

# 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 /September 2012*

## Ministry: Yours, Mine, and Ours

As a new student, I sometimes wondered about this world of ministry that I had entered, and endeavored to master. Some of the guidance and inspiration that I encountered has stayed with me, and continues to leave me humble and wide-eyed. The following questions, offered by one of our theological schools, represent the whole spectrum of reflection necessary for preparation in ministry. Which questions call to you? Are there one or two that you would like to focus on, personally, this coming year? Are there one or two that you would like the congregation to focus on this year? - lee

### *From the Starr King School for Ministry*

#### *A Baker's Dozen of Appreciations and Abilities*

**One** Who or what holds and calls us to wholeness, freedom, justice, and love? How has the sacred been revealed through the arts, politics, religion, human community, the depths of the soul, the natural world? Are you alive to the religious pulse of life?

**Two** What forces within and beyond us alienate us from the sacred and lead to violence towards one another and the earth? In our time, where do we need to be attentive and engaged to affirm and support life in the face of destructive powers? Are you prepared to address these principalities and powers?

**Three** How are the particularities of human experience shaped by time, place, and the body – by culture, class, race, and gender? What is required for genuine human meeting in the midst of difference? Are you aware of your place and context within a larger, relational whole?

**Four** What is it to live in history and be a creative and responsive participant in a religious heritage? Do you know your tradition and live in community with the generations?

**Five** When wholeness has been broken, can it be restored? When and how do healing and transformation occur – on a personal level and communally? How can grief in the presence of tragedy be allowed to do its work? Do you know a way beyond despair?

**Six** What is involved in the act of speaking and writing with grace and strength? Can you break silences within and around you and speak words that matter?

**Seven** What are critical and reasoned approaches to religious claims and forms of knowing? How does one interpret a sacred text, sensitive to its meaning in an original context and its application in the present?

### **A Month of Sundays**

#### **September 2.....No Sunday Service**

*Please join us for a picnic:* 12 noon – 2 pm, at the home of Suzanne Simon & Bill Brawley, 471 Hanover Center Road, Etna NH

#### **September 9.....Ingathering Sunday**

~ with Rev. Lee Devoe, Religious Educator Sparrow Alden, and the UUCUV Choir

#### **September 16.....The Starting Place**

Our service will consider the foundational principle of our faith . . . ~ with Rev. Lee Devoe preaching, David Nierenberg and Barb Tolman offering music

#### **September 23.....Wonder and Wisdom**

To conserve the best from the past and to create the best for the future, such is our charge as a religious community. How shall we begin? ~ with Rev. Lee Devoe preaching and the UUCUV Choir singing

#### **September 30.....The Lessons of Reluctant Prophets**

Our service will consider wisdom from unlikely prophets. ~ with Rev. Lee Devoe preaching and Josh Alden strumming and singing..

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## Letter from Lee

By Rev. Lee Devoe

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**Eight** What is the importance of religious community and the purpose of the church? What are its gifts, its dynamics, and its dangers? How can religious institutions be useful and just? What is the practice of stewardship? What are the arts of religious leadership? Can you lead?

**Nine** When and how does worship or ritual serve life? What practices deepen attentiveness and responsiveness to the sacred? What does the complexity of religious traditions on the globe ask of and offer to the elemental human desire for ritual? Can you create and lead worship?

**Ten** How can education liberate people, be restorative of human wholeness, cherish life? What is teaching? How do people learn? Are you prepared to teach and lead educational work?

**Eleven** What does your body know? How is its knowledge released and respected or constrained and silenced? When is the gift of human sexuality misused or violated? When is it a means of grace?

**Twelve** How is it with your soul? Are you self-aware and self-respectful, open to your feelings and desires, committed to pursuing existential questions, responsive to grace that calls, strengthens, and transforms? Can you be with others in ways that are direct, active, honest, tender, respectful, and loving?

