

The Call

Unitarian Universalist Congregation
of the Upper Valley

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June - August

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Sunday Services

10 AM

Sermon topics may be found on our website, www.uucuv.org, as well as in the Sunday Order of Service.

We are

**A Green Sanctuary,
A Welcoming Congregation,
and A Partner Church**

Minister's Message

Rev. Jan Hutslar

As I write this first article to you, I look out at the green green world surrounding my house in the woods. I am both savoring my last weeks here in Canton, New York and also anticipating with excitement my move to the Upper Valley.

I am still filled with joy from my wonderful week spent with you in May. You offered such genuine welcome and generosity of spirit. I am so honored to be your next minister.

I look forward to getting to know you all.

I am delighted to begin my ministry with you on July 1.

I will be on study leave getting organized and acclimated and planning for the year ahead through July. I will officially begin working in the office on August 1, and in the pulpit on August 19.

In planning for the first six months of worship services, I would like your input.

What topics or theological perspectives would you like to delve into?

What issues would you like to explore together?

Please send me your thoughts and ideas. You can reach me as of June 23 at minister@uucuv.org.

Meanwhile, looking out at the green world--the leaves are dancing in the strong breeze. The winds of change are upon us.

Let's get our colorful kites and offer them to the unpredictable currents of air.

Here we go!

With much Gratitude,

Rev Jan Hutslar



Summer Services Planned



Sundays at 10 AM

Subject to changes--please see your weekly email news for the most current schedule!

July 1 –Kindness & Empathy. Guest speaker, Eleanor Collier, UUCUV member. Eleanor works in the Psychology Dept. at Dartmouth researching this topic.

July 8 - Mad Cows, Queer Ducks, and Unconventional Sheep. Guest speaker, Pattrice Jones from VINE Animal Sanctuary will speak on the intersectionality of justice issues.

July 15 (title TBA) Guest speaker, Peter Mason. This will be a shared plate Sunday to support ACTS (Americans Caring Teaching Sharing) which provides medical care in Central America.

July 22 – Surviving with Hope. Guest speaker, UUCUV member Julie Bonette. Julie will share a personal account of dealing with loss.

July 29 – Sacred Lands. Guest speaker, Native American Bruce Duthu.

August 5- Shakers and Their Songs. Guest speaker, Mary Anne Haagen.

August 12 – My Most Meaningful Decade. Reflections by UUCUV members and friends.

August 19 – Topic TBA Rev. Jan Hutslar's first service.

August 26 – Barnard, VT Worship with optional informal ingathering at UUCUV Meetinghouse.

September 2 – Congregational Picnic at UUCUV with fun and games.

Rev. Hutslar: The Call to Ministry

Barbara Clapp, Board Secretary

Before the congregational vote on Sunday, May 20, 2018, to call Rev. Jan Hutslar to be our settled minister, Joani Nierenberg, Chair of the Search Committee, said a few words about how the group worked together. From the very beginning it had been agreed to that if no candidate was a good match, then the work of the Committee would continue until a candidate could be enthusiastically endorsed. In other words, the Search Committee would have had no problem rejecting all the candidates if need be. Fortunately this did not happen as there was an obvious choice when it came down to the final interviews with the three finalists!

A short discussion period followed Joani's summary. Three members of the congregation sent their regrets that they were unable to attend but sent their wholehearted support. One of our members said that she felt that Jan could understand her because she was such a compassionate person. Another voice spoke up saying that Patience had had a good conversation with Jan and Patience shared her feelings afterwards that she could now leave the congregation in good faith as she knew we would be in good hands. Yet another voice spoke of the fact that Jan could answer difficult questions easily.

Grace Alden made a motion that we call Rev. Jan Hutslar to be our settled minister beginning on July 1, 2018. Phil Kinsler seconded. 77 UUCUV members cast ballots and the result was a resounding unanimous vote in the affirmative!

A festive, joyous celebration with Jan followed which had been thoughtfully planned by Claudia Kern and her helpers. Members and friends gathered in a large circle and trays with bread, honey and salt were passed for all to share. Claudia explained that in many countries, bread and salt are used to welcome guests to a home. Below is a verse which explains this symbolism:



Welcome into this circle of life, this beloved community.

We offer you bread as a pledge between us to nourish and be nourished by one another.

We bless you with honey. From this day forward may we share and celebrate together all the sweetness of life.

We give you salt that our journey together will be well-seasoned with love, compassion, forgiveness, and the tears of our shared joys and sorrows.

Bread, honey, salt: with these simple things we open our hearts to you.

Welcome into this circle of life, this beloved community.

Hugs and tears were flowing.

President's Message

Lori Fortini

Five years ago, when we were meeting at the Lebanon United Methodist Church, I gave a reflection at church where I described how we were feeling and implored us to stay together. I voiced a hope for our congregation and our community.

Those of you who are new to our community and who see our vibrant, growing congregation, our wonderful sanctuary and meeting house, and our turning outward in areas of Social Justice to make a difference in the world, may not recognize the congregation I describe in my reflection. Hurting, discouraged, dark, turned inward are not words that describe us today. But that is who we were.

Here are some of my words from that day in 2013.

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From my "Reflections from April 14, 2013":

*"What do I value about the UUCUV? You .... all of you.*

*It is you who feed my spirit and inspire me.*

*To be a better mother*

*To be a steward of the earth*

*To show compassion to humanity and all living things*

*To find joy in the beauty all around us*

*And to find peace within myself*

*And I gained all of this just by stepping in the door.*

*But we are hurting right now. We are trying new things that may or may not work. Recently dear members and friends have died or have become ill and are no longer able to be with us. We are struggling with who we are and we may be discouraged.*

*But when I look out, I still see amazing individuals striving to be a community. Striving to be relevant outside of ourselves, yet seemingly not able to get out of our own way.*

*But I have hope. We are like the moon. At times we have been Full - bright and reflecting the light of our UU values into the world for all to see. Right now, we are New - Dark and cold and turned inward. But with faith in the natural order of things, I know that we will wax again and move into the fullness that we all want. We will again be Full.*

*The good news is that I find the more I give and the more I am around, the more I receive. An upward spiral. A turning toward the sun.*

