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## ***Welcome to the Vermont Conference E-Events September 21, 2017***

**Dear Charri**

**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).**

### **Association Events Events and Meetings**

### **Fall Vitality Event 2017**

**[Save the Date for the Vermont Conference, UCC and Partners for Sacred Places presents: Fall Vitality Event 2017](#)**

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**Farewell Gathering**



On Saturday, September 23, 2017, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, we will be gathering at the Randolph Bethany Church for a farewell gathering for Jim and Lynn Thomas.

This is an "open house" style gathering. Come when you can! At 4:00PM we will share in the Liturgy of Farewell as we send Jim and Lynn Thomas on their way with our gratitude and goodwishes for Jim's new ministry as Pastor of the Atkinson Church, UCC in New Hampshire.

**Annuitant Day  
September 28, 2017  
Bethany Church  
Randolph VT  
10:30 - 3:00**

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

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



Essex Eats Out Community Dinners Continue... 1st Friday of Every Month

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

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BREAKFAST

Come to a Fund-Raising Breakfast on Saturday, September 23 from 8 to 10 AM at the Shoreham Congregational Church, 28 School Rd, Shoreham, VT. Enjoy French toast with local maple syrup, breakfast casseroles, home fries, sausages, beverages, and a surprise! The cost is only \$8 for adults, \$4 for children under 12, and \$20 for families with small children. All proceeds will benefit Hurricane Relief Efforts and the Church Restoration Fund.

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RUMMAGE SALE

Old South Church, Main St., Windsor, Vermont will hold the Fall Rummage Sale from Oct. 5 - 7. Featuring: Clothing for men, women and children, White Elephants, Furniture, Jewelry, Glassware, Books, Toys, Furniture, Household Items, Linens, and MORE.

Thursday, Oct. 5, from 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Regular Prices)  
Friday, Oct. 6, from 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Half Price and Bag Sale)  
Saturday, Oct. 7, from 9:00 a.m - 11:00 a.m. (Everything FREE)

We are happy for donations of clean, usable items from the community on October 2 and 3. We DO NOT accept ELECTRONICS. Thanks for the continued support. Questions: Call Old South Church, 802-674-5087.

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SUPPER

14th Annual Harvest Supper!!  
October 14, 2017

" Home Cured Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner"  
(Come and see our new Floor Covering in the Dining Room)

954 rt.113 West Fairlee Church in West Fairlee, Vt.  
Continuous Serving 5:00 p.m.to 7:00 P.m.

"Chef Steve's" (Famous Home Cured Corned Beef)  
Baked Ham (Red Flannel Hash) "Home Baked Beans"  
Adults \$13.00 Kids 5 to 12 \$6.00 kids under 5 eat free  
Reservations Strongly Recommended!! Sellout Crowd Last Year  
Everyone Welcome

For more info call Steve Garrow  
At 802-685-3141 or garrowstephen@gmail.com

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SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FALL RUMMAGE SALE AT THE DORSET CHURCH

The fabulous shopping day you have been waiting for is on Saturday, October 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Remember outside sales begin at 8:30 a.m.-please read on) at the Dorset Church! This year all outside merchandise such as baby accessories, ladies sweaters, sports gear, tools, garden equipment, small appliances, books, nature table and other interesting treasures will go on sale outside at 8:30 a.m. There will be no EARLY-BIRD SHOPPING! However, sale items inside the church will go on sale at 9:00 a.m. The bag sale will take place from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM

The rummage sale is always packed with useful and interesting items at reasonable prices. There will be children's clothing and toys, women's separates, Ladies' Boutique, men's clothing, jewelry and accessories, footwear, linens, attic treasures, books, miscellaneous house wares, and small appliances. Christian Education members will be selling coffee, donuts and lunch.

Donations of clean, serviceable fall and winter clothing (children's clothing is always appreciated), jewelry, purses, linens, kitchen and household items, houseplants and books will be accepted at the Dorset Church on Tuesday 11th October, Wednesday, October 12th and Thursday, October 13th from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please do not donate furniture, large appliances, TV's, stereo equipment, computer and computer related items.

The church is located at 143 Church Street, off Route 30 in Dorset. If you have any questions, please call 867-2260. For the shopping experience you will remember come to the Rummage Sale on October 15th!

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Roxbury Church  
Saturday, October 21, 2017  
Soup-A-Thon and Pie-Pourri

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Saturday, October 28  
First Congregational Church, UCC  
39 Main Street  
Essex Junction, VT 05452

A Worship & Song Leading Workshop with Paul Vasile, Executive Director of Music that Makes Community  
Nepalese Lunch provided by The Vineyard Nepali Fellowship  
Cost: \$15 person payable at the door, for all coming from churches outside the Champlain Association UCC  
Please RSVP at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/workshop-songs-of-transformation-reformation-and-liberation-tickets-37928359745>

Schedule:  
9:15-9:45 AM Champlain Association Fall Meeting\*  
9:45-10:00 AM Gathering Time  
10:00 AM Worship & Workshop Part I with Paul Vasile  
12:00-1:00 PM Lunch  
1:00 - 3:00 PM Workshop Part II with Paul Vasile  
7:00-8:30 PM - Community Hymn Sing - All are invited, even if you didn't attend the workshop!

\*Note: Champlain Association Delegates, please gather promptly at 9:15 for a brief Fall Association Meeting. All others please arrive around 9:45 am for the workshop that begins at 10:00 am.

Workshop Description:  
This year we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. As we look to songs of the past, and music of today, what do they have to teach us about the

power of music to liberate and transform our congregational life, especially our worship?

Throughout the day we will:

- worship and sing together
- explore how embodied song leadership helps strengthen and liberate voices;
- reflect on community singing as a practice that forms and transforms identity through listening and collaboration;
- offer practical teaching strategies useful for teaching music in worship, choir rehearsals and other community contexts;
- share music from a tapestry of cultures and musical traditions with expansive, language, including a packet of materials focused on readings from the Revised Lectionary (Year B).

This workshop is sponsored by the Champlain Association UCC but is not limited by denomination or geography! Lay folks, clergy, choir members, music directors, and the musically curious are highly encouraged to attend.

Parking is available at First Congregational Church of Essex Junction and on surrounding side streets.

Questions? Contact Rev. Katelyn Macrae at [katelyn@rccucc.org](mailto:katelyn@rccucc.org) or (802) 434-2053

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