

Church Events for Lent & Easter 2019
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Dear Members and Friends – Preacher Barbara Brown Taylor writes:

“ . . . Lent, not only a reference to the season before Easter, but also an invitation to a springtime for the soul. Forty days to cleanse the system and open the eyes to what remains when all comfort is gone. Forty days to remember what it is like to live by the grace of God alone... “ You are invited to enter the sacredness of Lent with our Ash Wednesday service this week on March 6th. Lent is the 40 day journey of spiritual preparation for Easter - a time to assess our daily lives. A season for letting go of that which clutters our lives and interferes with our sense of peace & life of faith. During Lent our worship services will explore the last week of Jesus’ life; the Monday Bible Study will immerse deeply in the passion story while the Church School will be learning how the Heifer Project, a Christian founded organization working to “End Hunger and Poverty while Caring for the Earth.” The whole congregation is invited to participate in the Heifer Project’s work and ministry by taking a home a ‘Heifer bank & Giving Calendar’ to reflect on our own abundance in a world of need. You have an opportunity to make this season of Lent a time of personal growth and deep reflection. Make the commitment to weekly worship. Begin your day in prayer. Cultivate gratitude. Live generously. Reach out. Give to those in need. Let Go. And remember what it is like to live by the Grace of God. Hope to See you in Church – Lucia

Worship & Church School for Lent & Easter

*Wed, March 6th 6:00 - *Ash Wednesday Service – a simple service with imposition of Ashes, prayer, scripture & silence led by the Rev. Paul Sawyer in our sanctuary followed by Soup & Bread supper hosted by the Deacons – please bring your own bowl or mug for soup!*

*Sun, March 10th - 1st Sunday in Lent, *Worship with Communion, Church School Heifer Project*
11:15 Fellowship Hour ****DAYLIGHT SAVINGS****

*Sun, March 17th - 2nd Sunday in Lent, *Worship Church School Heifer Project*
11:15 *Celebration of Maple Season Coffee Hour – bake a batch of your favorite maple treats, or try a new recipe! Come to celebrate and enjoy the sweet treats of the season*

*Sun, March 24th - 3rd Sun in Lent, *Worship & Church School*
11:15 Fellowship Hour

*Sun, March 31st - 4th Sun in Lent, *Worship Church School Heifer Project*
11:15 Brunch to benefit Youth Mission Trip 2019 (at the UU)

*Sun, April 7th – 5th Sunday in Lent, *Worship Church School Heifer Project*
11:15 Fellowship Hour

HOLY WEEK

*Sun, April 14th – *Palm Sunday Processional* 6th Sun in Lent,
Worship & Church School Heifer Project
11:15 Fellowship Hour
11:30 Choir Rehearsal

*Thur, April 18th 7:00 Maundy Thursday
Service of Tenebrae with Communion

*Friday, April 19th – Good Friday Vigil 12:00 – 3:00
Sanctuary open for quiet prayer, music, reflection & scripture

*Sunday, April 21st – **EASTER – He is Risen!**
***6:00 Sunrise Service on Hammond’s Hill behind Mike’s.
***7:00 Easter Pancake Breakfast!
***10:00 Easter Service Celebrate the resurrection!

Ending Hunger and Poverty, Caring for the Earth

Our church school will spend the six weeks of Lent using the Heifer Project curriculum. They will explore stories of the Heifer project working around the world, gain a greater understanding of issues involving hunger, access to food, sustainability, and also of different cultures and climates that affect food.

Each and every church household is invited to take home a Heifer Project bank and giving calendar to reflect on our own abundance in a world of need.

*We will collect the banks and donations on April 14th.
The Heifer Project Worship Celebration will be April 28th!*

As people of faith, we are called to care for those who are hungry and in need, we are called to compassion and generosity. The Heifer Project is a wonderful way to explore how to be God's people in the world today.

Jesus said: " . . . for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'" – Matthew 25

ANNOUNCING . . . FAMILY GAME NIGHT!

An evening of fun for all ages!

Friday, March 8th 7:00 – 8:30

Board Games, Cards, Desserts and Fellowship.