*So, please stay. Work together. Trust in each other. And it will be so.*

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Little did I know that within weeks of me speaking these words, Rev. Patience would become our part-time minister and she would lead us home. We would trust each other and get out of our own way. And we would

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Search Committee's Parting Words

Maureen McNulty

Committee: Joan Nierenberg, Mandy Ruest, Bob Riccio, Maureen McNulty, Kathy Christie, Grace Alden, Leah Goat

After many months of searching, both for what our congregation needs in a minister and for the individual who can best support those needs, we met our match when we met Jan Hutslar. We were initially drawn to her warmth, humor, and experience. As we got to know her better, we became increasingly impressed with her deep spiritual grounding, compassion and her passion for social justice. On May 13th, we presented Jan to the congregation as our Ministerial Candidate, and after an intense week of dinners, talks, sermons, and chats, Jan managed to meet and impress the overwhelming majority of the congregation. On May 20, 2018, 76 members of the congregation assembled to formally vote upon whether to call Jan Hutslar to be our full time minister. The vote was unanimously in favor!

The Search Committee wants to thank everyone who helped us in this process: everyone who attended a cottage meeting or the Beyond Categorical Thinking seminar; everyone who filled out the detailed survey; all those who came out to meet Jan last month and asked their searching questions; and especially our spouses and partners who accepted not only that we were going to be busy or absent many evenings and weekends, but also that we couldn't talk about the details of what we were doing! Thank you all for your discretion in preserving the privacy of the ministers who applied for the position.

Now, with joy, we all begin the new journey with Jan as she settles into her ministry with the UUCUV!

Pastoral Care at the UUCUV

Sparrow F. Alden, CRE

Eleven of us met with Patience on two successive Tuesday evenings to begin our training as pastoral care providers. Mary Schneider and Suellen Aptman have graciously agreed to shepherd this group of folks who will respond to the call of emotional need in our congregation.

The amazing Caring Circle provides roll-up-the-sleeves support to congregants: rides to the doctor, meals, a helper when there's lifting to be done. The Pastoral Care group works as a complement to the Caring Circle, metaphorically or literally walking beside our friends in listening and caring quiet.

One of our first training experiences included exploring the depth of our own emotional experience. As a result, we affirmed that grief, illness, pain, loss, heartbreak, and emptiness have touched us all: we want to extend pastoral presence to fellow congregants because each of us has walked a similar path. Our work over the summer will be to meet with our new

minister Jan when she arrives to discern how each person's caring gifts can best benefit the congregation.

President's Message (cont'd)

find the strength and energy and love to build our community.

Today, I still see amazing people who inspire me – some of the same individuals from 2013 and many new faces who have joined us since then. I see a congregation, grateful for all that Patience has brought to us and for all that she helped us to see in ourselves, poised to start a new path.

And I see a bright Full Moon.

In faith and with deep gratitude,

Lori Fortini

Thank You. I Love You. Goodbye.

Rev. Patience Stoddard

Ira Byock, the former Hospice physician and founder of DMHC's palliative care unit, quotes a Hospice nurse as saying, "For any significant relationship to be complete you have to say five things: *Forgive me. I forgive you. Thank you. I love you. Goodbye.*

The time has come for me to complete my relationship with you.

As for *forgiveness*-- in my exit interview with a representative of the UUA I was asked to name my regrets or failures or those of the congregation. The truth of the matter is I couldn't name one. That does not mean that I did everything I could have done or did everything well, nor does it mean that this congregation does not have shortcomings or areas for further growth. Nonetheless, this has been the most fulfilling ministry of my career and this congregation has often amazed and inspired me.

There are many things to *thank you* for, too many to mention; but I'd like to mention just a few. You have supported your staff well and consistently. Needless to say, I was a much better minister with the help and support of Sparrow, Rachel and Linda than I ever could have been without them. This was truly a team effort, and this gifted team made even the toughest days manageable and meaningful. Heck, they even came pretty close to making me look organized!

The building project was successful – not only because it gave us more RE space and a truly beautiful sanctuary, but also because of the spirit of trust and unanimity with which it was accomplished. The decision to honor the donors with a simple calligraphy

chalice of names – all equal in size regardless of the amount of the donation – is emblematic of this spirit.

Two other aspects of UUCUV stand out for me – the willingness to care for one another embodied in the Caring Circle, Hospitality Teams, Living with Limits Group and lay pastoral caregivers; and the quality of the congregation's dedicated and skillful lay leaders. This has truly been a collaborative ministry.

I love you. Well, simply, I do... and, I must say, it hasn't been much of a challenge. I know I will continue to hold you in my heart, though I will remain at a distance. The norms that guide a minister's departure are clear, yet often hard to understand. I will not be available for tea, or conversation, or rites of passage for the next two years. I want to make room for you to fully experience Jan's love and ministry. I want time to re-connect with old friends and relatives who have been somewhat neglected over my three decades of active ministry. In Mary Oliver's words:

To live in this world you must be able
to do three things:

To love what is mortal; to hold it against your bones
knowing your own life depends on it; and when the
time comes to let it go, to let it go.

So this is *goodbye*. I wish you love and mystery and grace and the knowledge that you are (collectively and individually) a miracle. Let your light shine.

Patience



Why the No Contact Rule?

Rev. Patience Stoddard

There is a common understanding among ministers that upon leaving a congregation there should be a two-year period of no direct contact with members of the congregation. Initially this seemed to me to be an unreasonably harsh standard, but I have come to understand and accept its wisdom and necessity. Here is why:

1. While there are many aspects of friendship that can be part of a minister-member relationship, the relationship is different from friendship in essential ways because it is formed around specific roles and responsibilities. It is my job to care about each and every member of this community to the best of my ability regardless of personality styles, things we hold in common, or natural proclivities. It is your job to respect my role and authority and willingly work with me to support this community and do ministry together—regardless of whether or not you would choose me as a friend or ally. While I strive to be as authentic and honest with you as possible, I do not expect you to comfort me or help me work through my own spiritual and emotional struggles. I do intend to be available for you to share your struggles with me as part of my role as your minister. It is not a fully mutual relationship, as is a good friendship. Also, you collectively provide me an income for the services I provide (as well as evaluations of my performance). Therefore regardless of how real the affection and regard between us, this is essentially a professional relationship.