**Thirteen** What else do you want to know?

I love summer – the freedom that comes with more light and warmth, the opportunities to commune with nature and family, the ability to be close to the sources of my food. I have enjoyed berry picking and swimming and family gatherings this summer! As much as I love summer, and as much as I protest as it starts to slip away, I love the feel of fall. Like going back to school, I get to start the year with a fresh supply of paper and pens and notebooks. I turn the calendar to a new year and the blank pages invite me on an imaginative journey as I begin to sketch out the landmarks and possibilities this year may hold.

For us together, my calendar is highlighting the opportunities that come with the second year of an interim ministry. This congregation was sincere in engaging the rigorous work of the first year of interim ministry. And while there is still hard work to do, I hope our work together in this second year will be marked by a refreshing spirit of creativity and collaboration.

Like every year of interim ministry, I will keep the stated tasks on my mind and in my heart. We will continue to consider the history and identity of the congregation. There will be shifts in leadership – because that’s a natural part of what happens during times of transition. We will consider what resources will be useful at this point in the journey. This work should lead to a revitalized sense of ministry that shows up as renewed energy and giving - commitments of both time and money.

The starting point for my time in the office will be on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 am – 3 pm. Please remember that this is just the starting point. Let me know what your schedule requires. I am available by appointment on Tuesdays (since my schedule varies with monthly meetings for the Board, Elder Lunch, and clergy colleagues). Monday is my identified day off. Thursday is my writing day.

I hope we’ll get to talk soon. What’s on your mind and in your heart as we begin this year together?

In faith,

Lee

**In case of emergency, please call  
Rev. Lee’s cell phone:  
(802) 349-2335**

## President's Message

I hope you have all enjoyed the summer. For me that means gardening, getting together with my spread-out family, preparing for my next year's classes at Vermont Law School, and trying to stay cool. I have also tried to attend as many summer services as possible – and have never been disappointed. We have some very talented speakers in our congregation!

The Board has met three times since the Annual Meeting in May. We have established a tentative calendar of agenda items and meeting dates for the up-coming year; engaged in discussions with the Norwich Congregational Church regarding the possibility of using their space for our Sunday services (we will keep you updated, but this will not happen before October at the earliest); started placing ads in the Friday Valley News (hurray!); and approved a new Charitable Giving policy (see related article).

Lucy Taylor, our treasurer, reports that we finished FY 2012-13 with a surplus of approximately \$1,800 – without having to transfer cash from the Growth and Development Fund. This was the result of increased revenues, most significantly from Pods for the Pulpit, and decreased expenditures, primarily in the line item for bookkeeping services.

We have regretfully accepted the resignations of Libby Vesilind, Rich Greenlee and Kevin Brown from the Transi-

tion Team and have met with Joan Nierenberg, one of the two remaining members, to chart a course for our cooperative endeavors in the coming year. New members will be appointed to the committee in the very near future.

The Union Service on July 29th with the Norwich Congregational Church and St. Barnabas Church was well-attended by UUCUVers – and the offering yielded \$834 that was donated to Habitat for Humanity Irene Relief Projects.

Last year was a difficult one as we struggled with decisions that forced us to re-examine who we are and who we want to be – as individuals and as a congregation. These questions have not yet been answered, but our experience has shown that approving our covenant with each other and developing a mission and vision statement is not mere busy-work, but a process of laying the foundation of our road to the future. I challenge you to fully engage in this process with both heart and mind. I am confident that being forged in fire will make us stronger.

In faith,

Cappy Nunlist

President, UUCUV

## Welcome and Welcome Back!

*By Kathy Christie, Membership Chair*

The Membership Committee extends a welcoming hand to all, whether you are new and just finding us or seasoned and returning.

If you would like to know what being a Member of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Upper Valley means, or how to become a Member, any of us on the Committee will be happy to have a conversation with you.

And if you are able and willing to give a bit of your time and join the Membership Committee this year (you can join the committee without being a Member), we sure could use a few more people! We truly need fresh ideas, new energy, and more hands.

