

## Church News and Events for Summer 2019

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### A Message from the Board of Deacons

With Lucia's upcoming retirement, the Board of Deacons, according to the church By-Laws, is charged with forming the Search Committee to recruit candidates to fill the pastor's position. If you are interested in being considered for this committee, or have names to recommend, please contact one of the deacons. Your current deacons are: Betty Powell, Caroline Lee, Larissa Dreyer, Linda Johnston, Nancy Cone and Cindy Hale.  
~*Cindy Hale, Board of Deacons*

### Energy Savers' Opportunity

Anyone interested in forming a very small group or committee to help the Church Trustees with thoughts on our energy use? After an energy audit several years ago, the conclusion was that major (and costly) items such as solar panels or energy-efficient windows did not seem supportable. Perhaps it is time to revisit this decision. We ought to review lighting and there are sources to help us evaluate something like this. If you'd like to help, please respond to the Church Office: [fcchartland@gmail.com](mailto:fcchartland@gmail.com)  
~*Pat Richardson, Board of Trustees*

### Worship Schedule

Sunday, June 23, 10:00, Worship with Brian Porto preaching

Sunday, June 30, 10:00, Old Home Day Combined Service at the First Universalist Society of Four Corners.

Special Music: Combined Choir.

**\*\*\*Summer Worship Time: 9:30 beginning July 7th \*\*\***

Sunday, July 7, 9:30 Worship with Communion.

Special Music: Janet Hewes

Sunday, July 14, 9:30 Worship, Special Music: Janet Hewes

Sunday, July 21, 9:30 Worship, Special Music: tbd

Sunday, July 28, 9:30 Worship, Special Music Service with Bruce & Caleb Freeberg – Come sing and listen to spirituals and gospel music from the Celtic, Appalachian, Country and Bluegrass traditions!!

Sunday, August 4, 9:30 Combined Worship Service Here to Celebrate the Youth Mission Trip with the First Universalist Society of Hartland. Ginny Returns!!

Sunday, August 11, 9:30 Worship with Communion

Sunday, August 18, 9:30 Worship with Daun Smith preaching

Sunday, August 25, 9:30 Worship

Sunday, September 1, 9:30 Worship with Communion  
Rev. Constance Moser Preaching.

**\*\*\*Worship Time returns to 10:00 after Labor Day Weekend.\*\*\***

### Calendar

**July 4** Hartland old Home Day

**July 23** Lady B's Trip

**July 28-August 3** Youth Mission Trip

**July 31** Hixon House Dinner

**August 17** Under the Tree Run to support the Hartland Christmas Project

**September 15** Confirmation Orientation Meeting

**September 25** Confirmation Class

## Music News

Thank you to the Choir for your hours and hours of volunteer time! Your music sings the praises of our hearts, lifts our souls and speaks to us and for us in ways that words cannot. Our worship service is so much richer for your sharing of your time and talent.

Thank you to Becky for your leadership, enthusiasm and innovation.


And thank you to the Amazing Ginny - Every week you play beautiful preludes and postludes and introit and anthems and offertories and hymns and service music.

You are a WONDER!

## **Choir Schedule**

Sunday, June 30th 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal for the Old Home Day Combined Service at the UU directed by Patty Talbot.

## The Ladies Benevolent Society

The Ladies Benevolent Society, now referred to as the Lady B's , continues to be a work in progress. We would welcome newcomers for new ideas and old fashioned fellowship in the support of our church. **Our next meeting will be Sept. 19 at 1 pm** at the church; taking the summer off except for our one planned outing in July.

### **July 23rd! Come join the Lady Bee's day trip!**

Magic Wings Butterfly Conservancy in Deerfield Mass, and the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art in Amherst.

Admission is \$16 for adults (\$14 Seniors) for the Magic Wings and \$9 for adults (\$6 Seniors) for Eric Carle Museum.

--Bring your lunch or buy it at the Cafe.

--We will rent a 12 passenger van and will add cars should we get more participants than the van will hold.

--We will leave from the Brick Church parking lot at 7:45 am and plan to be back by 6pm. (Rain date: August 6).RSVP a MUST to [laura.dukeshire@gmail.com](mailto:laura.dukeshire@gmail.com) or by calling 426-2210.

*~Carol Williams, President*

## Stewardship News

The Stewardship Committee is happy to announce that it is now possible to Make A Gift from our webpage. Members and friends like you, can use a credit card (or PayPal if you have an account) to donate directly to our church. You will be provided with an Online acknowledgement immediately. Check it out !!

<http://www.hartlandcongregationalchurch.org/>

Let us know if you have any comments or questions.

*~Tom Ramsey, Stewardship Chair*

## Christian Education News and Notes

We finished our 3rd year of Church School with a wonderful celebration honoring all of our volunteers and children!

The big news for the summer is that we will be able to offer nursery care every Sunday, thanks to the following people: Silvia Hale, Emma Allegretti, Cici Wendling, Sara White, Madison Bowers and Donna Bowers!

