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## Greetings!

The Vermont Conference sends this newsletter of events of interest to Conference members. This newsletter provides highlights of events sponsored by the Conference, the Associations and local churches as well as regional, national and other events of interest.

This newsletter is emailed on the 1st and 3rd Thursday each month. Please send us your events by emailing [vtconference@vtcucc.org](mailto:vtconference@vtcucc.org) with the following information: Event Name & Brief Description, Date/Time, Location (complete address please), Contact Information, if any (name, phone and/or email).

## Next Issue:

April 6, 2017

Event items are due that day, by 9:00 am.



## Conference Events

Events and Meetings  
3/6-3/10 Council of  
Conference Ministers-  
Cleveland  
3/12 Southwest Listening  
Session

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## Association Events Events and Meetings

## Highlight

222nd Annual Meeting of the Vermont  
Conference, UCC

The 222nd Annual Meeting of the Vermont  
Conference, UCC will take place April 28-29,  
2017 at Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee.

You can book your room now by calling Lake  
Morey Resort at 800-423-1211 and asking for  
the "**Vermont Conference Annual  
Meeting**" group rate".

Registration Deadline: Online  
at <http://tinyurl.com/vtcam2017> by April 20,

3/19 Windsor Listening Session  
3/23 NE Ecumenical Stewardship Conference -  
Boxboro, Ma  
3/26 Champlain Listening Session

2017.

Everyone-delegates, authorized ministers,  
church members-is welcome and invited to the  
222nd Annual Meeting!

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**Events at Churches**  
Education, Dinners, Concerts, More

**Community Supper**

Every Friday, 6 pm at the United Church  
of South Royalton

**Mac & Cheese Dinner and Dessert  
Auction** Friday, March 3 6 p.m. Benefit:  
Happy Days Playschool 375-6039-  
happydayscarol10@comcast.net or The  
Federated Church of East Arlington

**Soup and Sandwich Luncheon**

Come enjoy the fellowship of your  
friends as you have a bowl of hot soup  
and a sandwich and support the  
Shoreham Congregational Church  
Restoration Fund at the same  
time! Mark your calendars for Saturday,  
March 18, 2017 from 11 AM to 1 PM for  
this Soup and Sandwich Luncheon at the  
Church at 28 School Road, Shoreham,  
VT.

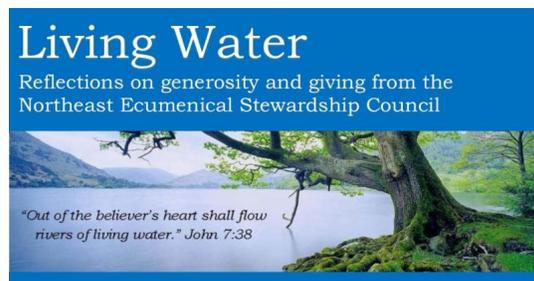
You will have your choice of five kinds of  
soup: Chicken, French Onion, Lentil,  
Broccoli and Cheese, and a vegetarian  
Minestrone, as well as three kinds of  
sandwiches: chicken salad, tuna salad,  
or egg salad sandwiches. Assorted  
cookies will be available for dessert,  
along with coffee, tea, or milk for  
beverages.

The minimum donation for this fund-  
raising event is \$5 for individuals or \$20  
for families of 4 or more, while children  
under 3 eat free! All proceeds will go to  
the Church Restoration Fund, which will  
be used to repair the lower level floor.

**Saint Patrick's Day Concert**

**Regional and National  
Workshops, Retreats, Education, More**

**Council of Conference Ministers**  
3-6 / 3-10 - Cleveland



**The Northeast  
Ecumenical  
Stewardship Council**

March 24-25, 2017

Hurry!!

Early registration deadline is March 3!  
Discounted hotel room deadline is  
also March 3.

