

# United Church Herald

Autumn

November 2017

## Special points of interest:

- ◇ Reformation Sunday
- ◇ Advent Preparation Party celebration
- ◇ Promise Community Grant progress...
- ◇ Calendar



## Reformation Sunday



This month marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's 95 Theses which touched off a stormy theological awakening that has created nearly every Christian denomination we know today. We have spent the last few months at UCN reflecting and preparing for this remarkable occasion and on Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup> we will mark the big day with what looks to be a very memorable celebration.

We are very happy to be joined by St Mark's Episcopal Church for a united Reformation 500 Celebration of praise and worship. All are welcome to our joint service where joint Communion will be served and a joint choir will perform. This will be followed by a special coffee hour where we can continue to build the community bonds which will take us into a bright future together.

We have not always shared the peace of Christ with our fellow Christians of different

denominations and this celebration will also be an opportunity to atone and ask forgiveness of one another for our past injustices and renew the covenant of brotherhood offered to us by God through our risen Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Reformation 500  
Celebration  
United Church of Newport**  
◆ ◆ ◆  
**Sunday 10/29, 9:30 AM**  
*(note the time change)*  
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Join us and wear red to represent the flame of faith and unity that rises here in this beautiful corner of God's beautiful world.

**YES THIS SERVICE WILL BE HELD 30 MINUTES EARLY TO ACCOMMODATE THE EXTRA PEOPLE. FOR THIS REASON, CHOIR PRACTICE WILL BE HELD 15 MINUTES EARLIER THAN NORMAL WITH THE VOICES OF ST. MARK'S CHOIR JOINING US. THE SERVICE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY AN EXTRA**

## SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR & TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP.



**FROM THE CITY COUNCIL**  
2018 marks the centennial of Newport's incorporation as a city and preparations are being made for the celebration to be held in July. Included in the festivities will be the biggest parade this city has seen in a long time. We're looking for ideas for a church float. Initial suggestions have included celebrating our two historical church buildings possibly through models or highlighting the life and mission of the church today and in years past. All contributions are welcome to making this upcoming celebration as unforgettable as it promises to be.

## TIDBIT FROM THE OFFICE~

As I was scouting around on the UMC and UCC websites', which I do on a regular basis, to make sure we at UCN keeps up to speed with some of the things going on around us in the wider churches. I came across an "ad" for: **Sunday School Live**—From Your Friends at First UMC Burlington.

It's "Sunday School Live" (Pre-Recorded). Every other Wednesday Rachel and Mark (pastors at First UMC), with the assistance of Adam Hall (Minister of Music and Media) post a

brief lesson 3 to 6 minutes - on everything from the Beatitudes, Proverbs, Protests, The Holy Spirit, Prayer, Simplicity. Watch on [First UMC Burlington Facebook](#) page, or on the Church [YouTube Channel](#). Geared toward children, but fun for adults, watch, discuss with your family, comment ... and share.

I stopped and watched, kinda cute and corny. Something kids and kids at heart might like. So I would like to suggest to youth and parents of all ages to take a moment maybe when your exploring the web, Facebook, or YouTube and check it out for yourself. (Besides Rachel is a friend of mine. Let me know what you think so I can give her feedback from the NEK.)

~Valerie

## PROMISE COMMUNITY

Since the spring the United Church of Newport has been working with a variety of area groups to make a plan to use a \$150,000 federal grant to support early childhood education. It was clear from the beginning that the greatest need in the Newport community was for affordable quality childcare and that the centrally located United Church building was the ideal place to do it.

After months of work and now with a budget plan and

approval from state inspectors in hand the final proposal can go to the Exec Board and, God willing, the center could open as early as January 1.

The plan is to use 2 of the large rooms in the Sunday school wing of the building as a daycare for a total of 24 children ages 0 to 6 years. This center would be open 5 days each week to start and would not interfere with the current church ministry activities or the use of those rooms as Sunday school classroom. Additionally the front yard would be turned into an outdoor play area with the addition of an attractive picket fence. The center would make significant financial contributions to the upkeep and maintenance of the building and would share the cost of heat and water.

