play anything. Cornet, recorder - if you can tootle on it, Chris could pick it up and make beauty.

She is the mother who cared for her children when they were sick, sent them off to school.

In fact, she is the mother who took the sixties and seventies to heart! Do-it-yourself, sew-it-yourself clothing for herself and the kids so bright and bold and patterned and striped that Chris could be spotted in the crowd at a distance of five city blocks.

Not only a skilled seamstress with an eye for bright colors, Chris had her degree in nutrition and taught Home Economics. And what does that mean on the cooking side of things? Macro-stone-ground-homemade-carob-biotic meals that... apparently are the stuff of family legend.

But where did that food come from? Oh, yes! Her garden. Chris could make a patch of ground sing. Her country garden in Center City Philadelphia was famous, she reproduced a heritage garden at the Howell Living Historical Farm, and she brought her passion to the Upper Valley when she and Ray retired up here.

Not just gardening - Chris loved the whole outdoor experience. There were disastrous family camping trips.

Multiple disastrous family camping trips. There were not one but two hurricane camping trips because who checks the weather? It'll just change.

There was a raccoon. There was a baby skunk. There were lambs in the kitchen. Chris had a bent for adopting strays, including Ellen Marie, unofficial sister of the family.

And for those critters who couldn't be brought into the house or onto the porch, she took the shelter to them. Before and after Chris and Ray moved to the Upper Valley, Chris built bird trails, bird houses, places where people could watch and love birds and places where the birds - particularly her treasured blue birds - could get away from the people. Through the Mascoma Audubon Society, Chris's bluebird trail has 22 houses with birds nesting in a majority of them.

Do you get the sense that I do from Chris' story? This is a love story. It was Ray who loved to hide the Easter eggs, Chris who kept finding them for two months afterward. It's Ray's twinkly, mischievous eyes which I saw when I met their son Kenneth; it's Chris' drive to take care and attend to details that I hear when Anita speaks. Their names continue in their grandchildren, Raymond and Alicia Christine.

Slowly, not so gently, the Long Goodbye took pieces of Chris away. But she is returned to wholeness now. Our memories of her integrate the floral tops and the bluebirds, all woven together with the golden threads of her music. And we know that somehow she and Ray are together.

Cares and Concerns

Elaine Backus will still head this committee while she awaits the resolution of her move out of the area. You may contact her with any cares and concerns matters at any time. (802)763-2476

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- Rev. Lee is not up to visitors, but would love to hear from you. You may send cards to her home address: 171 Campbell Rd., Bethel, VT 05032.
- Marjorie Hybels is at Outreach House (11 South Park Street, Hanover) and would very much like visitors.
- Arnold Shields is living at Grafton County Nursing Home in Haverill and would love notes, cards, visits or calls (603) 787-6971.

We wish to express our sympathy to the family of Christine Howe on her death December 31.

Remember with your thoughts and prayers those in our midst who have had recent problems. Urgent needs will be on our message board at Sunday Worship.

Elaine Backus, Care & Concerns Chair



UUCUV Library

Olive MacGregor, Library Committee Chair

Polly Gould, Margo Nutt, and Olive MacGregor met at the UUCUV library to work for three hours on Thursday, January 10, 2013. They found an uncataloged book, *The Other Islam*, by Stephen Schwartz, on display on the shelf below the sustainability collection. There was no note in it. Is it a gift to the library, or someone's personal book on loan? If you know anything about this book, please call Olive and leave a message at (603) 448-2289.

Book Review

By Margo Nutt

Botany of Desire: A Plant's Eye View of the World **By Michael Pollan**

Do plants, Pollan wonders, use humans as much as we use plants? While the question is not entirely original, the way he examines this complex co-evolution, by looking at the natural world from the perspective of plants, is unique. The result is a fascinating and engaging look at the true nature of domestication. In making his point, Pollan focuses on the relationship between humans and four specific plants: apples, tulips, marijuana, and potatoes.

Pollan is a writer first and a botanist second but he is remarkably observant about horticultural matters. He is also unusually talented at explaining complex ideas and he does so in a way that is fresh, fun, often funny, and surprisingly profound. Pollan's section on Johnny Appleseed and the spread of apples Westward (for the making of alcoholic beverages) is priceless. This book describes the "dance of human and plant desire that leaves neither the plants nor the people . . . unchanged."

News from Pat and Kevin

From our far flung correspondents...