Looking forward to greeting you all,

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Debbie Aliber, debaliber@yahoo.com

# Charitable Giving Policy

*By Cappy Nunlist, President*

In our effort to streamline processes and provide clear guidance, the Board appointed an ad hoc task force of Cappy Nunlist, Mary Layton and Sally Page to review and revise the policy on charitable giving. In previous years, the congregation has approved a budget which included \$3,000 for charitable giving, raised primarily through Pods for the Pulpit. This year, as in several past years, Pods netted more than \$6,000. The new policy provides incentives both for those who want to increase our charitable giving and those who want to raise more for the congregation. The more successful Pods is, the more goes to both pockets! (Sally Page still needs volunteers – particularly to organize the raffle, a significant money-maker. Please contact her if this is a task you are willing to take on). Furthermore, the policy simplifies the process of deciding the beneficiary of our donation by naming three popular local organizations as the presumptive recipients. Members of the congregation are invited to contact the Board if they would like to suggest alternative recipients. The Board approved the policy below at its July meeting.

## Charitable Giving Policy and Procedures

### 1. Pods for the Pulpit.

50% of the net proceeds from Pods for the Pulpit shall be donated to charitable organizations with the remaining proceeds to be designated as income for the operating budget. This charitable contribution will be distributed equally between LISTEN, the Haven and COVER unless the Board determines otherwise at its September Board meeting. Any member of the congregation who would like to make a proposal to add or substitute a different non-profit agency for those designated herein shall request that their proposal be put on the agenda for the September meeting.

### 2. Special Offerings.

Offerings from worship services may be designated for special purposes at the discretion of the Board.

Approved: July 3, 2012

## Sunday School News



*Dear Friends,*

Book Lovers of all ages and families, it is time to celebrate one of the greatest adventures in literature. *The Hobbit*, J.R. R. Tolkien's wonderful tale created for his children's bedtime story, celebrates its 75th year since publication, and the UUCUV is reading along! **Join the Aldens on September 22 at the Meeting House, 5PM, for a reading of Chapter One, hobbit snacks, and fellowship.** Love to read? Read along this fall and contemplate nurturing your own Tookish nature.

Do you love to walk? Take the Eowyn Challenge and walk the distance from Hobbiton to Rivendell (397 miles) or even pick up the gauntlet and walk from Rivendell to the Lonely Mountain (570 miles)! I'll have some tools for your journey at the information table at worship services and links from the Faith Development for Adults and Families page of the web site.

There's something magical about the start of the school year. We're wrapping up our summer Sunday School curriculum of gardening and outdoor time, moving ahead to the energy of the academic year. I'm excited about our plans for programming this fall!

Sunday School kids, I can't wait to see you! We're planning lessons based on stories with activities to follow. A

mixture of outdoor and indoor time means that we will enjoy this fabulous autumn while wondering how the stories we share relate to our own lives. Parents, make sure that children are registered by calling the office or through the Religious Education page of the web site.

LILAC - Laughing In Library At Church - is for kids in 7th grade+, and there's never a dull moment! We'll kick it off with an ice cream social on September 8th at 4 PM at the Meeting House. More activities and special guests to follow throughout the year.

Parents, we will be having a class together called **Parents as Spiritual Guides**. Meet at the UUCUV Meeting House —each Sunday from noon to 1:30, September 16 - October 21 Brown Bag Lunch, six sessions, and the good company of fellow parents. The primary expression of families' spiritual dimension is in everyday life, giving meaning to it. This group explores parents' roles as the guides of their families' spiritual lives. If you can only make it to a few sessions, that's fine! Please register by calling the office or using the link on the Adults and Families page of [uucuv.org](http://uucuv.org).

See you on Sunday,

*Peace,*

*Sparrow*

## Follow-up to Summer Talks

**Katharine Fisher Britton** has posted her July 22 talk on her blog online. The link is: <http://hersistersshadow.blogspot.com/>

Her new novel, *Little Island*, is scheduled to be published in the fall of 2013.