Do you have a favorite card game that you would like to teach?

If you have an idea or a game to share – please contact Lucia.

Because really, who doesn't love a good game?

MOVIE NIGHT on Friday, March 15th 6:30 – 9:00

Movie and discussion for ALL AGES!

"InsideOut"

"When 11-year-old Riley moves to a new city, her Emotions team up to help her through the transition. Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness work together, but when Joy and Sadness get lost, they must journey through unfamiliar places to get back home."

Sounds crazy, but this movie is great for discussion about emotions - feeling pressured to feel certain ways and to ignore other feelings.

JOIN us for the movie and conversation (and popcorn).

Book Club on Friday, April 5th 7:00

Join us for a discussion of the ***"The Hate U Give"***.

The story of 16 year old Starr Carter who moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends.

The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer.

*Recently made into a movie,
this story raises question about race, culture and communities.*

The LadyBs/Ladies Benevolent Society

This is an active, fun fellowship in our church – consider dropping in for any meeting that fits your schedule! If you have an idea for future programs – please share it with Carole Williams or Janie White.

The Quilt Raffle & Silent Auction will finish on Saturday, March 2nd
SO buy your tickets NOW!

Thursday, March 14th 1:00 –Guest Speaker, Jo Knowles.

Where do authors get their ideas for characters and story lines?
How does an author come up with the first line to start the story?
What is the inspiration and how long does it take to write a book?
Come and hear local young adult fiction author, Jo Knowles. (You know Jo from church, Monday Bible Study or volunteering with Habitat for Humanity). Several of Jo's books are in our church library. Try reading some favorites: See You at Harry's or Still a Work in Progress or Read Between the Lines

Thursday, April 25th 1:00 - Planning meeting for the Ladies Tea, making invitations and hats!

Thursday, May 23rd 1:00 – The Ladies Tea – All women invited to a delightful new tradition & please do wear your spring hats!

We have a Prayer Shawl Ministry!! All levels of knitters & crocheters welcome! (anyone doing handwork is invited – quilters??) We have lots of donated yarn, a variety of patterns and willing teachers if you need supplies or help. We gather on Tues 5:00 – 6:00
March 26, April 23 & May 28 *JOIN US!*

Choir NEWS

*Please consider joining the choir for this Sacred Season!
Your voice is needed – share your gift of music.*

Rehearsals: Every Sunday at 8:30 plus
THURSDAYS at 5:00 , March 7th & 14th & 21st & 28th & April 11th
Holy Week:
Palm Sunday, April 14th at 8:30 for 10:00 Worship followed by
11:00 Rehearsal for Maundy Thursday & Easter;
Maundy Thursday, April 18th 6:00 Rehearsal for 7:00 Worship Service;
Easter Sunday, April 21st -- 8:30 for 10:00 Worship Service.

Altar Committee Notice -

If you would like to make a donation toward Easter flowers for the sanctuary, envelopes will be available in the pews later in Lent or by notifying Lucia, Martha McGlinn, Emily Silver or Linda Genovese. With your information please include the donor's name, "in memory of" and your contribution. Requests must be in by Palm Sunday.

Board of Missions & Outreach

Hartland Local Food Shelf –Our food shelf is participating in the HES backpack program – sending home backpacks of food with children in food insecure homes so that those children have food for the weekend. You can participate by donating non-perishable foods. What an important ministry right here in our own community!

HIXON HOUSE DATES for 2019: May 29th, July 31st & Oct 30th. Team Leader needed for July 31st. *To participate in this wonderful outreach ministry please sign up or speak with Carol Withington (295-9561) to volunteer as a team leader or to cook or to serve or to donate food!*

Local Habitat For Humanity Mission Trip – July work week dates to be announced!

From the Trustees:

At the Annual Meeting the Trustees proposed a ramp to provide accessibility from the sanctuary to the education wing. The Congregation approved the concept with the expectation that the Trustees will present the final design and cost before starting the project since there is no funding for this in the 2019 budget.

