

Welcome to E-Kit! Charri

Vermont Conference



December 26, 2018

THE CONFERENCE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 22, 2018 UNTIL WEDNESDAY JANUARY 2, 2019. YOU CAN STILL LEAVE MESSAGES, SEND EMAILS AND IF YOU FIND YOU NEED EMERGENCY SUPPORT, PLEASE CALL LYNN BUJNAK.



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VT CONFERENCE NEWS



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To remind you.....

**that the last date for the Conference to receive all
contributions intended for 2018 is
January 10, 2019.**

**This includes contributions toward OCWM Basic
Support, as well as all of the UCC special offerings -
Neighbors in Need, One Great Hour of Sharing,
Strengthen the Church, and the Christmas Fund.**



"Celebrate Three Great Loves this Advent."

Three Great Loves offers a new window on Creation Care. The National UCC has been developing a program called the "Three Great Loves," focusing on love of neighbor, love of children, and love of creation. This video gives an inspiring overview of the project and its relevance for our churches today.

[Watch the video here](#)

They have also been developing a series of Four Advent Inserts, highlighting each of the four themes of Advent in relation to the Three Great Loves.

[3 GREAT LOVES ADVENT BULLETIN DOWNLOADS](#)



BE THE CHURCH



Oxford Background Checks

If you are submitting a background check through Oxford, please let Jesse know who they are and what church it is for. Sometimes, we have no idea who the people are and we need to know who to forward the information to. If you are waiting on results call the Conference Office.

Thanks!

Does your church need hymnals?
 We have about 50 Pilgrim hymnals, free for the taking!
 Call Marisa at United Community Church in Morrisville if you're interested (888-2990)

DISASTER RELIEF DONATION CHECKS

SHOULD BE SENT TO:

**ATTN: Financial Services
 United Church of Christ
 700 Prospect Ave. 6th Floor
 Cleveland, OH 44115**

or

Church World Service

**P.O. Box 968
Elkhart, IN 46515**

Thank you!

Continuing Education

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<http://www.voicesonstewardship.com>

UCC NEWS

2019 Pension Board Insurance Rates

Click here for individual 2019 Pension Board Rate Assessment

[Click Here...](#)

To see the PBUCC Explanation Letter and Rate Charts for 2019 Pension Board Rates [Click Here...](#)

Open and Affirming

Later in December, we'll welcome Open and Affirming church #1,500 to our rapidly growing family! Get ready to party! In the meantime, can you help us grow the ONA movement until EVERY ONE of our 5,000 churches can offer a confident and well-informed welcome to our LGBTQ neighbors? Here are three ways you can help:

[Read More Here...](#)

Church World Service

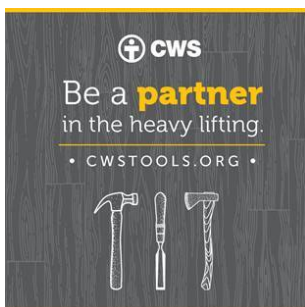


Hannanne Oreus's house didn't hold when Hurricane Matthew ripped through Haiti in 2016. Thanks to your support, we've helped to rebuild hers and hundreds of other homes with stronger material built to withstand disasters.

Now, Hannanne has a safe home for her family:

cwsglobal.org/hannanne/

Adam Smedberg
Community & Congregational Engagement Specialist
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UCC NEWSFEED

**Welcoming Travelers is what we do
A new kind of networking is taking place among immigrant-
welcoming UCC congregations across the United States.**

Weekly Seeds

Focus Scripture: Luke 2:41-52

T.S. Eliot, 20th century

**"Where is the wisdom we have lost in knowledge? Where is the knowledge we
have lost in information?"**

J.M. Barrie, 20th century

"I'm not young enough to know everything."

H.L. Mencken, 20th century

**"The older I grow, the more I distrust the familiar doctrine that age brings
wisdom."**

Isaac Asimov, 20th century

**"The saddest aspect of life right now is that science gathers knowledge faster
than society gathers wisdom."**

Leo Tolstoy, War and Peace, 19th century

**"We can know only that we know nothing. And that is the highest degree of
human wisdom."**

Maya Angelou, 20th century

**"The desire to reach for the stars is ambitious. The desire to reach hearts is
wise."**

Albert Einstein, 20th century

"Any fool can know. The point is to understand."

John Keats, Letters of John Keats, 19th century

"Do you not see how necessary a world of pains and troubles is to school an intelligence and make it a soul?"

Confucius, 5th century B.C.E.

"He who knows all the answers has not been asked all the questions."

Socrates, 5th century B.C.E.

"Wonder is the beginning of wisdom."



Original worship resources for local churches...because Sunday's coming.

DINNERS AND SOCIAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Community Suppers

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



**Bradford Congregational Church
The Community Suppers are the**

4th THURSDAY of each month

Pot Luck and Hymn Sing - third Tuesday of every month, 6:pm, at the Roxbury Union Congregational Church.

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

www.essexeatsoout.org

United Church of Underhill hosts community dinners on the second Thursday of each month from 5:00-6:30 pm

The Waitsfield United Church of Christ Village Meeting House has free community suppers on the last Friday of every month, at 5:30 PM.

4335 Main Street, Waitsfield VT 05673 This month will kick off our seventh year.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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Open Positions - UCC National Offices

[See posting here...](#)

VERMONT OUTDOOR MINISTRIES

2018 brought our third great week of UCC camp at Rock Point!
Many thanks to all our campers, volunteer staff and camp staff
that lead our UCC week!

We are looking forward to filling our camp week with 24 campers
in 2019 and connecting with God, nature, friends - old and new,
and reaching out in service...along with all the fun things you can
do at camp. We hope you will mark your calendars and join us!

[Read More Here.....](#)

Click on the following links for information

[2019 Camp Counseling Information](#)

[2019 Camp Nurse Information](#)

[2019 Camp Lifeguard information](#)

SAVE THE DATES

ONLINE

UCC History, Theology and Polity Course
Jan/Feb 2019

A UCC History, Theology and Polity Course that meets the requirements
as set forth by the UCC Polity Teacher's Network will be offered online in
Jan/Feb 2019. The instructor will be Rev. David Gaewski, Conference
Minister of the New York Conference, UCC. Classes will begin at
9:30am and end at 3:30pm on the following dates: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9.
The platform utilized will be Zoom Video Conferencing (zoom.us) The
tuition will be \$495. [For more information click here...](#)

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Join UCC and Episcopal church leaders to share stories and discover ways to bring your congregation's values, principles and practices into your outreach and evangelism efforts. Enjoy good food, rest and renewal, in a beautiful setting. Ideally, two or more members of a faith community will participate together.

[Read more here.....](#)

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Save the Date
April 30th - May 2nd 2019
Pilgrim Pines, Swanzey, NH
Welcoming Keynote: Rev. Traci Smith
Author of Seamless Faith and Faithful Families
Check out Traci's website
www.traci-smith.com

Join Rev. Traci Smith as she guides those gathered - Christian educators, pastors, parents, and children's ministry leaders through effective ways to encourage the spiritual lives of families. Leave with a copy of Traci's book, Faithful Families, practical tips and ideas for developing age appropriate faith practices, fostering rich worship experiences for all ages, and nurturing sacred space even in busy times. Open to everyone who is interested in learning child-centered ministry practices.

Focus scripture: 1 Corinthians 3

Registration information coming soon!

**We hope you enjoy E-Kit! We welcome submissions for the weekly E-Kit. Please submit your submission by Tuesday of each week! We will be running all events and news in this weekly E-Kit.
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