Through the utilization of this already almost ideal childcare space we hope to provide a wonderful service and ministry to the children and families of Newport.

In the near future we will be looking to outfit these classrooms with toys and furniture. Every piece that is donated represents more of the grant funding that can be spent on quality teachers and scholarships so we hope this community will give generously to the effort.

We are all looking forward to this exciting opportunity for

## Office Hours & Staffing

Valerie normal Fall / Winter office hours from 9-12 Mon, **Thu and Fri. 9-2** with additional hours before or after dependent on scheduling requests.

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service and ministry in the Newport community and beyond. Look for more details and ways to get along as the plan falls in to place.

## THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UMBRELLA

### ADVENT PREPARATION PARTY

Last year's event was such a success that we are keeping it to the same Sunday and time. Sunday, November 26th after Coffee Hour. The event is open and designed for all generations with: singing, tree decorating, ornament making, cookie decorating, lunch and goodies to eat. Vern Hurd has a plan for a wood working project. Denise Piette is thinking up something to demonstrate and help those interested create from her Scrapbook / Notecard treasure chest. Bettie and Connie are more than happy to help those interested create advent centerpieces for their homes or to give. Valerie will be bringing more gingerbread cookies to decorate. There will be lots to do. **Hope everyone will come that Sunday and stay for the fun & fellowship.**



### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Okay, we did get our hopes up, there were actually children

showing up for church... Until we publicized the Sunday School Kick Off. Then for some reason none of the children /youth came that day. However we have not given up all hope. We are prepared and will be ready on the days they do. To help this along though... if you have any thoughts you might be in church on any given Sunday and can call the office by Friday afternoon that would be awesome! It would just give the teachers a chance to be doubly prepared. It is always better to be prepared than not.

## HANDBELL CHOIR

Thank you again goes out to Joy Toll-Chandler and Paul Chandler who blessed us with a new set of 'baby' bells (7 octave) given in honor of their parents. The bells were dedicated on Sunday October 22. A special thank you goes out to Ruth Marquette for her dedication to the hand bell choir for keeping us motivated and teach us new pieces and techniques.



## MISSION AND HOSPITALITY

**WINE TASTING:** On Saturday, Oct. 21, a group of about twenty people gathered at the home of Marvelene and Keith Richards for a wine-tasting



event. Kendall Lambert led the event, which focused on six individual wines from Germany and Austria. She provided us specific information about the variety of the grapes, the vineyard owners, and the growing regions of the six wines sampled. Through Kendall's expert instruction, attendees were able to understand and identify the color, nose, taste and structure of these wines. The several tasty snacks of German/Austrian origin, good wine, and the informative nature of Kendall's presentation set the stage for a wonderful evening of fellowship and learning. Thank you Kendall and James for sharing your knowledge, and Marvelene and Keith for hosting the event.

## FOOD SHELF

**There is great news,** for the Food Shelf and others in the church who may need refrigerator space. We are deeply grateful to Craig and Barbara Buchanan for their donation of a walk-in cooler. The cooler is four feet wide by eight feet long and about eight feet high. It is located in the last room at the end of the downstairs hallway.

In April a crew went to Barbara's house to take the

cooler apart by disconnecting the side panels and removing the top and bottom sections. By using pick-up trucks and a van, it was all hauled to the church including the compressor. Later in April another crew reassembled all the panels, top, bottom, door and replaced the shelves. New wiring was required and this was completed by Corey Marquis who graciously donated his labor portion of the cost. The new piping etc.. For the compressor were installed by Kevin Kincaid and the cooler was up and running on August 1st.

We have found it to be very useful for storing many items used by the Food Shelf such as bread and rolls (donated by Shaw's) and fresh vegetables (including watermelon). It has also been used to keep large pots of peeled potatoes for the chicken pie supper and large containers of salad for the Community Meal.