There is also a possibility of having 2 separate classes starting this fall!

Growth is happening!

See you all in September!

*~Mary Jo Ramsey, Director of Christian Education*

## Summer Flowers

During the summer months the Altar Committee provides fresh flowers each Sunday. We welcome anyone to let us know when something is blooming at your house - let us know if you'd like to bring something or we'll gladly stop by!

Martha McGlenn, Linda Genovese, Emily Silver

*~Martha McGlenn, Altar Committee*

## **Board of Missions & Outreach**

Please support our church's outreach.

Non-perishable food donations are always welcome for the **Hartland Food Shelf** and can be dropped off here anytime. Garden produce may be donated to the food shelf at the UU in 4 Corners on Fridays 8:00 – 10:00am.

**HIXON HOUSE DATES for 2019: July 31st & Oct 30th** 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!

**Back to School Backpacks for PINS & HES** - (due by Aug 4th for blessing at worship) backpacks & school supplies (3 ring binders, paper, spiral notebooks, pens, pencils, markers, folders, erasers, crayons, pencil boxes, etc. (No Trappers/Keepers)

**Church World Service School Kits** (our goal is 50 kits) (You are invited to donate any portion of the School kit)

**To assemble a School Kit you will need:**

- One pair of blunt metal scissors (rounded)
- Three 70-count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- One 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- One hand-held pencil sharpener
- One large eraser
- Six new pencils with erasers
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- One 12" x 14" to 14" x 17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with cloth handles. (Please, no reusable shopping bags – there is a pattern for these bags on the CWS website <http://www.cwsglobal.org/resources/pdfs/school-bag-pattern.pdf>)

**Youth Mission Trip Update: July 28th – Aug 3rd 2019 to New Haven, CT.**

We have 10 youth & 7 adults participating in Mission Trip 2019 when we will spend 5 days working with service organizations in New Haven: Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen, New Reach & Habitat for Humanity.

The youth mission trip is a week full of sweat, hard work, service, fellowship, faith & fun! As in previous years, we are asking for food donations. You can find a food list at either this church or the UU church. Thank you to the many generous individuals who supported our fundraising brunches!

**Worship Service on August 4 at 9:30**

Combined Worship Service Celebration of the Youth Mission Trip **HERE**.

Your financial support, food support and generosity are greatly appreciated. Please keep us in your prayers for a safe and productive trip.

## **CONFIRMATION class**

This class will be offered to all youth grade 8 and higher. We will be meeting weekly on **Wednesday evenings, 6:00 – 7:15 starting September 25th**. Confirmation Sunday will be May 3rd, 2020! Lucia and Daun Smith will be leading the course. We will be using the Affirming Faith curriculum and ask that each student purchase the book for \$12.00.

There will be an orientation meeting for interested confirmands and parents on **September 15th at 11:15** in the fellowship room. During Confirmation, students are expected to attend worship each Sunday or help in an assigned Church School classroom, usher and read scripture, volunteer 10 hours of service to the church, and participate consistently in the Confirmation classes.

Confirmation is a wonderful experience, a time of faith nurture and growth, fellowship and faith commitment. I am anticipating a terrific year for all of us! Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns or to sign up!

~**Lucia**

## **Hartland Old Home Day**

**July 4 is rapidly approaching!** Hartland's largest town event begins with the Parade down Rte. 12 again this year at 10:00.

### **Floats are always needed!**

*IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in working on a church "float" please contact Cindy Hale or Lucia. We have participated in the last several years and it is fun!!*

This year's theme is a great one to use for a float design: SUPERHEROES!!!! Even the Community Band will once-again be 'in tune' playing "Batman"(as they were in 2018 performing the "Star Wars" theme song)!!!

Concert and Music Trivia to follow at the Rec. Ctr. Gazebo.

**Hartland's own 15-piece big band, "The Moonlighters" kicks-off the summer concert season on Thurs., July 4 from 7-9** at the Hartland Rec. Ctr. Gazebo. Get ready to join the crowd dancing (or sitting) to "YMCA", a yearly favorite! Feel free to dance or just listen-along to music from Swing-to-Samba, Disco-to-Big Band. Fireworks to follow!

"The Moonlighters" Big Band appreciates Hartland's groupies!!! It's what makes it even more musically rewarding! See you on July 4 at Hartland Rec. from 7-9!

For a list of "The Moonlighters" Big Band's summer performances, please go to: [www.moonlightersbigband.com](http://www.moonlightersbigband.com) or call Janet Hewes: 802-436-2069.

## **Under the Tree Run to support The Hartland Christmas Project!!**

A 5K and 10K run on August 17th 9:00am at the Hartland Rec Center.

You can register online <https://underthetreerace.org>

To volunteer please contact Beth Rice at : [brice@vermontel.net](mailto:brice@vermontel.net)  
Great Raffle Prizes!