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Vermont Conference



June 8, 2018

VT CONFERENCE NEWS

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Weekly Seeds

Focus Reading:



BE THE CHURCH

*Protect the environment. Care for the poor.
Forgive often. **Reject racism.**
Fight for the powerless.
Share earthly and spiritual resources.
Embrace diversity. Love God. Enjoy this life.*

BE THE CHURCH



BECOME A FRIEND OF THE VERMONT CONFERENCE

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HAPPENINGS

Dear Central VT Pastors and Lay Leaders,

On June 7th, there will be a showing of the film *Happening: a Clean Energy Revolution* at 7 pm at Jaquith Public Library (122 School St.) in Marshfield. The showing will be followed by a discussion. A flyer to publicize the event is attached. Please help us spread the word by including it in your newsletter and/or bulletin and posting the flyer.

The film showing is sponsored by Salmon Falls Sangha, Marshfield Energy Committee, Jaquith Public Library, and VT Interfaith Power & Light.

Dear Central VT Pastors and Lay Leaders,

Read more here.....



Sunday, July 22, 2018, 1:00pm

PRAY 4 FREEDOM

The 4 FREEDOMS FESTIVAL closes the weekend's events with an Interfaith ceremony at Norman Rockwell's home and studio in West Arlington at 1:00pm. The event brings together spiritual and religious leaders, with a non-denominational focus on Freedom of Worship. FESTIVAL organizers join regional inter-faith leaders in their commitment to Grateful Hearts, community food cupboards and local food banks, by encouraging all participants to donate food, upholding Freedom from Want.

Friday, July 20, 2018, 4:00pm
RING 4 FREEDOM

On July 20, 2018, the 4 FREEDOMS FESTIVAL presents RING 4 FREEDOM. RING 4 FREEDOM is a unified bell-ringing at across towns large and small in the state of Vermont, to signify and honor the Four Freedoms; the first ever event of this kind will take place at 4:00pm Eastern, for 4 minutes.

Here is the festival website with more details: <https://www.themillvt.com/4freedomsfestival/>

Jami Poe
4 FREEDOMS FESTIVAL
(802) 768-1303

WEBINARS

UCC Open and Affirming

The ONA Coalition's webinar series is designed both for Open and Affirming congregations, and for churches taking their first steps towards an ONA covenant. We're providing four webinars in spring 2018, and will add three new webinars in the fall. Dates and a link to the registration page for each webinar are provided below. All webinars are on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Eastern, 6 p.m. Central, 5 p.m. Mountain, 4 p.m. Pacific and 1 p.m. Hawaiian, and run for about 90 minutes. The webinar includes time for questions and conversation. We offer discounts when more than three participants participate at one computer, so consider gathering a group and projecting the webinar on a screen. Contact Andy Lang at ed@openandaffirming.org for more information!

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

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Trustworthy insights into current insurance concerns for churches



**FREE WEBINAR**

***Best Practices for Allowing Offenders in Your Church***

At the heart of every church beats the willingness to forgive and accept. Perhaps the greatest obstacle for a church to overcome is when a convicted sex offender wants to be a member of the church.

This is not a decision to take lightly and churches may find it is a divisive decision; struggling with the role of the church and the safety of its congregants. Insurance Board recognizes that many of churches face this decision on a regular basis. We believe it is good for a church to be pro-active and have these conversations before that person approaches your doors.

We have invited Heather E. Kimmel, General Counsel of the United Church of Christ, to address issues related to sex offenders in congregations, including safe conduct policies, limited access agreements, and disclosure to congregations.

**Unique Risks Preventing Sexual Abuse in the School Environment  
(Praesidium)**

**Wednesday, August 8, 2018  
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM (Eastern Time)**

**Trending Risk Management Concerns for Churches (The Insurance Board)**

**Wednesday, September 12, 2018  
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM (Eastern Time)**

**<http://anymeeting.com/insuranceboard>**



Worship  
Well

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



# VERMONT OUTDOOR MINISTRIES

[SEE THE LATEST CAMP NEWSLETTER HERE.....](#)

WHAT CAN CHURCHES DO TO PROMOTE CAMP?