**Ginger Wallis** mentions that two songs from the August 5th service came from the Before Their Time project (<http://www.beforetheirtime.org/>). This is a three-volume collection of songs written and performed by 80 artists in memory of people who died young. "Go East" by Nadine Laughlin and "The Quiet Room" by Jay Ungar and Molly Mason, both played at the August 5th service, are found on Volume 3, CD#3. At the organization's website you'll find information about the project, the songs, lyrics, and the artists, as well as essays on grief and information on ordering.

# Transition Team Update

*By Joan Nierenberg and Paul Schmidt*

The Transition Team is currently going through its own transition! Libby Vesilind, Rich Greenlee, and Kevin Brown have stepped down, leaving Joan Nierenberg and Paul Schmidt as the remaining members. Rev. Lee and the Board will be working together over the next month to appoint new members to the team.

As you recall, the Team spent most of last year on a process with the congregation to construct a Covenant, and to begin work on reestablishing a Mission and Vision statement for the UUCUV. We will be continuing that task this year, with the goal of having a finished product with the three components ready for a congregational vote sometime late fall or early winter. Once the new Team has had a chance to meet, we will communicate with all of you as to the process and timeline we hope to follow.

Below is the draft of our proposal for the congregation's Behavioral Covenant.

We thank all who participated in the workshops last year, as your input has been invaluable. The conversations were open, energized, and optimistic. We look forward to more of the same this year!!

## Draft of Behavioral Covenant

In order to build and nurture a loving and supportive environment where all will feel safe to explore our spiritual truths, we covenant with each other to use our words with thoughtful intentions, compassionate truthfulness, and constructive encouragement. We covenant to practice right relations in congregational governance and to honor democratic processes. We recognize that conflict, which is inevitable, is an opportunity for positive change and growth. When facing our differences, we covenant to assume good intentions and to unite around our principles.

We accept responsibility for the culture of our community. We will:

- Practice compassionate listening
- Be fully present to the person with whom we are talking
- Address issues as they arise
- Take responsibility to inform and be informed
- Question our assumptions, and take responsibility to ask for clarifications
- Acknowledge differences of opinion
- Ensure there is a safe space for everyone's voice
- Make clear our expectations
- Speak directly, and kindly with others to resolve conflict, without gossiping or involving third parties
- Solicit and gently give constructive criticism
- Admit our individual or collective mistakes
- Praise each other's successes, and express gratitude

# To Forum or Not to Forum?

By Libby Vesilind

Since 2009 the lay-led UUCUV Forum has gathered on one Sunday of each month, October through May, to educate ourselves and discuss current issues about social and environmental justice, all the while trying to consider multiple perspectives. I've learned much from our Forum, especially about the role UU principles play in my analyses of issues. I've also formed friendships grounded in our sharing of questions. This newsletter piece is my reflection on what the Forum has accomplished and my request for help in keeping the Forum active this year. (I should add that 2012-13 will be for me a year of frequent absence from the Upper Valley. Thus my immediate motive is to find out how my previous roles in the Forum might be taken up by others this year!)

## A LITTLE EARLY HISTORY

In 2009, when I was on the UUCUV Board, several people approached me about starting a "discussion group." After clearing this with our Minister to make sure it would not conflict with his Adult RE plans, I announced a planning meeting. Twelve people showed up and we were off—literally off to view the film *Capitalism*.

However, I was soon surprised to find myself defending the concept of "forum" as a venue for applying UU principles. In some months UUCUV Forum drew inspiration for topics and materials from the UUA or from UU Service Committee's (UUSC) priorities. Even so, there was disagreement at UUCUV about whether or not a forum belonged in a congregation. How are spiritual practice and the secular issues connected? This was probably my first awareness of the broad array of missions and visions that UUCUV members hold for UUism and for our congregation. In response I investigated and learned that about 100 New England congregations of varied denominations run forums—some drawing hundreds of people from their wider communities.