NEEDED: *A few interested folks to shepherd this project forward! Please contact Pat Richardson, Chair of the Trustees or Lucia if you are interested in working on the ramp project.*

THANK YOU

to Mark Dow & Matt Dow
for keeping the drive way plowed!

And to all of the Roast Beef Supper Volunteers!

And to Janet Hewes for providing wonderful music to those waiting for the Roast Beef Supper!

And to Carol Mowry for greeting and signing folks in to every supper

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Introducing Our Whole Lives - Sexuality and our Faith.

Our Whole Lives (OWL) is a human sexuality curriculum developed jointly by the UUA and the UCC. OWL is a progressive approach to sexuality education that addresses the totality of human sexuality in an age appropriate manner. It is based firmly on the values of self worth, sexual health, responsibility, justice and inclusivity.

"As Christians, we profess that we are created in the image of God. In this image, we have a lifelong journey toward deeper faith, faithfulness, and wholeness. As a church, we seek continually to integrate God's ongoing revelation with new knowledge and understanding of our lives and times. In our religious education, we are about the tasks of equipping the faithful for this journey in all its possibilities. As people in the United Church of Christ, we affirm that sexuality and spirituality are intricately connected and that both are gifts from God. We do not believe in the expression "Sexuality is a gift of God, just don't talk about it in church!"

Our youth are talking about sexuality. They are immersed in a culture that talks about sexuality. Where better to have a thoughtful, faithful, respectful discussion of sexuality than within our faith community?

One goal of OWL is to nurture communication between parent and child and to support parents in their role as the primary sexuality educators of their children. For simplicity, this program refers to all loving adult caregivers such as grandparents, aunts, and foster parents as parents.

Dave Morin & Dr Kim Aakre are teaching the 7th/8th grade OWL . Revs Lucia Jackson & Paul Sawyer are teaching the 5th/6th grade and the High School OWL Classes.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS!

March & April Regular Youth Group -
5th/6th grade OWL 4:00 - 5:30
Jr Highs OWL 4:00 - 6:00
Sr Highs OWL 6:30 - 8:30

Sunday March 31: 9:00 am-1:00 pm—
Mission Trip Fundraiser Brunch at the UU Church.

Sun, April 7: *Mission Trip Youth—Mission Trip commitment & \$100 due to Lucia! Mission Trip paperwork will be available.*

Sunday, April 14: 6:00 - 8:00 Jr High GAME NIGHT!

Sunday, April 28: Regular Youth Group (at the UU Church)
5-6:15 pm Jr High Youth 6:30-8 pm Sr High Youth

Sunday, May 5: Regular Youth Group (at the UU Church)
5-6:15 pm Jr High Youth 6:30-8 pm Sr High Youth

Sunday, May 19: 5-6:00 pm—Last Junior Youth (UU)
6:00 Mission Trip Logistics Mtg (UU) **All Paperwork Due!**
6:30-8:00 pm—Last Senior Youth (UU)

Youth Mission Trip 2019 to New Haven, CT
July 28-August 4!

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Lent by Ann Weems

Lent is a time to take the time

to let the power of our faith story take hold of us,

a time to let the events get up and walk around in us,

a time to intensify our living unto Christ,

a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts,

a time to place our feet in the streets of Jerusalem

or to walk along the sea and listen to his word,

a time to touch his robe

and feel the healing surge through us,

a time to ponder and a time to wonder . . .

Lent is a time to allow a fresh new taste of God!

FROM the Stewardship Team:

We'd like to encourage you to help grow our church family.

Help us grow the number of members! Invite a friend or two to

worship some Sunday. Have them see for themselves the good

work we do for the community both here in Hartland and the

broader world community. Have them get to know those who

swing a hammer for Habitat – those who donate time and

sweat on our youth mission trips – those who spend a week

helping people they will never know. Have them bring their

children to our growing Christian Education Program and

Sunday School. Invite them to enjoy the comfort and

inspiration that welcoming Jesus into their lives can bring.

In a broad spirit of stewardship, let's spread the word and

grow our church. Tom Ramsey - Stewardship Committee Chair