2. A new minister is arriving who will be your new partner in ministry. She will also need to get to know you more deeply and is ready to be available to support you in your life challenges and spiritual path, just as I have striven to do. Your willingness to engage with her will have a significant affect on the success of her ministry. Just as happened when I was new to you, it will take some willingness to risk openness and share your stories in order for her to fulfill this role successfully. I need to let go of those threads of relationship so that you and Jan can begin to weave your own tapestry of relationship and community.

3. On a more personal note, while wonderful and satisfying in so many ways, ministry takes a lot of time and emotional energy to do well. Not only time spent in the office or writing sermons, but time thinking of others, planning services, developing strategies and designing programs. Over the last 5 years of my ministry with you (and the 40 years of working before that) I have been somewhat neglectful of my on-going relationships with friends and extended family due to putting so much of my relational energy into my work and ministry. I wish to dedicate more of my time and energy into strengthening those bonds and being more available when needed. This respite will be helpful in affording me an opportunity to do that.

4. Finally, by calling me as your Minister Emerita, you have welcomed me into long-term relationship with this congregation and a relationship with your new full-time minister. This honor means so much to me. After this hiatus, I will be happy to renew our relationship in a different form and continue to support Jan and the congregation in whatever ways I can as I am invited to do so.

I leave you with deep gratitude for all we have shared and done together, heartened by the knowledge that I leave you in Jan's skilled and caring hands.



O Spirit of Renewal

*May this be for us a time of musing and mulling
and snoozing in the shade.*

*The season is past for dramas of darkness and new light,
for death and resurrection—*

We look now to simple summer stillness.

*With promises of breathing, not betterment; with
dreams*

*of companionship more than clarity, we remain
Truly grateful.*

The Rev. Jane Rzepka

Religious Education News & Views



Sparrow F. Alden, CRE

Summer Religious Education for Kids!

From July 1 through August 19, we will hold Sunday morning RE as a One Room Schoolhouse! Julianna McGonigle will lead the group in an outdoor learning experience designed specifically for the UUCUV

What can we expect?

Kids will need their own insect and sun protection. Parents are responsible for doing tick-checks after RE. Children will start in the Sanctuary for the Chalice Lighting and to collect food for the Upper Valley Haven.

There may be visitors with Nursery-aged little ones. I hope that our trained Baby Snugglers will put on a badge (they're on the name tag banner) and offer to hold the little one for a while. To become a Baby Snuggler, please email education@uucuv.org!

The children's class will use the whole property. The curriculum focuses on the Garden and the Orchard where we will use science and math to accurately observe the changes in the plants, then we will use our spiritual senses of love and peace to bless the plants and express our hopes for their growth and wellness. Because the program takes place in our beautiful garden, meadow, and woods, we will be thrilled to glimpse and hear their joy and vitality as they play and dance past the Sanctuary doors.

When the adult service ends and the coffee hour flows out into the back yard, Julianna will take the kids in for their craft time and snacks. It's an imperfect system, and I'm grateful for everyone's kindness and summer-easy-going good cheer.

Peace,

Sparrow

Thank you, Bob Lucier, for making Tree Cookies out of a linden branch for the kids to use in their projects!



For the Grownups: Contact education@uucuv.org to receive morning meditative poetry from July 1 through the end of August.

"Every blade of grass has its Angel that bends over it and whispers, "Grow, grow.""

The Talmud

Wanted for our landscape:

Do you have a comfortable wooden bench or Adirondack chairs we could have for summer seating at the beginning of the Spirit in Nature Trail? Or perhaps an extra wheelbarrow--2-wheeled is preferred but single-wheeled won't be sneezed at.

Thank you,
Leah



Meet Some of Our New Members!



Margo Nutt

Phil Kinsler is a retired clinical and forensic psychologist. He is Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth. He identifies as both Jewish and Unitarian, with a strong interest in social justice, discrimination, and the history of genocides. He has organized a history/biography reading group at UUCUV and also helps out with the sound system. He is married to Margaret “Mugs” Johnston. They have two daughters, Heather and Rebecca, and three grandsons, Ethan (14), Ryan (7), and Connor (4). Grandparenting is the best job he has ever had.

Eleanor Collier grew up in a small town called Yreka in rural northern California, eating dumplings cooked by her Chinese mom and spaghetti cooked by her white dad. She went to college at Stanford, where she majored in chemistry, minored in creative writing, and figured out her calling was psychology. She moved to the Upper Valley to work in Dartmouth’s psychology department, where she researches the neuroscience of kindness and empathy. In between secret plots to hijack America’s school system and infuse it with wellbeing education, Eleanor enjoys composing music, writing, running, dancing, experimental baking, and (most of all) attending UUCUV. The church has held her, housed her, let her play their piano, and literally carried her junk to a new home during one of her most difficult times. Eleanor hopes to give back even a drop of the love the church has poured into her.

Bob and Kathy Lucier: “We were raising our 3 daughters and a son in a suburb of Philly and very much wanted to get them out of there. We wound up here 26 years ago and have never looked back. We treasure this area and finding this congregation has added a whole new level to our lives.”

Judy Munger: “In my childhood home in Worcester, MA, I spent a lot of time outdoors playing with my siblings and neighborhood friends. When I was 3 or 4, the family attended a nature training school where my parents were the directors. I took a class at the Worcester Art Museum and began playing the flute when I was 8, later to play in the Worcester Youth Orchestra and All-state music groups.

My late husband Roy and I met in Fairlee, VT, where we both worked for many summers at a camp on Lake Morey. We taught in schools in NYC, where our two children were born. In 1976 we moved to Peacham, VT (Roy’s hometown) for a few months, to a cabin we built on a mountaintop there a few years before. Before that, we had to improve the “road” so we could drive up the mountain with building materials.

We both got teaching jobs in Chelsea, VT, where we had friends, and did some small farming, including beekeeping. I later taught in Windsor (and still later, Hartford), VT, and we moved to Norwich (where I still live), in 1984. I earned a degree in environmental studies that year.