We had an e-mail from Pat Combs. Pat wished that she and Kevin had had more time to say goodbye when they moved last summer, but everything happened so fast! Pat writes: "Asheville, North Carolina is a neat town I'm sure, but it's way too big for our tastes. Lots of traffic and too many people. We're getting quite excited about moving to Belfast, Maine. We have several friends who either live there or are familiar with the area and they all love it. Lots of places to kayak, bicycle, hike, etc. and Belfast is a neat little town. Just going to rent in Maine this time until we're sure we like the area.

We send our best to everyone at the UUCUV."

2013 UUCUV Listen Community Dinner Team Update

By Suzanne Simon

One of the ways our congregation gives back to the Upper Valley is through our participation in the Listen Community Dinner program. All are welcome to join our team- no experience is necessary, just a desire to serve your community and have a good time in the process! You are not required to serve at each dinner; only sign up for the ones that fit your schedule. Please call me at 603-643-7494 or send an email to knitrmom@gmail.com if you would like to sign up or receive more information.

This year our team will still cook and serve dinners on the first Monday of every other month at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Wilder, VT. We were hoping to extend our commitment to every month, but it turns out there was not an opening for that after all at this time, so for 2013, please mark your calendars for the following dates:

February 4; April 1 (no fooling!); June 3; August 5; October 1; December 2

Listen offers six Community Dinners, five nights a week, in four locations, at no cost to those who attend. Our UUCUV team is one of more than 40 cook teams who

prepare and serve hot, nutritious meals at local churches and senior centers. When the new Listen facility in the River Point Plaza in White River Junction is completed later this year, all dinners will be held at that location, ending the nomadic journey for Ray Pecor, the intrepid Listen Cook Team Coordinator who drives pots, pans, food and other necessities to each dinner location daily. It will be a real blessing to have a dedicated space where all the dinner needs, including real flatware and dishes instead of disposables, will be on hand! Hooray!!

Upwards of 20,000 meals are served annually, and as you might imagine, the need increases each year. Take-home containers are always available to bring meals to those who are homebound or to take for lunch the following day. Community Dinners are available to everyone, but serve mostly seniors and low-income families with children.

I hope you will consider joining us for dinner, donate a homemade dessert, or donate produce or funds to purchase such items to supplement the meal. I find this to be a very gratifying volunteer experience, and I hope you will, too!

Holiday Food Drive Update

During the recent holiday season, our congregation collected over 40 pounds of food to donate to The Upper Valley Haven food pantry in White River.

All items were gratefully received by the pantry volunteers at The Haven, and were quickly placed on the shelves in their store where families and individuals can "shop" (at no cost) for a designated number of items to help them stretch their food budgets.

Partner Church Update: Indian Dinner

On Friday, January 11, in candlelight and in fellowship, about 32 people of all ages gathered to celebrate the UUCUV partnership with the Unitarian Church in Mukhap, India. With Indian music in the background, we shared a meal of various Indian main dishes, plus chutneys, condiments, limeade, mango sorbet, and chai. The meal had been prepared the day before in the Kerns' kitchen by a group of Ka Jingialang (Partner Church Committee) members and family.

Claudia gave an overview of our partnership and showed pictures of individuals in Mukhap that she and Phil had taken on a previous visit, plus pictures of the new Mukhap Church building and dedication that Hehbok Shadap had sent via email. She also showed pictures of the four high school students that UUCUV members and the committee are sponsoring. Many of those present were amazed that a three-year commitment to a student (\$126 per year) means that the student can complete high school and greatly expand his or her possibilities. We are looking into ways to continue sponsorship of students as they advance to college.

This dinner is likely to become an annual event, and all are welcome next year.



Regular Events

Elder Luncheon

Life is a Journey--Beginning to End

**February 19, 12:30pm
at the Meeting House**

This is a regular luncheon on **third Tuesdays** to talk about what needs exist for those of us who spend our later years living in the Upper Valley. Let us come together to share lunch and discuss what brings us and others joy as well as concerns. The fun is in the interesting conversation and fellowship. We never know where the talk will take us!

Bring your own brown bag lunch. Beverage and dessert will be provided. Please let Babette Hansen know if you are planning to attend. (603) 727-9663 or schussbh@gmail.com

Women's Group

Women's Group has met since 2005 and our goal has remained the same – to relax, get to know each other better, and to keep it simple!

We gather at Sally Page's (visit the church website or contact the office for directions) on the **third Thursday** of each month. For those who want to sup together we meet by 5:30 (eat at 6) for a simple pot luck salad meal. Just bring some ingredient(s) to add to a pot luck salad. Peppers? Sunflower seeds? Lettuce? Cukes? Tomatoes? Bread? Salad dressing? Not a lot. Just enough.

