

United Church Herald

Autumn

October 2019

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ECC CLOSING
- STEWARDSHIP
- SPECIAL SERVICES



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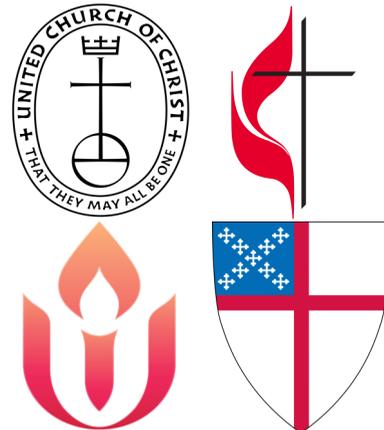
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DEAR COMMUNITY,

I have had an extraordinary summer. Under the wonderful direction of our own Mary Hoadley I made a return to the crazy world of musical theater in *Mamma Mia* performed at the Haskell Opera House in Derby Line. I must thank the many of you who supported and came out to see one of our shows and to those who were unable to attend as all 6 performances were completely sold out! It's an incredible thing to perform night after night for a big group of people so excited to see you and so ready to join in a joyful voyage of music and fun for a few hours. I am no stranger to the stage, but it had been 10 years since my last major part, and it was great to jump back into a leading role in such a popular and emotionally charged performance. A huge amount of work went into making the show what it was and I cannot thank Mary enough for her organization, vision, and leadership. Theater casts like that are famous for becoming more like families than anything else

and I am glad to get to work with such kind and talented people. It is an unforgettable experience to present something you've put so much passion into for a crowd that is so ready and enthusiastic to embrace and join in the adventure with you. I say all of this both in gratitude but also knowing that all of these feelings are not exactly unfamiliar to me. Every Sunday I work with a group of kind and talented people to create something wonderful and it is only by the extraordinary faith and belief brought by this church community that any of it is possible. I am truly blessed to be able to share with so many wonderful people who are rooting



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so hard for me and for what we are always building together. Worship is everything performance is and then also so much more and the part I play as pastor is one that far exceeds any on the stage in engaging with and inspiring all those present. I am glad for the chance to reflect on the contrast between these wider parts of my life and to celebrate all the ways in which I have been a part of turning music and passion into community. Keep on dancing. God Bless.

-James

THE WIDER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

There has been quite a bit of uncertainty around the state of the wider Methodist Church especially when it comes to marriage equality. This is a brief summary of the events of the last year or so in very simplified language in an attempt to make very complicated and contentious issues a little bit clearer. The church had a worldwide meeting (General Conference) last February to discuss and decide on the question of marriage for homosexual couples and the

ordination of homosexual pastors. There was widespread hope that the chosen plan would allow local churches and conferences to decide for themselves how to approach this issue. This plan was not passed and instead a plan to ban all marriages of homosexuals, remove all homosexual pastors, and punish churches and bishops who didn't enforce these rules was passed by a very narrow margin, is set to take effect in 2020. This decision produced widespread outcry and distress that only increased after some accusations of vote fraud at the General Conference were found to be true and church courts found some parts of the plan to be illegal under existing church law. There will be another General Conference early next year which will undoubtedly continue this debate. Our own New England Annual Conference met in June and passed condemnations of this decision and elected delegates to the next General Conference who are 100% in support of marriage equality. There was also a resolution to begin the process for the New England Conference to leave the current

Methodist Church and join with others to eventually form a new inclusive Methodist Church. The Bishop vetoed that resolution but that doesn't mean it may not happen at some time in the future. In the last few weeks 9 New England Methodist churches have announced that they will be leaving the current Methodist Church and other are likely to follow. UCN has had very little choice but to watch and wait for the direction and shape of the future of Methodism to become more clear. All of this is to say that much has happened but very little has been resolved. UCN is a Federated Church with covenants to both the Methodist Church and the United Church of Christ. Pastor James comes from the UCC tradition and so is not directly affected by any of this but it is deeply painful to watch dear friends struggling so deeply in such a spiritually difficult time. Pastor James continues his absolute support for marriage equality and will joyful celebrate any legal marriage and welcome people regardless of sexual orientation to the church family and all of its rituals.

Newport downtown trick or treat, known as the Monster Bash, on Saturday October 26th 1PM-3PM. We will have a candy giveaway table on Main St. This has been a great outreach opportunity and fun for the whole community!! Join in on the fun and activities and don't forget to stop by the Church's table to get a sweet treat!