I enjoy music and art, being outdoors, taking courses, quilting, and plays. One daughter lives in Lyme, NH and the other in Albuquerque, NM, and I try to connect with them and my five grandchildren often. My siblings live in New England and NYC, and we stay in close touch as well. Most recently, I’m happily serving on the UUCUV board, and am energized to connect with new and old friends as we attempt to live deliberately in our spiritual home and beyond.”



In Memoriam:
Kim Christiansen

April 22, 1945 – June 8, 2018

Kathy Christie

Our congregation mourns the loss of Kim Christiansen, who died peacefully in his sleep on June 8. Artist, potter, jewelry maker, singer, songwriter, guitarist, poet, Kim was a man with a mission: to find beauty everywhere and express it in any way he could so others could see it. One of his most unique art forms was making rubbings of manhole covers. One might think that one manhole cover is the same as all others, but by looking at them carefully, Kim saw that they were each unique, each told a story, and each was created by someone as an expression of some part of their life. His invention of Braille jewelry took him to Low Vision Conferences all over the country, and one pair of fan-shaped Braille earrings he entitled “Harmony and Serenity” is in the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, DC. Look for his really fun Happiness Book at www.happiness.com, which is still for sale. How lucky we are that Kim was amongst us, and how we will miss his winning smile, his warmth, and his passion for creating art in whatever form the spirit led him to discover.

You may read more about Kim at his Facebook site where his daughter, Amber Christiansen Rouleau, posted some wonderful images and a beautiful poem she wrote, and in my new member bio of Kim in the Call, Spring 2017.

<https://www.facebook.com/kim.christiansen.311>

<http://uucuv.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/The-Call-Spring-2017.pdf>

Cycles

by Kim Christiansen

silent is the snow
as it rests upon the ground
waiting for the sun
to melt it into sound

running rivulets through the meadows
meeting others making streams
flowing to the ocean
to meet again the beams of sunlight
that will heat it
and turn it into gas
and carry it again
to the summit and the pass

and when it meets the colder air
it forms droplets in the sky
falling to the seasons
surface slowly turning by



Norwich Five Church Rummage Sale
July 6th, 7th, 8th, 2018
Tracy Hall, Norwich, Vermont



Sale Dates:

Grand Opening: Friday, July 6th, 11:00am to 7:00pm

Saturday, July 7th, 9am to 1pm

½ price sale

1:15pm to 6pm, bag sale

Sunday, July 8

10am to 1pm bag sale continues

Donations Needed

Please bring donations to Tracy Hall

July 2nd through 4th, 9am to 7pm

Please do not donate mattresses, TVs, computer monitors, pianos, paint, skis, Christmas items, food, hazardous waste, telephones, medicines, encyclopedias, tires, organs, large or small appliances, Tupperware, or particle-board items. All donations must be in working condition.

Summer Lunch Program

Lori Fortini

Having enough food to eat is not guaranteed to all. Many families in our communities in the Upper Valley live every day with food insecurity – the state of being without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food - and are at risk for going hungry. At the UUCUV, we help families in the Upper Valley every Sunday by giving food and donations to the Haven Food Pantry.

Another direct way we help is by participating in the Northwood/Hollow Drive Summer Lunch Program organized by the St. Thomas Church in Hanover. Northwood/Hollow Drive has a housing development with many families with children with food insecurity. Through the school year, there are breakfast and lunch programs available which helps families stretch their budget to pay for food. However, those programs do not run through the summer.

To fill this void, local churches step up. Several Upper Valley Churches each take a week through the summer and make lunches for up to 50 children. With each church taking a week, we share the load with love throughout the Valley by showing families that we value them and that we care for their wellbeing.

I am proud to say that the UUCUV has been involved with this effort for many years – probably from its beginnings when a former member, Carmen Sanderson would mobilize our UUCUV families and friends to make lunches for a day during our week.

Here is how it works: All the food is donated or purchased from cash donations given by people in our

congregation. We have had generous champions of this program over the years who were willing to cover all expenses not covered by donations. This is a gift from our hearts that is outside of the UUCUV operating budget or funds.

Then, on the Sunday before our assigned week, families and friends gather together to make sandwiches and pack up snacks and fruit. It is quite a show. We have people working three sandwich assembly lines with others packing the boxes. It goes quickly – just an hour or so after church - with humor and good fellowship. We arrange to bring the food to the community center at Northwood Drive that day so that the food is ready for the families during the week.

Our week this year is July 16 through 20 so we will hold our lunch making day on July 15th. As we get closer to that date I will be asking for donations and helpers. It takes only an hour after church to make the sandwiches and then they are delivered to the community center for the apartments.

Please look in the weekly blast in the upcoming weeks for the call to help and consider sharing your bounty and plenty with our friends and neighbors this summer.



How to Stay Informed!

Please read your weekly email blasts for important up-to-date news!

If you do not already receive these and wish to be added to the list, email Rachel at office@uucuv.org and let her know.

Church Calendar

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

www.uucuv.org

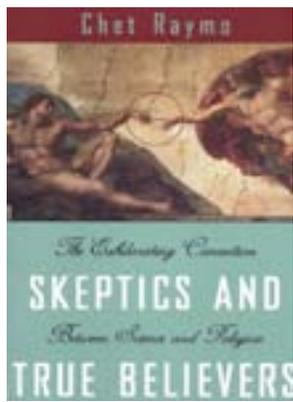
Book Review

Margo Nutt

***Skeptics and True Believers,*
by Chet Raymo**

With the current assault on science coming out of Washington, DC, we need this book as a helpful bridge between religion and science.

The link between the two can be awe and admiration of creation and a reverence for all life from the micro to the macro. Although brought up in Catholicism, Chet Raymo was later schooled in science (physics and astronomy) and has been attempting to rectify the rifts between religion and science ever since. He admits to not quite being able to accept the idea of God nor to leave it alone. He says, "Science is part of the traditional religious quest for the God of creation."



Raymo embarked upon his own quest to reconcile the miracle stories he learned as a child with the science he learned as an adult. *Skeptics and True Believers* is the culmination of that search—a passionate, ever-inquisitive statement that science and religion can mutually reinforce the way we experience the world.