## WHAT'S HAPPENED SO FAR

Reflecting on these three years, I am amazed at the variety of topics and the variety of ways participants used to introduce questions for discussion. The following examples show this variety, while at the same time, I think, illustrate how Forum topics build bridges between UU principles,

UUSC priorities, and the worlds in which we live.

Variety in sources: After our discussion of Michael Moore's film, *Capitalism*, we moved into individual presentations: Bill Jackson's session on Pakistan; a Dartmouth professor's experiences in Afghanistan; a Dartmouth lecture about policy and decision-making in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

### UU principles and social policies:

By then it seemed clear that our group wanted to explore social policies, and we discovered the wonderful array of expertise and experience within UUCUV.

Examples of member-led sessions are the ones organized by Mary Layton and Frank Gould around the question, "What is an ideal education?"; Bill Jackson's "The Future of Journalism" and "Infotainment"; Christine McDonough's presentation on ways to evaluate health care; and Bill Jackson, Frank Gould, and David Montgomery on guns in our society (the expertise being Frank's experience in the NH House of Representatives!) In 2012, drawing on excellent UUA resources, we had a spirited sharing of experiences and opinions about immigration policy.

### Principles into actions—personal advocacy:

We moved into questions of advocacy with guests Denis Rydeski ("How do our opinions and behaviors change, and how can we best influence other people's opinions and behaviors on social and political issues?") and Norwich activist Liz Blum ("Occupy!") We ended 2011-12 with a slide show and singing shared by Karen Kluge from her workshops and performances with Village Harmony in South Africa, her reactions to a visit to the Apartheid Museum, and her sense of life-changing experience.

### UU Principles and Our Careers:

Pros and cons of various sources of energy were explained and discussed in a well-attended series of sessions (Mark Laser and David Montgomery) that included an evening showing of the film *Gasland*. David followed up with a moving, personal reflection, "Social Responsibility of Scientists." Discussions at these sessions revealed (at least to me) how scientists and engineers in our congregation wrestle with ethical issues.

### Health of UUCUV:

In 2011-12 congregational topics related to interim ministry appeared: Margaret Robinson and Polly Gould on

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“Themes From a History of UUCUV” and Rev. Lee Devoe on “What Is Leadership?”

And that’s just a sample from three years of Forum!

### NOW WHAT?

Although first Sundays, beginning with October 7, are now reserved on the 2012-13 UUCUV calendar, it’s up to volunteers to decide whether or not the Forum will actually continue. As I see it from past experience, organizing the Forum this coming year requires the following volunteer actions:

1. A temporary “point person” to solicit, receive, and organize emails from people willing to volunteer. If there is enough interest, then this point person would schedule and facilitate the first brainstorming meeting. Once a smaller planning group is identified, then this temporary position could end.

2. All interested people to brainstorm programming: topics and presenters, films or books to discuss, and discussion facilitators. We do have a list of topics generated last year that could provide a starting point. These brainstormers would meet once (soon) and then during the year they would continue to email topic proposals to a smaller planning group. This group may also want to discuss the general direction of the Forum and suggest changes. For

example, this group could review the original ground rules used by the Forum to see if those align with the new UUCUV covenant.

3. A planning group (three people from the brainstorming group?) to receive ideas from the larger brainstorming group. The planning group communicates with each other at coffee hour or by email to schedule topics, confirm willingness of presenters or facilitators, and offer help needed by presenters.

4. Presenters from UUCUV, hosts for guest speakers, and discussion facilitators.

5. A “PR person” to write announcements for newsletters and Sunday bulletins.

6. Hosts to unlock the Meeting House, turn up the heat, help presenters to set up, heat the tea water, organize clean-up and lock-up.