CHRIST THE KING/ ADVENT KICK-OFF~~



WHEN: Sunday November 24th

Service starts @ 9:30

Party Begins @ 11:30

WHERE: UCN

St Mark's and UCN will be joining together our worship to celebrate the last Sunday of the church year and ring in Advent. Many people will remember fondly our Reformation 500 Service of 2017. We're getting together again! Let's celebrate our wonderful partnership with St Mark's church with a joint worship of song, WORD, and Sacred Unity. A joint choir will perform and the sheet music is available for any who wish to join. Afterwards we'll have our Advent prep party with Christmas songs, crafts, foods, and decorating the tree and church. Join us for any part of this day of fun and

fellowship. The more we get together the happier we'll be! All are welcome.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS~~

"Buy a Bulb" Project: 

Our generous congregation has donated \$2,049.⁰⁰ to date! This is enough for us to begin installing the new lights as of 10/14/2019. This will cover about 1/3 of all our lights. A **BIG Thank you** to all, and keep your sunglasses handy!

* The new phone system is almost finished, thanks to Chuck Newton and Philip Marquette. This will complete the needs of our entire Church!

*Many thanks to the B&G committee who are committed to the maintenance of our building!



HOLIDAY BAZAAR~~



Our Annual Holiday Bazaar is among the most important fund-raisers for our church. Along with all the delightful treasures there is "The Best Lunch in Town." Join us November 23rd!

SAVE THE DATES...

-December 14th, (Sat)
Gingerbread House
Building Party



THANKSGIVING SERVICE~~

WHEN: Wednesday

November 27th @ 7PM

WHERE: Derby Line Unitarian Church



Join in an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service and take time to pause in gratitude in the beautiful and cozy Derby Line UU church. A ritual of milk and honey from our UCC training will join with other celebrations of the season. **All are welcome!**

UPDATE FROM MARY HOADLEY~~



Dear Church Family, I wanted to bring you, my home church up-to-date with my Member in Discernment status and where I am in that process towards Ordination. I am currently enrolled in my last 2 of 12 classes with the New York School of Ministry and have started my Field Education Study. My Field Education Study placement is at the Orleans Federated Church and under the advising of Reverend Alyssa May. This Field Education Study Placement will have me now attending the Orleans Federated Church when I am not out preaching myself. I am currently preaching the 2nd and 4th Sundays at the Westmore Community Church and the Brownington Congregation Church. The goal of field education is to offer me a guided

learning experience under a qualified supervisor, which will help me to develop my professional skills and understanding of the work of ministry. It incorporates practical experiences of ministry combined with reflections and integrations of other course work as necessary for an authentic exploration of the meaning of ministry. Intellectual, ministerial, personal and spiritual growth are expected and encouraged in field education. While I will miss being at my home church worshiping with and seeing all of you, you are in my continued thoughts and prayers. I would also ask that you keep me in your prayers as I discern my place in ministry as well. Wishing you all a healthy, happy and blessed fall!

With Love and Peace,
Mary S. Hoadley
(Member in Discernment,
United Church of Christ)



Let's MURDER Marsha
A Chilling Comedy of Errors!
by Monk Ferris

October 18-19-20 & 25-26-27
Fridays & Saturdays @ 7:30 p.m.
Sunday Matinees @ 2:00 p.m.

\$15 Adults
\$12 Students
\$12 Seniors

Tickets Online Through
borderlineplayers.org
& The MAC Center, Newport
& The Colby-Curtis Museum,
Stanstead

Haskell Opera House
93 Caswell Avenue / 1 Church Street
Derby Line, VT / Stanstead, QC





DID YOU KNOW...

Our Very own **Mary Hoadley** is playing Marsha!! Let's show our support by attending one of the many shows.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
20 JM WORSHIP AT 10 AM	21 Cooking with AJ 11:30-3ish	22 FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE MEET 1:30 FELLOWSHIP HALL	23 BIBLE BOOK STUDY- LIB 10:30AM-12PM	24	25	26 Monster Bash Trick-or-Treat (mainstreet) 1pm-3pm Community Family Meeting
27 JM WORSHIP AT 10 AM	28 Cooking with AJ 11:30-3ish "In Her Shoes" -Umbrella 3pm-5pm	29 SUPER LUNCH @ ST.MARKS 12PM	30 BIBLE BOOK STUDY- LIB. 10:30AM-12PM	31  happy halloween	NOVEMBER 1	2
3 JM DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS -FALL BACK-	4 Blind & Visually Impaired 10am-2pm Cooking with AJ 11:30-3ish	5	6 BIBLE BOOK STUDY- LIB 10:30AM-12PM	7 FOOD TRUCK	8	9 Community Family Meeting
10-JM	11	12 FOOD SHELF 10AM-1PM	13 FOOD SHELF 10AM-12PM NEK PALLIATIVE CARE INITIATIVE 7PM-9PM (SANCTUARY)	14	15	16
17-JM STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY	18	19	20 CELTIC SERVIC @ ST.MARKS 7PM	21 COMMUNITY MEAL: POT ROAST 12PM	22	23
24-JM ADVENT PREP PARTY	25	26 SUPER LUNCH @ ST.MARKS 12PM	27 THANKSGIVING SERVICE 7PM @ DERBY LINE UU	28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING! 	29	30 Community Family Meeting
DECEMBER 1 GUEST PREACHER: RON FAUX	2 Blind & Visually Impaired 10am-2pm	3	4	5	6	7