*There were times when I could not afford to sacrifice
the bloom of the present moment
to any work of head or hands.
I love a broad margin to my life.*

*Sometimes, in a summer morning,
after taking my accustomed bath,
I sat in my summer doorway from sunrise till noon,
rapt in a reverie,
amidst pines and hickories and sumaches,
in undisturbed solitude and stillness,
while birds sang around
or flittered noiseless through the house,
until by the sun falling in at my west window,
or the noise of some traveller's wagon
on the distant highway,
I was reminded of the lapse of time.*

*I grew in those seasons like corn in the night,
and they were far better
than any work of the hands would have been.*

*They were not time subtracted from my life,
but so much over and above
my usual allowance.*

Henry David Thoreau

*"I think this is what hooks one on gardening:
it is the closest thing one can come to being
present at the creation."*

Phyllis Theroux



Annual Meeting 2018 Minutes

June 3, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 12 pm.

Opening remarks from Lori Fortini, Board President, asked us to take a minute to reflect on all that this congregation provides and expressed gratitude for the part that each one of us provides.

Approval of minutes from the 2017 Annual Meeting

Bob Riccio amended the minutes to correct Laura Mitchell's name.

Kathy Christie made the Motion to accept the Annual Report and approve the Minutes from 2017 Annual Meeting as amended, seconded by Mandy Ruest.

50 votes - unanimous approval.

Budget for 2018-2019

A Motion to accept the 2018-19 Budget as presented was made by Claudia Kern, seconded by Kathy Christie.

50 votes - unanimous approval.

Treasurer Mugs Johnston lead a discussion before the vote. Some highlights:

A significant expense next year will be an outlay of \$28,000 for replacement of the boardwalks on our Spirit In Nature Path. We are very fortunate that an anonymous donor has contributed \$14,000. We have received \$875 from the Vermont-Quebec Convention, and Chelsea and Nick's documentary on climate change added \$250. Leah and Kathy are in the process of applying to the Byrne Foundation for a grant and it was suggested that another good source for funding is King Arthur Flour.

Mark Nyland and his company will be doing the work and comes highly recommended by Shawn Donovan. The result will be well-constructed and durable boardwalks which will be guaranteed to last 25 years

There is a sizable surplus this year due in part to the fact that an anonymous donor paid off our mortgage on our new sanctuary, electricity credits were donated, income from rentals amounted to \$3,000. Support groups gave \$600 by donation.

The surplus would ordinarily be deposited in the Growth & Development Fund but it doesn't have to. A suggestion was made that any surplus could go into a new capital building account in anticipation that we will need to expand our building in the not too distant future.

Mugs mentioned that we have an ongoing list of ways to spend surplus money, just to mention a few: fans for sanctuary, weed wrenches, sound system. She will send out some information about this surplus in the Blast so that if people have other ideas they can let her know.

We had the same number of pledging units last year & this year (75). The amount in Total Amount Pledged was \$12,000 less last year since we did not include the \$12K that was given to UUCUV to pay for the annual contribution to the Major Maintenance & Repairs line item. This means that UUCUV received about \$6000 more in pledges for 2018-19. The 2018-19 pledge amount was derived by taking 3% off the total amount of pledges at the

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time the report was created. This has been common practice in recent years to allow for contingencies.

This year the budget allows for a 33% increase in the meetinghouse expenses. Last year we significantly underfunded our new building. For example, we upgraded our fire alarm contract which is costly and this year we had significant costs related to pest control and plumbing problems. We need to put aside \$12,000 a year for major repairs which we know eventually be required.

Although Sparrow will be a half time employee this year, additional staff have been hired for RE to ease the transition. All the staff receive the same benefit package equal to the minister. Salary and housing for Jan, our new minister, is \$55,000 plus benefits

Election of Officers, 2018-2019

A Motion to accept the 2018-2019 Slate of Officers to the Board of Directors as presented was made by Cappy Nunlist, seconded by Ellen Phillips.

50 unanimous approval.

President: Lori Fortini, Vice President: Allan Wieman, Treasurer: Mugs Johnston,
Secretary: Maureen McNulty, Members-at-Large: Judy Munger for a 2-year
term ending in June 2020 and Bob Riccio to a 3-year term ending in June 2021
with Laura Mitchell continuing in her second year of a 2-year term ending in 2019.

A Motion was made by Cappy Nunlist to accept the nomination of Suzanne Simon to a 3-year term on the Nominating Committee with Margaret Robinson continuing in a second year of a 3-year term ending in 2020 and Cappy Nunlist in the final year of a 3-year term ending 2019. Mugs Johnston seconded.

50 unanimous approval.

Selection of designated charities

Nick Warren made the motion that we designate the Haven and Upper Valley Strong as the recipients of one-half of the profits from the 2018 Pods for the Pulpit Craft Fair. Linda Mauriello seconded. 48 approved, 2 abstained.

Some highlights of our discussion follow:

Before this vote, Nick had encouraged us to donate to Upper Valley Strong, a disaster relief agency which does not meet the standards to qualify for government aid; he also noted that there has been an 86% increase in severe storms in the last ten years.

Suzanne Simon noted that we weren't giving to any social service agencies. Cappy Nunlist had made a motion that the Haven be the sole recipient of the Pod and Pulpit raffle this year, describing it as the most profound social justice group in the area. Suzanne Simon seconded. 18 approved, 26 disapproved. The motion did not pass. The motion was amended to include both the Haven and UV Strong.

It was brought to our attention that Sally Page is requesting a co-chair to assist her with the Pods for the Pulpit Crafts Fair which she has managed for years. This is the largest fundraiser of the year and the proceeds are split,

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half going to the church and the remaining half being split again each going to one of two charities chosen by the congregation.

Bestowal of honor to Patience Stoddard

Lori Fortini made the Motion to bestow the title Minister Emerita to Rev. Patience Stoddard.

Kathy Christie seconded. 43 approved, 2 abstained. The Motion Passed and Patience came back to the room to a standing ovation from our grateful congregation.

From the discussion that occurred before the vote, it was obvious that during Patience's tenure the church community changed for the benefit of everyone. Lori spoke of the three legs of Patience's ministry:

- Her strong commitment to healing and pastoral care.
- Her concern to develop strong leadership.
- The enrichment of the Sunday services.