- Promote camp in your bulletins and newsletters
- Hand out the brochures
- Have campers that have been to camp share stories in worship.
- Have a camp Sunday- Children's time, Smores for coffee hour, or camp songs in worship.
- Someone from Outdoor Ministries can come to your church to talk about camp with the children or share a sermon about Outdoor Ministries
- Let campers know there is scholarship money available
- Support the scholarship fund with a special gift of offering to Outdoor Ministries
- Check out the website at [www.hortoncenter.org](http://www.hortoncenter.org)

For questions or to apply: Laurie Chipman [lchipman@fccej.org](mailto:lchipman@fccej.org)  
or Nancy Folwer [fowler@gmail.com](mailto:fowler@gmail.com)

[Preview 2018 Camp Brochure here!](#)

[Read more here...](#)

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Nancy Fowler at  
[fowler5vt@gmail.com](mailto:fowler5vt@gmail.com)  
Nancy Fowler or Laurie Chipman  
[lchipman@fccej.org](mailto:lchipman@fccej.org)



Rev. John Dorhauer was at the Outdoor Ministry Association Consult Gathering at Silver Lake, CT in November and listened to some of our camping stories. We applied and were awarded a \$1000 Deering Grant to help with the cost of paddle boarding at Rock Point next summer.

[See Camp Job Opportunities here.....](#)

Job Replies to:

[Laurie Chipman Ichipman@fccej.org](mailto:Laurie.Chipman@fccej.org)

or

[Nancy Fowler fowler5vt@myfairpoint.net](mailto:Nancy.Fowler@myfairpoint.net)



**OUTDOOR MINISTRIES ASSOCIATION**  
United Church of Christ

## **DINNERS AND SOCIAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

**Community Supper**

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

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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The Congregational Church of South Hero, VT, UCC is looking for a part-time (or full time) organist. This person would be responsible for playing for Sunday services at least every other week (sharing with another organist), as well as additional services such as Christmas Eve, Ash

Wednesday , etc. The organist would also accompany the choir at rehearsals. The sanctuary contains an Allen Protégé L321i/e organ with 3 manuals, 38 stops, and 266 voices and a piano.

This position is available after June 1, 2018.

If interested please contact the church office at 802-372-4962 or [ccshvt@gmail.com](mailto:ccshvt@gmail.com)

for a full job description.

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MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST Active community church of 400+ members seeks a vibrant music director/organist. Responsible for adult choir, youth choir, and all liturgical services. Time commitment averages 20 hours per week. Range of compensation \$30,000 - \$35,000 dependent on experience. Submit cover letter, resume with 3 references, and any other material you feel would support your candidacy to: Music Director Search Committee, United Church of Dorset and East Rupert, P.O. Box 263, Dorset, VT 05251 dorsetchurch@gmail.com

BOOKKEEPER AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT The Dorset Church is currently seeking a Bookkeeper and Administrative Assistant skilled in digital and internet communications for a 3 days a week part time job. The applicant should be a friendly

team worker and good multi-task worker ready to fulfill the mission of a vibrant growing church. To apply, please submit by email a cover letter and resume stating your qualifications and your interest in the position to dorsetchurch@gmail.com

Jane A. LoBrutto, Licensed Minister - Administrator
United Church of Dorset and East Rupert
PO Box 263
Dorset, VT 05251
802-867-2260
Jane@dorsetchurch.org

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The First Congregational Church UCC of Burlington, Vermont  
Invites candidates for two part-time positions:

**Children's & Family Ministries Coordinator:** Dynamic innovator needed to grow programming for children (pre-K to gr.5) and families at Open & Affirming, mission-centric church. Be passionate about leading children into faithful, loving and hopeful lives. Start at 15hr/wk, \$20/hr. Work closely with staff and volunteers.

To apply, send resume and cover letter to: [info@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto:info@firstchurchburlington.org)  
Details: <http://firstchurchburlington.org/?s=hiring>

**Youth and Young Adult Ministries Coordinator:** Thoughtful relationship builder needed to grow youth ministry for, with and by youth. Be proactive guiding middle and high school students to develop identity and apply their passion for social justice in the world. Start at 15hr/wk, \$20/hr. Work closely with staff and volunteers.

To apply, send resume and cover letter to: [info@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto:info@firstchurchburlington.org)  
Details: <http://firstchurchburlington.org/?s=hiring>

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Youth Ministry Leader wanted

College Street Congregational Church in Burlington is seeking a leader for our Christ-centered peer group of 6-12 graders who can guide youth in Christian discipleship through theology, service, fellowship, and fun. Our church is growing - especially our youth program - and we seek someone who can continue to support our youth as we grow. This is a part-time (20 hour) position.

For more details, go
to

<http://www.collegestreetchurch.org/youthministryleader/>

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We hope you like our ever changing look as we try to make each E-Kit fun to explore!  
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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