The Great Pumpkin Gazebo near Gardner Park in Newport



STANDING IN NEED OF PRAYER:



FOR HEALTH:

- Susan Jewitt
- Lisa & Mark Shelton
- Pastor Mike DeSena, Morgan Church
- For community members struggling with Cancer
- Peg Jordan
- Carl King
- Val Whipple
- Alan Feltmarch
- Edith McNeal

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:

- Family & Friends of Ronald Kennedy
- Family & Friends of Kyra Jacobs Birchard

THE WIDER COMMUNITY/ NATION/ WORLD:

- War-torn areas of our world

UP COMING EVENTS:

OCT 21	COOKING WITH AJ	MON	11:30-3PM
OCT 22	FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE MEETING	TUE	1:30
OCT 23	BIBLE BOOK STUDY	WED	10:30-12PM
OCT 26	MONSTER BASH ON MAIN STREET	SAT	1PM-3PM
OCT 26	COMMUNITY FAMILY MEETING (FORMERLY KNOWN AS "NEIGHBORHOOD CHAT")	SAT	5:30-8PM
OCT 28	COOKING WITH AJ	MON	11:30-3PM
OCT 28	"IN HER SHOES" -UMBRELLA	MON	3PM-5PM
OCT 30	BIBLE BOOK STUDY	WED	10:30-12PM
NOV 6	LAST BIBLE BOOK STUDY	WED	10:30-12PM
NOV 7	FOOD TRUCK	THUR	
NOV 12-13	FOOD SHELF	TUE-WED	10AM
NOV 20	CELTIC SERVIC @ ST.MARKS EPISCOPAL CHURCH	WED	7PM
NOV 23	HOLIDAY BAZAAR	SAT	
NOV 24	ADVENT PREP-PARTY	SUN	
DEC 8	NORTHSONG CONCERT	SUN	
DEC 14	COOKIE FARE	SAT	
DEC 14	GINGERBREAD BUILDING NIGHT	SAT	
DEC 31	BLOOD DRIVE	TUE	10AM-3PM



Halloween SAFETY TIPS

Always **CHECK CANDY** before letting your child eat it. Avoid homemade treats made by strangers.



Make sure your children's costumes are properly sized to **AVOID FALLS AND TRIPPING.**

Have children wear **REFLECTIVE MARKINGS** or carry a **FLASHLIGHT** so they can be seen.



Always **ACCOMPANY YOUR YOUNG CHILDREN** when they are trick or treating.

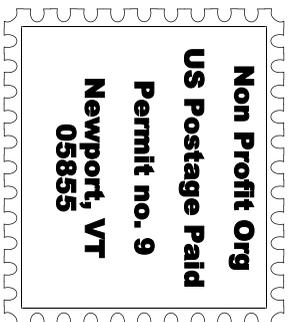
Use **NON-TOXIC MAKE-UP** on your child instead of a mask so vision is not limited.

Keep kids on a sidewalk or path and don't let them dash across the street or to the next house. Always walk together and cross at a street corner.



**United Church of Newport
63 Third Street
Newport, VT 05855**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



A Community Learning Event
In Recognition of
**National Domestic
Violence Awareness
Month**



You are invited to participate in a scenario-based, simulated activity about domestic violence from the perspective of victims and survivors.



WHEN: Monday, October 28th, 2019

**WHERE: United Church of Newport,
63 Third St., Newport**

3:00PM-5:00PM



For more information, please contact Roxie:
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**Income vs budget
Sept.30, 2019**

39 SUNDAYS

	Jan-Sept YTD Actual	Jan-Sept YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Collections & Benevolence	\$68,062	\$78,750	\$105,000
Interest & Dividends	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$25,000
Fundraisers	\$15,532	\$6,000	\$6,000
Friendship Circle	\$2,500	\$3,750	\$5,000
ECC Fiduciary Fee	\$91	\$6,606	\$8,808
ECC Utility	\$4,128	\$4,644	\$6,192
Miscellaneous Income	1,523	\$0	\$0
Rents & Fees	\$1,645	\$0	\$0
Totals	\$108,481	\$114,750	\$156,000

Average Sunday Collection \$1,745.18

FUNDRAISER SUMMARIES:

Yard Sale: \$13,357

Chicken Pie Supper \$2,174