**SO—IS ANYONE ABLE TO TAKE THE TEMPORARY POINT-PERSON ROLE (described above) TO DETERMINE IF WE HAVE ENOUGH INTEREST AND VOLUNTEER TIME FOR A 2012-13 FORUM PROGRAM? If so, please let Rev. Lee Devoe, Sparrow Alden, Rachel Clark, and Cappy Nunlist know who you are, so that Forum dates remain on the calendar. Thanks!**

### Church Events Calendar

Our up-to-date online calendar can be found by clicking on “See Full Calendar” on our home page at

**[www.uucuv.org](http://www.uucuv.org)**

# Cares and Concerns Update

By Elaine Backus, Cares and Concerns Committee Chair

**REMEMBER:**

- Marjorie Hybels at Brookside Nursing Home, who would welcome visitors, cards and notes.
- Arnold Shields, who is living at Grafton County Nursing Home in Haverill, with notes, cards, visits or calls to (603) 787-6971

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.

**NEEDED:**

I am looking for someone to take an elderly friend of our congregation for an occasional drive. She moved here recently and would like to see more of the scenic nature of our area. She's a great conversationalist. Call Elaine Backus (802) 763-2476 to offer your services.

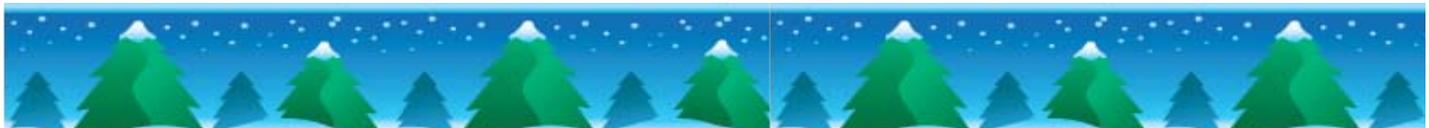
# Elder Luncheon

*Life is a Journey--Beginning to End*

**September 18 12:30pm  
at the Meeting House**

The Cares and Concerns Committee cordially invites those among us who consider themselves to be elders to this 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 (provided!) and discuss what brings us and others joy as well as concerns. To RSVP (or if you need a ride) call Elaine Backus, Cares & Concerns chair, at (802) 763-2476.

We invite circles or individuals to help with our lunches. Call Elaine if you can help.



# Five Church Bazaar

**November 10th, Norwich Congregational Church  
(It will be here before we know it!)**

**People Needed:**

- Sewers
- Knitters
- Crocheters
- Cooks
- Bakers
- More ideas

**Materials Needed:**

- Cardboard rollers from TP
- Leftover fabric and yarn
- Homemade jars of jam, jelly, pickles, relish, etc.
- Patterns for American Girl doll clothes
- Potted Plants for indoors
- Bird seed (1 bag needed)

The focus this year is on items for stuffing into a Christmas Stocking. Please give me a call. I'm waiting to hear from you.

Elaine Backus  
(802) 763-2476

# UUCUV Spirit in Nature Path Clearing

By Phil Kern

Many many thanks to Taite Clark, thirteen-year-old son of our UUCUV administrative assistant Rachel, for the work he has done on our Spirit-in-Nature Path this summer. As a student at The Sharon Academy, Taite is required to perform 40 hours of community service work each school year. In getting a head start on the up-coming year, he has worked a number of mornings at clearing the encroaching vegetation from parts of the path. After conferring with us briefly early in the summer, Taite has

carried out this work entirely on his own initiative, working alone and unaccompanied. We are especially grateful, as our original energetic Sustainability Group of a decade ago has suffered grievously, increasingly diminished by new commitments, encroaching age, and other life changes. Thanks to Taite's efforts, together with those of unknown chain-sawing elves in the night, the Path is fairly clear at the moment. Have a look, while the going is good. Now if we could just recruit a few strong backs to replace all those broken and rotting planks in the wet parts of the Path.

## Library Update

By Olive MacGregor, Library Committee Chair

I really enjoyed Ginger Wallis's August 5 talk entitled "How Do We Nourish Our Spirits?" When I went to work at the UUCUV library on August 7, I was very happy to see that the library had received a donation of Ginger's book, *A Gentle & Curious Path through Cancer to Points Unknown*. I cataloged that book as well as a second copy of the popular book *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*, by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer.