Patience came to us during a period of struggle and distrust. After years of discussion, it is through her perseverance and leadership that we have our beautiful building today.

Our Right Relations Covenant is another achievement that was long overdue.

Different members spoke in depth as to how welcome and comfortable they felt in Patience's presence.

Approval of the Right Relations Covenant

Lori made a Motion to approve the Rights Relations Covenant as presented.

Linda seconded. 42 approved, 1 (one) abstained.

Before the vote there was a discussion on confidentiality concerns. Patience explained why proceedings should not be kept confidential as in her experience secrets "are almost always deleterious to the health of the congregation as a whole."

Other business

Nick explained that the Green Sanctuary group would like to install solar panels on the roof by the end of 2018 to maximize the tax credits for the congregation. Although this is our optimistic timeline, it is essential that all legal aspects have been checked out, are on the table and are understood by all.

The motion to adjourn was made by Mugs and seconded by Bob.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Clapp, Board Secretary

Excerpts from Rev. Jan's May Services

From "A River Runs Through Me (And You)"- May 13, 2018 Rev Jan Hutslar

I imagine the core understandings of how to live and what I prioritize, as this inner river flowing right through the center of me. But it's more than my deeply held convictions.

It's an ineffable bigness.

An expanding.

A connection with everything.

I might call it spirit-filled.

Rumi says it well: "When you do things from your soul, you feel a river moving in you, a joy. Let yourself be silently drawn by the stronger pull of what you really love."

What *is* this river moving through me? What does it say?

How does it handle the rocks and curves and dams encountered along the way? How do I understand the world? How do you?

I understand that we are all made up of a spark of life that some call God and I call love. Because of that, we are all related. Intertwined.

There is much to celebrate in these interconnections.

AND, as in all our relations, there are challenges.

And above all, a great responsibility to our linked kinship.

This UU faith tradition is **core** to my being in the world. The values and spirit of this faith fill the river that flows through me. Our Unitarian Universalist tradition celebrates diversity of thought and being and theology and honors the wisdom and understandings that each of us hold dear.

For us, as Unitarian Universalists, EVERYTHING is a potential source of inspiration, spiritual deepening and guidance on our way.

We have the opportunity to keep opening and growing because our neighbor, our friend, the person sitting beside us has their own river running through them,

and some of the same streams may feed it, but many come from other sources.

Our Universalist ancestors were ridiculed for their belief in universal salvation—no hell.

They saw hell on earth as injustice--poverty, prejudice, greed, war.

And they vowed to try to create *heaven* on earth.

This Unitarian Universalist commitment to transform the world fills my own riverbanks and keeps me asking: how?

I imagine that these questions also live in many of your hearts:

What can I do? How can I help?

How do I/we reimagine the world?

From “The Rivers Meet the Sea”- May 20, 2018 Rev Jan Hutslar

Our rivers flow here, into this community, from our own life journeys.

With our tender and willing hearts full of love, sorrow, joy, loss, struggles, triumphs and dreams, we come together.

As I have walked the shores of this sea, this UU Congregation of the Upper Valley, this week, I have marveled at the waves that roll up onto this lovely shore.

These waves are your stories and your strengths.

And they come from the depth of your commitment to this faith community.

I think of the image of a circle as a perfect one for community.

And even though our metaphor, the ocean, is not round, there is a roundness, a circular feel, to its rhythms and tides and moon influence.

Robin Wall Kimmerer, biology professor, citizen of the Potawatomi Nation and author of the book *Braiding Sweetgrass*, says:

“Few of us live in round houses anymore, where there are no walls or corners. Indigenous architecture tends to the small and round, though, following the model of nests and dens and burrows and eggs and wombs--as if there were some universal pattern for home.

A sphere sheds water and distributes the weight of snow load and is resistant to wind” she says.

And I say, there is a roundness to this community.

Like the moonsnail, and the den and burrow, it can be a sanctuary from the world.

But it is also a womb--where ideas, inspirations, relationships are born and we grow and shed our old shells.

And we are companioned by our friends and neighbors here, as we expand into new territory.



We stand together, distributing the load among us, and making shelter from the most difficult winds of life.

And from this safe harbor we go out into the world with our resilience and our courage and our open hearts and we love.

I feel your big-heartedness, your joy,
your full embrace of life.

I experience here an energy that is transforming the world.

Excerpts from Jan's Sermons: Readings

Midlife

by Julie Cadwallader-Staub

This is as far as the light
of my understanding
has carried me:
an October morning
a canoe built by hand
a quiet current
above me the trees arc
green and golden
against a cloudy sky
below me the river responds
with perfect reflection
a hundred feet deep
a hundred feet high.
To take a cup of this river
to drink its purple and gray
its golden and green
to see
a bend in the river up ahead and still
say
Yes.



From Amos and Boris by William Steig

One night, in a phosphorescent sea,
he marveled at the sight of some whales spouting
luminous water;
lying on the deck of his boat gazing at the
immense, starry sky,
the tiny mouse Amos,
a little speck of a living thing in the vast living universe,
felt thoroughly akin to it all.
Overwhelmed by the beauty and mystery of
everything,
he rolled over and over and right off the deck
of his boat and into the sea.

Author Anne Lamott, talking about why she made her son Sam go with her to church:

“I want to give him what I found in the world, which is to
say: a path and a little light to see by.

Most of the people I know who have what I want, which is
to say, purpose, heart, balance, gratitude, joy,
are people with a deep sense of spirituality.

They are people in community, who practice their faith—
people banding together to work on themselves and for hu-
man rights.

They follow a brighter light than the glimmer of their own
candle, they are part of something beautiful.”

Excerpts from Rev. Patience's Sermons

From the Easter Service

The story of the resurrection, of the beginning of new life and deeper faith, begins at the tomb. The stone which blocks the tomb, blocks the disciples' ability to see the possibility of justice and peace which so short a time ago seemed to be becoming reality before their very eyes. Now that hope seems dead, inaccessible and hidden by the apparent triumph of power over love.

