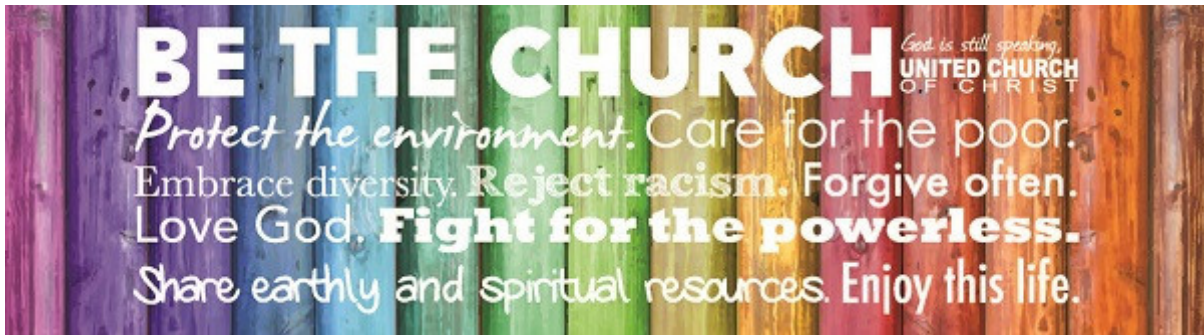


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Greetings!

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 with the following information: Event Name & Brief Description, Date/Time, Location (complete address please), Contact Information, if any (name, phone and/or email).

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

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Events and Meetings

Thank you for
attending the Annual
Meeting!

Bethany Church to Welcome Global Ministries' Leaders to Speak About Syrian Refugees

Please join us at Bethany Church, United Church of Christ in Randolph on Sunday May 7, 2017 at 10:00 AM when we will

Events at Churches

Education, Dinners, Concerts, More

Community Supper

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

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#### Essex Eats Out Community Dinners

Continue... 1 st Friday of Every Month ~  
May 5th Come - Help - Eat

[www.essexeatsoout.org](http://www.essexeatsoout.org)

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Pittsford Congregational Church

Pastor Pat writes, "Steven Cadwell, is the son of a church member Steven has put together a one man show about life growing up in the 60s and 70s as a gay man and the struggles given the treatments of the times. It's a wonderful show, I saw it recently. He has taken it around the country and will be filming it here in Pittsford the first weekend in May. He has offered to perform it for anyone interested on Monday June 5 at 7 pm at the Pittsford Congregational Church . Please help me get the word out. It truly is worth seeing. It is free and open to the public. I would love to see a good audience for it as it is a great message.

The treatments for gay children at the time included institutionalizing them. He also talks about the AIDS epidemic in the 80s and 90s and loss of friends and his family struggles. The death of his father and how he learned what his father thought about him which he was never really sure about. Steven is now a counselor living in Boston, married to his life mate and they have raised a child together."

[See Poster here...](#)

welcome two guests who serve with Global Ministries.

Our visitors will be the Rev. Dr. James Moos, Co-Executive of Global Ministries and Executive Minister of Wider Church Ministries of the United Church of Christ and the Rev. Jane Sullivan-Davis, Executive for Resource Development for

Global Ministries. During worship Jane will offer brief remarks about the work of Global Ministries and Jim will reflect on

his recent visit to the Middle East and Greece, with particular attention to Global Ministries' engagement with refugees from Syria. After worship there will be a luncheon during which Jim will share more about the work of Global Ministries.

The United Church of Christ has been engaged in the global mission of the church in a variety of ways in various places since the early 1800s. In 1996 the UCC joined with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to form Global Ministries, a common witness to engage in God's mission beyond our national boundaries, walking with international partners and working together to discern how best to offer healing and hope and to work together for justice and peace. Global Ministries currently works with more than 270 partners in 70 countries around the world. The plight of Syrian refugees has been a major focus in recent years. We are privileged to receive up-to-date information on that ministry from Jim Moos.

We would love to welcome you on May 7. To help us plan for lunch, we'd appreciate knowing that you will attend. You may call the church at 728-5849 or send an email to bethanyucc@gmail.com .

Bethany Church is located at 30 N Main Street in Randolph.

Rev. Kimberly S. McKerley
Bethany Church, United Church of Christ
30 N Main Street

Randolph, VT 05060
802-728-5849

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**Shoreham Congregational Church**

If you missed the great food and company, you have another chance - come to the Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, May 19 from 5 to 7 PM. Both meat and vegetarian options will be available, along with tossed salad, garlic bread, beverages and wonderful desserts! The cost is only \$10 for adults, \$7 for youth ages 7 to 17, and children under 7 eat free! As always, donations of non-perishable items for

Spring Rummage and Food Sale Have you started your spring-cleaning yet? It's almost time for the Spring Rummage and Food Sale. Get bargains in clothes, household items, and good food on Saturday, May 13 from 9 AM to 2 PM. Starting at noon, you can fill a bag with anything except food for only \$4.00

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UCC Outdoor Ministry Camps

Summer is one day closer, and now you can register for your best week of the summer! Horton Center registration is now open, take a look at the schedule, as there is a session for everyone. With thanks to our Outdoor Mission Group and volunteer Deans, we are offering favorite sessions such as Grandparent & Grandchild, Family & Friends Weekend, Middler Camp, and others. Women's Weekend will be offered with an extra day due to popular demand. Our new offerings include a Family 4th of July half week, Leader in Training, Archery Camp, and Senior High Hike Week. We can't wait to branch out and connect Christ with you this summer at Horton Center!

www.hortoncenter.org

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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

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RESURRECTION PEOPLE MARCHING FOR GOD'S CREATION

May 6-7: [Climate Justice Simulation](#) sponsored by Massachusetts Interfaith Coalition for Climate Action (MAICCA): Saturday May 6, 8:00 to 9:30 pm - Interfaith service and pre-program; Sunday, May 7, 2:00 to 6:00 pm - Climate Justice Simulation. For more information about organizing a delegation from your faith community, contact us by email: interfaithclimatecoalition@gmail.com

June 11 2pm: [Prayers for the Planet](#)
A festive, spirited, interfaith outdoor service at Congregation B'nai Israel 263 Prospect St., Northampton, MA

June 2017: "River of Life - CT River Pilgrimage"
<http://kairosearch.org/river/>

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**Clergy and retired clergy personal retreat & respite in the southern Green Mountains!**

As part of a memorial to Rev. Paul & Dorothy Alberti (retired ELCA minister and wife and much beloved Associate members of Second Congregational Church in Londonderry)

The Blue Gentian Lodge in Londonderry, VT, owned by Paul and Dorothy's son and daughter-in-law, are offering lodging at

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

For more information, schedule updates, and to make an appointment, please contact Sally Edson at 603-448-1558 [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.

the Blue Gentian Lodge for \$25 per night (single or double occupancy) to clergy and retired clergy as a personal retreat & respite from April 17-May 25th.

For more information or questions please contact:

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Jim Thomas  
Vermont Conference, UCC