Margo Nutt hopes to review Ginger's book for next month's issue. We will try to get together in September to look over some possible additions to the collection.

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

## Book Review



By Margo Nutt

### *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*

By Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn

The authors weave together a most compelling story of how culture and customs historically suppress women. This is a difficult book to read because of the horror stories involved, but it is also enlightening, inspiring and rewarding in its championing of the heroic women worldwide committed to change. Educating women and giving them status as human beings will go a long way toward raising those in the poorest parts of the world out of abject poverty and abuse.

Kristof and WuDunn help us see that the key to economic progress lies in unleashing women's potential. Throughout much of the world, the greatest unexploited economic resource is the female half of the population. The authors posit that it is impossible for countries to climb out of poverty if only a fraction of women (9% in Pakistan, for example) participate in the labor force. China's meteoric rise was due to women's economic empowerment.

# About the UUCUV

## Board of Directors

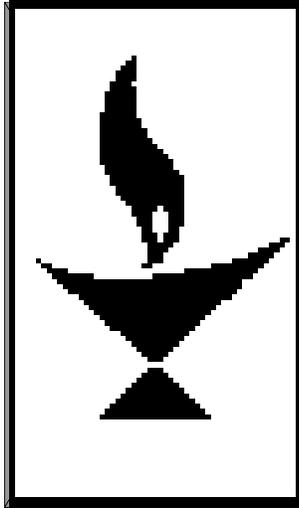
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*Credentialed Religious Educator*  
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*Rachel Clark, Office Admin.*

## UUCUV Committee Chairs

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*and Suzanne Simon*  
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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 are held at the Marion Cross School in Norwich, VT, at 10 a.m.. every Sunday from September through mid June. (Look for the sign at the school's driveway on the right as you enter Norwich on Main Street.)

**TO CONTACT THE REV. LEE DEVOE:** Call the UUCUV office, (802) 649-8828, or email her at [minister@uucuv.org](mailto:minister@uucuv.org). In case of emergency, please call her cell phone: (802) 349-2335.

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

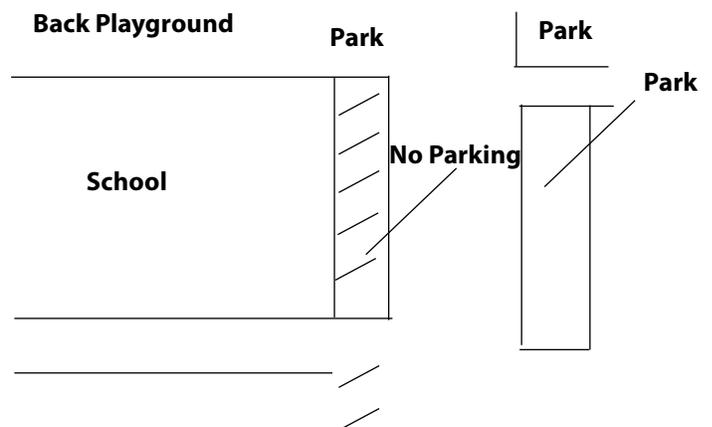
**MEETING HOUSE:** Located on Route 5 South in Norwich opposite The Family Place, the Greek Revival farmhouse contains our offices and meeting spaces. Office hours at the Meeting House are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9-12, unless otherwise posted.

**CARES AND CONCERNS:** With cares and concerns, please call Elaine Backus at (802) 763-2476.

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

## Parking at Marion Cross School

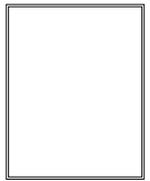
Because we are not able to establish official HANDICAPPED and VISITOR PARKING, we need to create temporary spaces for every Sunday service at the Marion Cross School. Those of you who are able, please park in the back parking lot. Please consider the 10 spaces nearest the sidewalk to the lobby reserved for visitors and those who cannot easily walk the distance to the school entrance. PLEASE KEEP FIRE LANE CLEAR! Whenever necessary, drivers can always drive up to the entrance to drop off passengers.



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