We are living in a time when hopefulness can be hard to come by. So many things in our nation seem to be going in the wrong direction –hardworking fathers and mothers without papers ripped away from their children, more money going to weapons and less to social services, more rights for corporations and less for voters, fewer restrictions on guns and more on trans soldiers. Sometimes it is difficult to see beyond the bitterness of divisions in our society, beyond the apparent slipping away of rights and the growing tilt toward authoritarianism.

...But as with the story of the death of the Jewish Teacher, this is not the end of the story. I do not believe that the stone cannot be moved. There is still much we can and must do to keep the vision of peace and justice alive in this nation, this community, and angels abound if we have eyes to see and ears to hear.

Angels like Emma Gonzales, who despite her grief and trauma after the shooting in Parkland, stood before thousands of people, spoke out and wept, and demanded change.Who would have imagined, that in the wake of death and so much pain, we would turn on our television and feel our hearts rise at the scenes of hundreds of thousands of students gathered in Washington, and Concord and Montpelier, and all over the country. Young people are finding their voices, finding the courage to say "Enough," reminding us that, there is no stone too big to move if keep showing up and speaking up, and refusing to give up.

This is no time to be hopeless, far from the end of democracy, perhaps we have only just begun. In the words of poet Denise Levertov:

We have only begun to imagine the fullness of life.

How could we tire of hope? —so much is in bud.

How can desire fail?—we have only begun to imagine justice and mercy,

only begun to envision how it might be to live as siblings with beast and flower, not as oppressors.

We have only begun to know the power that is in us if we would join

our solitudes in the communion of struggle.

So much is unfolding that must complete its gesture, so much is in bud.

"All Joy reminds. It's never a possession, always a desire for something longer ago or further away or still about to be."

C. S. Lewis

"Easter Visitation" -unknown author

It is afternoon in late winter or early spring. The long shafts of sunlight find their way through the slats of the blind. My daughter, visiting for a few days, has fallen asleep over her book. I slip into the chair across from her reading my own book and sipping from a cup of coffee. She stirs and I look up to see something flit across her face – a shadow perhaps, caused by a cloud crossing the sun. I watch her settle back to sleep. And then I see it.

In some subtle way, her face changes and I am looking at a stranger—a very familiar stranger. For a moment I am confused. Of course it is my daughter I am seeing, but there is someone else there too. And then it strikes me, I am looking at the face of her grandmother, my mother. Not a very remarkable insight, were it not for the fact that my mother died when I was nine months old. I have no memory of her. I have only ever seen one photo of her—standing at a far distance, in a field, her face averted. I have no image of what my mother looked like.

Excerpts from Patience’s Sermons (cont’d)

And yet, sitting in that living room, that late winter, early spring afternoon, I suddenly knew her face. I saw her in my daughter’s face, and somewhere deep within me, an ancient hurt for which there had never been any name began to heal.

My daughter opened her eyes; saw me watching and smiled. She could not know what I had seen, how out of death and winter, spring and life had emerged to clothe my world in gratitude and praise. We smiled at each other and turned back to our books.

But in my mind a voice whispered:

Though I be dead, yet shall I live again.

In my mind whispered:

For lo the winter is past;

the flowers appear on the earth;

in gladness the earth mother robes herself in new life.

and the time of the singing of birds has come.

of my own strength.

But we don’t serve with our strength, we serve with ourselves. We draw from all of our experiences. Our limitations serve, our wounds serve, even our darkness can serve. The wholeness in us serves the wholeness in others and the wholeness in life.

We cannot serve at a distance. We can only serve that to which we are profoundly connected, that which we are willing to touch. This is Mother Teresa’s basic message. We serve life not because it is broken but because it is holy.

Service rests on the basic premise that the nature of life is sacred, that life is a holy mystery which has an unknown purpose. When we serve, we know that we belong to life and to that purpose.

**From Pastoral Care Service: excerpt from
“In the Service of Life”
by Rachel Naomi Remen**

In recent years the question how can I help? has become meaningful to many people. But perhaps there is a deeper question we might consider. Perhaps the real question is not how can I help? but how can I serve?

Serving is different from helping. Helping is based on inequality; it is not a relationship between equals. When you help you use your own strength to help those of lesser strength. If I’m attentive to what’s going on inside of me when I’m helping, I find that I’m always helping someone who’s not as strong as I am, who is needier than I am. People feel this inequality. When we help we may inadvertently take away from people more than we could ever give them; we may diminish their self-esteem, their sense of worth, integrity and wholeness. When I help I am very aware

Spirit in Nature Path

Behind the Meeting House there is lovely easy-to-walk trail. The Spirit In Nature Path was built in 2003. Maps and a notebook describing trees and plants along the way can be found in the kiosk not far from the trail entrance. Take as little or as long as you like. In 20 to 30 minutes you could walk both loops.



More Opportunities for Involvement

Sunday Teams

Anyone who would like to participate in hosting Sunday Services as part of a team, who has not already been assigned to one, please email Claudia Kern claudia.anne.kern@gmail.com or Suzanne Simon knitrmom@gmail.com. This is a good way to meet people and have a lot of fun--and help the congregation as well. The teams take responsibility for one month of services. They set up for the service, provide refreshments, welcome people as they arrive, and put things back in order afterwards.

Caring Circle

The Caring Circle is our way of matching up people who need a hand in some way (rides, cards, visits, meals, etc.) with people in the congregation willing to help when able. Each month a different Monthly Coordinator is informed of needs and calls Circle members to see if they can help out. If you would like to be part of the Caring Circle in some way *or have needs that could be met through the Circle*, please email or talk Sparrow or email Lori Fortini at LA14E@outlook.com. (Lori organizes the monthly coordinators). The more willing hands we have listed for various needs, the better we can take care of each other when those needs arise.

If you'd like to step up to drive someone to an appointment or make a meal or show your caring in similar ways, please fill in the quick questionnaire:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUPXHZ1EYvWrgv4h0exU145fgD_1YThhrc5Q3wcaENTxP8nA/viewform

Sunday Music & Readings

The Sunday Services committee is always looking for people to share special music, suggest readings or themes, or offer to lead or take part in a service. They are very interested in adding other voices, speakers and musical diversity to the services.