Those not choosing to eat will come at 6:30.

Once we are fed, and others have arrived, we move to the living room and take time for brief check ins to share how our lives are going. Here, and throughout the evening, the right to reticence will be honored and confidentiality respected. We then have a discussion generated from suggestions from the group. The evening generally includes a good belly laugh, and though we don't try to resolve each other's problems they seem lightened by sharing.

We will be mindful of those coming from a distance and break up by 8:30.

Knitting Night

Do you like to knit? Crochet? Bead? Work with Sculpey? Bring your hand crafts and your neighbor and enjoy some tea, gabbing, and great company. Please check the calendar for the date; this usually happens **once a month**.

Church Events Calendar

Our up-to-date online calendar can be found by clicking on "Calendar of Events" on our home page at

www.uucuv.org



**The next Call newsletter deadline will be
February 14, for the March issue.
Please send your submissions to
Rachel at office@uucuv.org**

About the UUCUV

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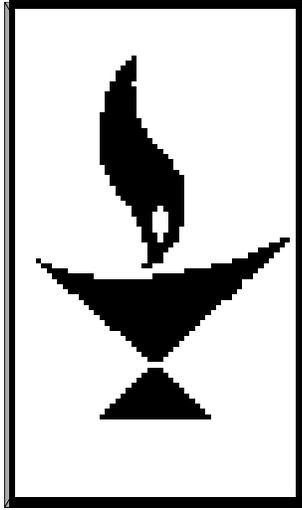
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OUR MISSION: The UUCUV is a liberal religious community that:

- Welcomes and supports all who search for meaning and truth.
- Celebrates and respects life in all its diversity.
- Nurtures honesty, love, and freedom in people of all ages.
- Fosters spiritual growth and promotes compassionate social action; and
- Expresses Unitarian Universalist ideals, views and heritage to the community at large.

The UUCUV is a part of the Unitarian Universalist Association. The UUA is a religious organization that combines two traditions: the Universalists, organized in 1793, and the Unitarians, organized in 1825. The two denominations merged in 1961, but both trace their roots back hundreds of years, to the Unitarian view of the unity (as opposed to trinity) of God, and the Universalist belief that everyone is eligible for heaven and salvation.

SUNDAY SERVICES: Services will continue to be held at the Lebanon United Methodist Church in Lebanon, NH at 5 p.m. every Sunday, pending congregational decision Jan. 27. Please contact the office (802) 649-8828 if you are unsure.

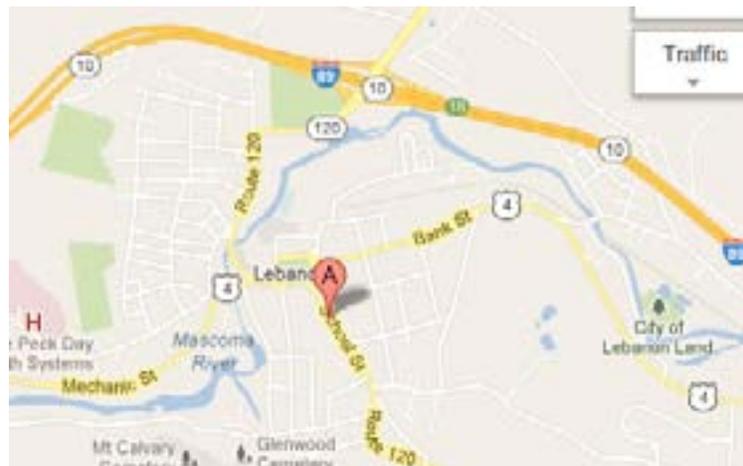
MINISTER: Rev. Lee Devoe is on an extended sick leave. We look forward to welcoming her back in March, 2013.

TO CONTACT THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Call Sparrow F. S. Alden at (603) 359-8426, or e-mail her at education@uucuv.org

MEETING HOUSE: Located on Route 5 South in Norwich opposite The Family Place, the Greek Revival farmhouse contains our offices and meeting spaces. Office hours at the Meeting House are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9-12, unless otherwise posted.

CARES AND CONCERNS: With cares and concerns, please call the office and Rachel will find the appropriate contact.

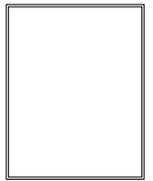
NEWSLETTER: The Call, our monthly e-newsletter, is available upon request. Contact the office at (802) 649-8828, or e-mail office@uucuv.org with the usual details, including a phone number.



Unitarian-Universalist Congregation
of the Upper Valley

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A Welcoming Congregation,
and A Partner Church**



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Ways & Means Updates