We receive large quantities of donated items from Saw's (bread and pastries) between Food Shelf Pass-out days so really need the additional space after using our freezer space for the cakes and other pastries.

~Merle Chilcott

## FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

### 2017 Schedule of Meetings

Nov 28 Christmas party

### 2017 Schedule of Events

Nov 18 Holiday Bazaar  
Dec 9 Cookie Fare

It takes many many volunteers behind the scenes before and after to make ALL EVENTS run smoothly. Not just the Chicken Pie Supper that was again a success. Now it is



time to focus on the **Holiday Bazaar in November.**

The ladies are asking everyone now to mark their calendars for Friday the 17th and Saturday 18th of November to be ready willing and able to help by with the luncheon that is served while folks walk around and shop. All so the Friendship Circle is calling for all those creative people to consider donating some of their craft to the bazaar.

## Cookies, Cookies, and More Cookies!

That is what will be needed to fill the demand come December 9th at the Annual Cookie Fare. Faith Olsen has been baking away preparing for all the cookie platters. However so many more multiple dozens will be needed come the day of. The more festive and Christmas like the better.



PLEASE

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**Do not bring any more clothing** items in until next April. In fact, it would be very helpful if you could spread the word to non members as well. Bettie & Valerie still come to the church in the morning and find bags of clothing that have been dropped off over night. We do not have the space to store them especially with a new child care opening in our church building soon. Thank you for assisting with this problem. ~the UCN staff

On that note if you know you are making a trip to the Burlington area and you are willing to make a slight side trip; we have dozens of bags of clothing that need to make their way down to the Goodwill stores in Williston and South Burlington. The stores are willing to take 2-4 of the bags at a time. Call Valerie in the office to make arrangements to pick up a few bags to take with you or take some on a Sunday. Merle Chilcott took some down last week and discovered that there is drive up service. Someone comes out with a cart and helps take whatever you have out of you vehicle and will even write a receipt if you want.

Today is the tomorrow we worried about yesterday... and all is well.

## FRIEDRICH WILCOX

Trip to Taizé France; Friedrich has sent a Power Point Presentation on to Valerie in the office. If anyone would like to see it, more pictures of his adventure, contact her. He had a wonderful time and sent thank you's back to those who helped sponsor his trip. Just a few photo's:

## WINTER ACTIVITIES

Just a reminder: Artistic hOurs is open to anyone wanting to work on craft/art projects of any kind. The beauty is lots of space to spread out. It is also a good time to purposely work on a specific project or Christmas gifts.

## PASTOR STAFF RELATIONS

**NOMINATIONS /PASTOR STAFF RELATIONS COMMITTEE** has been working with Valerie to fine tune exactly who is on what committee and how long they have been on said committee. In so doing letters have gone out to all those people whose time was up on their respective committee and then asked if they would like to continue or not if still eligible. Over the last few years the time limits have not been strictly adhered to. Some people might feel they have or can hit a burnout situation. We definitely do not want this to happen. It is better for all parties to make sure 'burnout' does not happen and that serving a committee is made freely by choice. With the exception of the Executive Board all committee membership terms are for two years only with the option to stay on that committee for an additional 2 terms making it a maximum committee service of six years. However anyone is capable of stepping down from a committee if job or life gets in the way. It is just asked that you assist in finding a replacement for yourself. The Executive board basically has the same options except that they commit to a three year term to begin with and can stay on for one additional term,



# Oct-November-Dec 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22 WL—JM	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Artistic hOurs 9-12 Friendship Circle 1:30				Halloween Parade in town 1-3pm(UCN to participate with candy distribution)
29 WL—JM plus	30	31	1 NOVEMBER	2	3	4
REFORMATION SUNDAY St. Marks joins us at 9:30 worship service—followed by Special Fellowship Coffee Hour		Happy Halloween!	B&G mtg	Food Truck delivery		
5 WL—JM	6	7	8	9	10	11
All Saints'	Food Shelf	Food Shelf Remember to vote!	Food Shelf Fin mtg 6pm Exec Bd mtg 7 pm			HONORING VETERANS
12 WL—JW	13	14	15	16	17	18
		ChrisEd Team 5:30	Remembrance Service 7pm	Community Meal		HOLIDAY BAZAAR
19 WL—	20	21	22	23	24	25
			Community Thanksgiving Service 7 pm	HAPPY THANKSGIVING		
26 WL—JM	27	28	29	30	1 DECEMBER	2
ADVENT PREPARATION PARTY 12-3		Artistic hOurs 9-12 Friendship Circle 1:30				