Sing in the Choir

The UUCUV choir sings September through June. We rehearse at a once-a-month potluck and on Sunday mornings when we sing (twice a month). Whenever possible, music and listening links are made available in advance. The choir is open to all who wish to sing regardless of experience or ability. Contact our Music Director, Linda Hoover, if you would like to sing with the choir. music@uucuv.org

Open Choir Sundays. Starting at 9:00 am on certain Sundays, with whomever shows up, Linda will warm up the group, and we will learn and prepare a piece to be sung in the service. If you love to sing but can't do choir regularly, give this a try. There are also opportunities to provide special music throughout the year.



Bell Choir

A new addition to the music program in 2018, the Bell Choir participates in worship services several times a year. Anyone with interest, the ability to read music, and a commitment to regular attendance is welcome. Rehearsals are generally weekly. Contact Jane Sachs (jsachsnh@gmail.com) or Jo Shute (joshute2@gmail.com).

Volunteer at a Special Event

The church has numerous events throughout the year, and volunteers are hugely appreciated for set up, cooking and baking, planning, serving tables, sorting donated items, cleaning up, crafting, helping with children's activities, carpentry, taking pictures, gardening...you never know what might be needed! Watch for opportunities in the Weekly Blasts. New members and friends are encouraged to fill out our Activity Survey by getting in touch with Sparrow, who will email you a copy. education@uucuv.org

“Living Fully with Limits” Group

How does one live fully and happily despite having to adjust to limits on our activities and abilities? The minister facilitates an open and on-going bi-weekly group for those for whom aging or illness have changed the patterns and choices of daily life. We share readings, personal frustrations, lessons learned, and spiritual practices in our continuing search for personal growth. Announcements of time and place will be found in the Weekly Blast. This summer there may be a hiatus until sometime in August.

Women’s Group

The Women’s Group gathers at Sally Page’s (visit the church website or contact Sally for directions) on the fourth Monday 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. Those choosing not 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 break up by 8:30.

Sally Page baciquail@comcast.net



LISTEN Community Dinners

It is easy to overlook the hidden poverty of our scenic and affluent region. Our UUCUV cook team is one of more than 60 teams who prepare and serve hot, nutritious meals for the LISTEN Program. Upwards of 20,000 meals are served annually, at no cost, and as you might imagine, the need increases each year. We currently cook for up to 100 guests at each dinner. Seniors and families with children make up the majority of our guests.

Participating in the LISTEN Dinner Program is just one of the ways our congregation gives back to the Upper Valley community. All are welcome to join our team - no experience is necessary, and you are not required to work at every dinner; only sign up for the ones that fit your schedule. We offer 2 shifts: prep & cook from 3:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. and serve & cleanup from 4:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and you may choose to work one or both shifts. Please call me at 603-643-7494 or send an email to knitrmmom@gmail.com if you would like to sign up or have questions.

Stay tuned to the Weekly Blasts for our schedule. I hope you will consider joining us: work at a dinner, donate fresh produce or a homemade dessert, or offer funds to purchase such items to supplement the meal. We have a good time together doing meaningful work for our Upper Valley neighbors. I find this work deeply gratifying, and I hope you will, too.

Suzanne Simon

Partner Church

Our congregation has a partnership with the Mukhap Unitarian Church in the Khasi Hills of Northeast India. Our two churches communicate regularly and find ways to enrich each other’s lives through our common spiritual aims and different heritages. Please talk to Claudia Kern or Polly Gould if you are interested in being part of this important on-going endeavor.

claudia.anne.kern@gmail.com

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About the UUCUV



OUR MISSION: We strive to be a joyful, inclusive congregation that nurtures spiritual and intellectual growth for everyone while encouraging lives of service and integrity.

OUR VISION: We, the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Upper Valley, unite: to provide diverse gatherings with music, ceremony, dialogue, and joy in support of each other's spiritual well-being;

to maintain an active program of religious education for adults and children;
to find ways for each of us to participate in activities that will provide fellowship, be intergenerational, and serve the wider community;
to sustain our vitality toward building a sanctuary and increasing our membership;
to fulfill our commitment to be environmentally responsible;
to fulfill our commitment to be a Welcoming Congregation;
to be a positive influence in the world;
to welcome all who share our mission and covenant.

OUR COVENANT: We covenant with each other to speak and act with thoughtful intentions, compassionate truthfulness, and constructive encouragement, in order to build and nurture a loving and supportive environment where all will feel safe to explore our spiritual truths.

SUNDAY SERVICES: Services are held at 10 AM at the Meetinghouse at 320 Route 5 South, in Norwich, VT. Child care is available. Religious education classes are provided during the service.

MEETINGHOUSE: Our newly-built sanctuary adjoins our original Greek Revival farmhouse that continues to serve as meeting and office space.

MINISTER: As of July 1 Rev. Jan Hutslar begins her ministry with us. You may contact her at minister@uucuv.org. Her phone number is (315) 714-9287. You may also leave a message at the church office phone (802) 649-8828, which the administrator checks Tuesday through Friday mornings.

CREDENTIALLED RELIGIOUS EDUCATOR: Email Sparrow F. Alden at education@uucuv.org.

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Email Linda Hoover at music@uucuv.org.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE: Rachel's regular hours are Tuesday through Friday 10-1, unless otherwise posted. Contact her at (802) 649-8828, or email office@uucuv.org. In summer she may normally not work Thursdays.

CARES AND CONCERNS: With cares and concerns, please contact the Caring Circle Coordinator of the month (listed in our weekly email news) and/or the Rev. Jan Hutslar or Sparrow Alden (contact information above).

NEWS: To receive our weekly email news "blasts" and/or The Call, our quarterly e-newsletter, email Rachel at the office (above) and ask to be added to our list. Hard copies of The Call are available on Sundays for those who need them.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

The submissions deadline for the Autumn issue is August 15. Please send your submissions to Rachel: office@uucuv.org

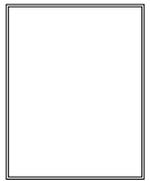
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Send news items to Rachel by 9 AM Wednesdays

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Some Dates to Remember:

July 6-7-8 Rummage Sale

@ Tracy Hall

Aug. 26--Barnard VT Service

Sept. 2--Annual Picnic at UUCUV

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