



First Universalist Parish of Chester

WELCOME TO OUR STONE CHURCH IN CHESTER VERMONT

First Universalist Parish Newsletter

November 2019

November 3, Daylight Savings, Fall Back

November 11, Veterans' Day

November 30, Thanksgiving

Church Events

Sunday Services begin at 10:00 - PLEASE NOTE THE STARTING TIME FOR CHURCH!

Reminder - November 3 is Daylight Savings Time – Set your clock back an hour.

Childcare Provided



November 3, 2019, by Buffy Boke: “The Gift of the Rabbi”

How to become “a vibrant center of light and spirituality”.



November 10, 2019 by Rev. Dr. Nancy Jay Crumbine:

“Rowing through the Cattails of Shortening Days”



November 17, 2019 , by Kevin Carson: “Now More Than Ever”

“Why our liberal faith is desperately needed in today’s fractured world”



November 24, 2019, by James Scott:

He has original songs that tell of our 7 Unitarian principles.

PRINCIPLES IN ACTION – November 2019-Wounded Warriors

Veterans and service members who incurred a physical or mental injury, illness, or wound while serving in the military on or after September 11, 2001 are the focus of The Wounded Warrior Program.

More than 52,000 service men and women were physically injured in recent military conflicts, while 500,00 live with invisible wounds from depression to post-traumatic stress disorder and 320,000 are experiencing debilitating brain trauma.

With the support of donors and team members, a voice can be given to their needs and empower them to begin the journey to recovery.

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the days grow shorter and the pace slows a bit this month, I look forward to the variety of themes and thought-provoking messages from our ministers, Buffy Boke, , Nancy Crumbine, and Kevin Carson. We also have a very special service with composer/musician Jim Scott (who has songs in our hymnal)! First Universalist Parish continues to “live stream” from our Facebook page and we’ve had visitors attend services almost every Sunday since the beginning of the season. I hope we’ll see many new faces in the coming weeks. I am grateful for this church, the richness of our services, the music and our choir directed by Julane Deener; and our talented pianist, Valerie Linck. With the “outside” world in seemingly endless tumult it’s nice to come “inside” to this quiet space and worship together. If you haven’t come to a service in a while, please consider attending and bring a friend. We’d love to see you. All are welcome!

Take care, Melody Reed, Board President

FUNdraising- **THANKSGIVING BAKE SALE AT LISAI’S PORCH**

Reminder: Calling all bakers for this year’s bake sale the day before Thanksgiving on Lisai’s porch! Pies were a terrific seller last year, and Melody’s picked up some specially printed cartons to give you for brownies, cookies or what have you. Presentation is everything! See Melody to let her know what you plan to contribute. This is an important fundraiser as we will not be having the lawn sale next spring.

The board meeting will be held after coffee hour, Sunday, November 10. Members and friends are welcome to attend. If you have an item, you’d like added to the agenda please email me at melodious54@gmail.com. Board meetings will be held the second Sunday of each month unless otherwise notified.

MUSIC NEWS – **NOVEMBER**

The First Universalist Parish Choir **rehearses most Tuesday nights at 6 p.m.** in the sanctuary. All singers are welcome to join us!



Julane Deener
Music Director

Nov. 3: Soloist Stephanie Rowe – *There Is a Season*

Nov. 10: Anthem – The Secret

Nov. 17: Anthem – Something Told the Wild Geese

Nov. 24: Special Service with Jim Scott

Special holiday services require special music! We’re already starting to think about holiday services and the Peace Choir. If you like to sing but can’t make it every week, the holiday season is a great time to join the choir without too much of a commitment. We’ll have special music on the ***evening of December 15, for the Winter Solstice. December 22 is our morning Christmas service.*** And once again the Peace Choir will be singing for peace in the coming year at our ***New Year’s Eve vesper service.*** Please contact Julane if you are available to sing in any (or all) of these services. The Peace Choir is open to all singers from the community – we’re an interfaith group singing for hope and peace. All are welcome – bring a friend!

BIG WOODS VOICES

Will Danforth's vocal group, Big Woods Voices, will be in concert at FUP on Sunday, Nov. 3, at 3 p.m.



Admission will be \$15 at the door.

Big Woods Voices unites four veteran area singers in celebrating their common passion for vocal harmony through a cappella interpretations of original, world, and roots music with a generous helping of poetry.