**A.S.A.P**

There's work to do,  
 deadlines to meet, you've  
 got **NO TIME TO SPARE**,  
 But as you hurry and  
 scurry, **ALWAYS SAY A  
 PRAYER**

It may seem like you  
 worries are more than  
 you can bear. Slow down  
 and **TAKE A BREATHER -  
 ALWAYS SAY A  
 PRAYER**

**GOD KNOWS** how  
 stressful life is; He wants  
 to ease our cares, And  
 He'll respond **A.S.A.P--  
 ALWAYS SAY A  
 PRAYER**

-Lisa O Englehardt

maximum six years.

So when someone comes up and asks you to consider being on a board or committee please give it some real thought and understand that it is not for a 'lifetime'. Just two to three years maxi. Even less if you really hate it and find it hard to juggle the schedule with your current life commitments.

Thank You. Sincerely  
 ~Pastor Staff Relations  
 Committee

**ORDINATION  
 in the Spring!**

At a meeting in early October the Vermont Conference UCC approved me to go on to the next step in the ordination paper. Consulting with my mentor Rev Doug Carter of Danville, I have begun work on my ordination paper, a capstone piece that stands as my final application and commitment to ministry. There are still steps along the

way but all seems clear for us at UCN to host a great big ordination party sometime in the spring, once the snowbirds have returned and the community can gather together.

It's very exciting to see this long journey coming to its next stage.

~ James

**A Note:**

If you or a family member are in the hospital we want to know about it. Whether it's something routine or a surprise please let the church office know and let us know if you'd like a visit or if we can keep you in our prayers. Everyone in this community has the love and support of the whole community and our combined prayers have an amazing power of healing and comfort. You might not want people to make a big deal about you or a loved one being ill but please remember the Power of Prayer is an amazing thing.



**REFORMATION 500  
 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH**

**WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 AM**

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US IN AN  
 ECUMENICAL SERVICE CELEBRATING  
 THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
 PROTESTANT MOVEMENT.**

**JOIN US AS WE WORSHIP TOGETHER IN  
 THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WE ARE SAVED  
 THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST.**

**COME KNOW MATTER WHAT  
 DENOMINATION YOU BELONG TO, COME  
 AS BROTHERS AND SISTER IN CHRIST  
 JESUS. ALL ARE WELCOME.**



Look for the United Church of Newport among the merchants handing out candy and pumpkin poems this Saturday on Main Street.

**YOU'RE  
 INVITED!**

*Newport Parks & Recreation*

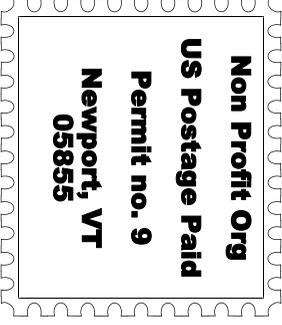
**2017 MONSTER BASH**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 • 12:30-3:00PM • DOWNTOWN NEWPORT**

Mummies and deadies, boos and ghouls! Creep over to Newport for tricks, treats, and Halloween activities for the whole family! Catch a horse drawn wagon ride, touch-a-truck, get spooked in the haunted house and play fantastic games in the Municipal Gym from 1-3PM. Most activities are geared toward children age 3-10, but all are invited! Keep an eyeball out for hilarious family contests like parent-child mummy challenge and doughnut on a string!

Full schedule available at [NewportRecreation.org](http://NewportRecreation.org) or on Facebook!

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



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