"Embracing Stewardship" Conference  
March 24-25, 2017

Regency Hotel & Conference Center  
242 Adams Place ~ Boxborough, MA

This 2-day conference for clergy and  
lay leaders will help you strengthen  
your congregation's stewardship  
ministry.

- Motivate lay leaders in the area  
of stewardship
- Learn new tools and best  
practices

SATURDAY, MARCH 18 -- 7 pm  
United Congregational Church of Orford  
Route 10, Orford, NH  
featuring: Patty and Gill Williams and  
Windrose Quartet with Mark  
Brean playing Celtic Music  
Admission by donation at the door

**Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage  
Dinner**

"Home Cured (Top Round) Corned Beef"  
March 18, 2017  
At The West Fairlee Church in West  
Fairlee, Vt.  
5:00 to 6:30 p.m.  
Family Style!! /Sellout crowd last year!!  
\$12.00 for Adults/ 5 years old to 10  
years old \$6.00

**Grange Breakfast** Sunday, March 19th  
7:30 to 9:30 a.m. The Federated Church  
of East Arlington

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The United Congregational Church of  
Orford UCC is pleased to announce  
hosting a pilot dental clinic on three  
different months in the coming months  
beginning in March. Please read and  
take note.

**Free Oral Health Screening For Adults**

Upper Valley Smiles for Life provides  
preventative oral health screening,  
education, and fluoride varnish to  
adults. Services are provided by a  
licensed dental hygienist. This pilot  
program is available to all Upper Valley  
adults and will provide services at up to  
four Upper Valley locations between  
March and August 2017.

United Congregational Church, Orford,  
NH

May 11, 2017  
July 20, 2017

- Be encouraged by stories of others around New England who are seeing changes in faith as Stewardship is deepened.

Mindful of generational perspectives and attuned to the world in which congregations live, the four keynote presentations this Conference offers will provide pathways your congregation can follow to deepen your members' understanding of themselves as stewards of the bounty of God. In addition, two workshop sessions are included! It is possible to register for one day or the other instead of both, if that works better for you.

[REGISTER](#)

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**Interested in the intersections of  
theology, faith, and disability?**

The 2017 Summer Institute on Theology and Disability will be held at Azusa Pacific University, June 5-8, and hosted by Azusa Pacific University in partnership with Fuller Theological Seminary. Highlights: A multi-faith conference that includes scholars, clergy, seminarians, laity, and people involved in inclusive faith supports, including people with disabilities and their families in all of those roles. We draw about 150 people from North America and other countries around the world. Planned and led by faculty who are widely known for their work in this area with new plenary speakers invited each year. Videos from previous Institutes are on the website below. Workshops led by Institute participants. The Call for Workshops for 2017 is at the website below. Deadline: January 1, 2017 A Cooperative Resource Exhibit featuring books, A/V materials and

For more information, schedule updates, and to make an appointment, please contact Sally Edson at 603-448-1558 or [orsedson@gcsc.org](mailto:orsedson@gcsc.org)

Sponsored by the Public Health Council of the Upper Valley, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Community Health, and Dr. Christopher D. Baker, DMD.

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other resources related to disability, any theological discipline, and ministry. A chance for authors and publishers to promote their resources in this area to a very interested audience. Contact us for an Exhibit Entry Form. We will also distribute information about new resources to over 1000 people, organizations, and networks. A Ph.D. seminar for graduate students doing work in this area, led by Hans Reinders and other faculty. A Jean Vanier Emerging Scholar Plenary Competition. See website. For more information, visit the [website](#), contact Bill Gaventa, and/or "like" our [Facebook page](#) for information and announcements as plans develop.

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OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission) contribution to the Vermont Conference makes this email newsletter and the numerous programs available to you and your church. The "Friends of the Conference" helps as well.

Perhaps you would be a [Friend of the Conference](#). Have you considered remembering the Vermont Conference in your will? You could leave a lasting legacy which would support the good works of the Conference and our churches. Be in touch with me for the best way for that.

You can also donate now.



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