Will Danforth's compositions and arrangements invite harmony and dissonance to dance together in riveting soundscapes. Reveling in harmony, Big Woods Voices presents lyrical settings of poems by David Whyte, W. B. Yeats, and others; richly harmonized standards of the American root's lexicon; gems by musicians such as Pete Sutherland and The Finest Kind; and completely original poetic-harmonic pieces.

REQUEST FOR REFRESHMENT GOODIES FOR CONCERT

Will's group (Sunday November 3) Big Woods Voices - put it on your calendar!!)

We need contributions of cookies, handheld food and snacks to sell to raise money for the church. No excuses accepted. In other words, if you can't bake, buy something to contribute. We will have refreshments so we can do a little fund-raising and these goodies are offered by donation downstairs during the intermission the afternoon of **BIG WOODS VOICES, Will Danforth's vocal group**, concert on November 3 at 3:00.

Please bring donations Sunday morning before church or from 11:30-3:00 Sunday afternoon.

Remembers Pete In Song



Please join us for a **Pete Seeger 100th Birthday Songfest, on Sunday, November 24 at 2 p.m. at First Universalist Parish of Chester.**

We'll honor Pete Seeger, singing many of his well-loved songs such as If I Had a Hammer, Turn, Turn, Turn, Where Have All the Flowers Gone and many others. Led by composer/guitarist Jim Scott, who knew Pete well and collaborated on many projects with the folk legend, we'll raise our voices for the causes Pete

championed and remember the great contributions to our American heritage Pete made in his 94 years of life.

A prolific composer in his own right, Jim brings a warmth, and authenticity that turns any size audience into an intimate gathering. His lyrical melodies, well-crafted words, guitar mastery and humorous surprises moved Pete to call him "Some kind of a magician." Jim played for years with the Paul Winter Consort and was co-composer of their celebrated Missa Gaia/Earth Mass. A life-long Unitarian Universalist with songs in our Hymnbooks (Gather the Spirit), he's visited over 700 UU churches in more than three decades of travels.

Suggested donation \$15. Children under 12 admitted FREE. First Universalist Parish of Chester is in the historic Stone Village, 211 North Street, Chester, VT. For more information call Melody Reed 875-5414.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY CLIMATE ACTION 350VT

Mountain Valley Climate Action will meet Wednesday, November 13 at 5:30 p.m.

beginning with a potluck and meeting starts at 6:15 p.m. downstairs in the social hall. We are a group of citizens who are deeply concerned about climate change and climate justice. We meet twice a month to work on climate solutions and organize educational experiences. We also take part in climate activism and are affiliated with 350VT. In October we supported the XR Youth Encampment on the VT state house lawn by bringing soup, cornbread muffins and cookies to the protest.

ART - Meets on Wednesdays from 3-5.



We are planning an Art Show/Sale at the UU (where we paint every Wednesday) on Sunday, December 8, from 12-4. This is a great opportunity to show and sell your art. This is the same day as the Chester Cookie Tour, which will be in the Stone Village this year. Since the UU will be participating in the Tour, many people will be coming into the church.

I will need to know who wants to participate. Please let me know if you plan to show your art. We will also need help setting up on Saturday and hanging out on Sunday afternoon. Nena Nanfeldt – 802-875-4309

September 7 Celebrating the History of North Chester Event



The First Universalist Church Choir sang, under the direction of Julane Deener, Music Director.

Brian Post, the Executive Director of the Stone Trust in Dummerston, talked about the use of historic mortars and construction of the stone buildings.



Architectural Historian Hugh Henry presenting a collection of vintage Chester photographs, talking about the history of the Town, and sharing stories from the 1800's.

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Community Events

12th Annual Warm Hands Warm Hearts

Chester Congregational Church

Friday November 8 and Saturday November 9 from 10 AM to 1 PM

Food will be served

Donations of clean usable warm winter wear are requested. you can find collection boxes throughout town including Chester and Andover Town Halls, the churches and schools. please donate by Nov 5. volunteers are needed to help sort and display the donations, and to help during the event.

Let us know when you can come help sort. The times are listed Volunteers are also needed to help during shopping as well.

Sorting times:

Tue 11/5 9-12 am, 5-7 pm

Weds 11/6 9-12 am, 1-4 pm

Thurs 11/7 9-12 am, 1-4 pm, 5-7 pm

Volunteers are needed for the Shopping times:

Fri 11/8 and Sat 11/9 shopping volunteers 9-1 (doors are open 10-1)

Sat 11/9 clean-up 1-3

Call Edie Brown 802-875-3889 if you can assist. More volunteers are needed during the shopping times.

Thanks for the help you can provide.

Edie, Susan, Carla