

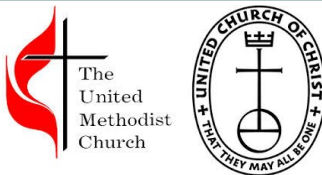
# United Church Herald

Summer

June 2021

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **IN-PERSON WORSHIP**
- **SUMMER OF PRAYER WITH MARY HOADLEY**



## Office Hours and Staffing

Jenna's office hours  
Mon-Fri 10AM- 2PM

Rev. James Merriam -  
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## HELLO BELOVED COMMUNITY,~~

15 months ago we shifted to remote worship on very short notice and without a clue as to the odyssey upon which we were about to undertake. I am very grateful to the contributions of all those who have made vibrant and safe worship possible all this time.

Now I'd like to invite you all to take a step forward with me. I'd like to invite you to join me in-person, for worship, on Sunday morning. Starting June 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM our community has the chance to share, celebrate, and appreciate the chance to get together.

Those who are uncomfortable or unavailable at that time are still welcome to join us on YouTube and NEKTV on Wednesdays at 6:30PM and Sundays at 9AM. On June 27<sup>th</sup> the broadcast will be of the May 23<sup>rd</sup> Ordination Ceremony at Magoon Park and thereafter we will broadcast each service the following Wednesday and Sunday. This should serve as a poignant reminder of the many who have joined us for remote worship for many years and may we never forget that those who can't be with us in person are with us in spirit and

worship with us in every way that matters  
Welcome home one and all.

Peace

-Rev. James

## ORDINATION~~

The May 23<sup>rd</sup> outdoor Ordination Ceremony at Magoon Park was a wonderful event. There were around 70 people from churches across the NEK in attendance. The sunshine drove away the rains that fell earlier in the day, and the cathedral of the sky was on display in all of its splendor. Congratulations James! God is Good!



Rev Bob Wilson reads at Rev. James' Ordination



On the left:  
James sings with  
his Mother,  
Caroline  
Youngblood



A beautiful day for  
an ordination!

Pictured above: Doug &  
Vivian Spates, with Jean  
Condon

Pictured on the left is all  
the clergy



**Worship  
& Praise**

**We will be returning to in  
person worships on  
Sundays!!**

**Our return to  
worship date will be  
June 27th at 9:30AM.**

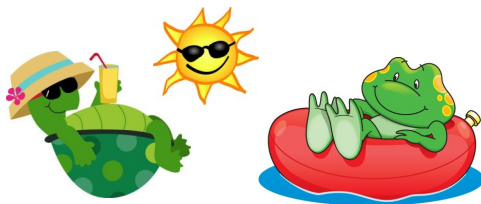
**We hope to see many of you  
there!**





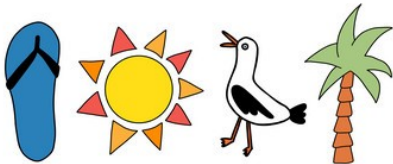
# Buildings & Grounds~~

The resurfacing of the parking lot is still on for end of June/ before July 4<sup>th</sup>.



Above: The tree planting crew! L-R: Alan Aiken, Kathy Aiken, Merle Chilcott, Tom Farrand, James Merriam, Jean Condon, & Bettie Souliere. Not pictured: Kathleen Ahearn.

5 New trees have been planted! These were free trees provided by the State Forestry Dept. to promote better inner-city environments. Big thanks to those who came to help with the tree planting!



## Friendship Circle ☺~~

Did you happen to drive by the church on Memorial Day weekend and see the yard sale going on? With so many of our fund raising events being cancelled in the past year The Friendship Circle decided a yard sale



Above: Merle and Kathleen working hard.

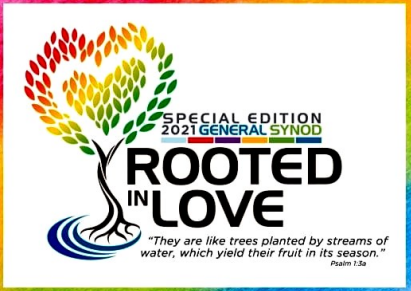


might be a fun outdoor event. They held it in conjunction with the city wide yard sale and it was a huge success. Many thanks to all the volunteers who made the day a big success. Marvelene Richards ran the jewelry table, Nancy Newton took the payments, Bettie Souliere made sure

things ran smoothly and of course all the other folks who helped; James Merriam, Alan Aiken, Kathy Aiken, Jeanne Condon, Susan Kramer. Special thanks to Judy Hurd and Cynthia Adams for organizing the event and to Janet and Joe Wiseman for donating many items to sell.

## UCC General Synod~~

The worldwide gathering of the UCC will be held remotely on July 11<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> so everyone can attend! Registration is open now at UCC.org and many pieces of the vibrant worships will be worked into our worship in various ways



The friendship circle will be having a “Christmas in June” party on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30PM in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to bring something for a pot luck lunch and bring a “gag gift”. Anything silly that might be fun to exchange during a Yankee Swap. If you have ever wondered what goes on at a Friendship Circle meeting, this might be the meeting to come and see.







# FREE MEALS

FOR ALL KIDS  
18 AND UNDER

## FEEL GOOD MEALS

JUNE 23RD - AUGUST 13TH

ADULT MEALS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE: \$8 EACH, CASH OR CHECK ONLY!

**JUNE 23RD - AUGUST 13TH | 11AM - 1PM Lunch**

**WEDNESDAYS:** BARTON | BARTON PUBLIC LIBRARY | 100 CHURCH STREET

**THURSDAYS:** NEWPORT | GARDNER PARK | 155 GARDNER PARK ROAD

**FRIDAYS:** BROWNINGTON | OLD STONE HOUSE | 109 OLD STONE HOUSE ROAD\*  
(AT THE OSHM GRAMMAR SCHOOL)

## Executive Committee~~

At the Executive Board meeting on Wednesday, June 9th, we voted to hire Denise Piette as our new Treasurer to replace Janet Wiseman, who is leaving the area. Denise will officially start in August and will work with Janet, Jenna, and the financial secretary to ensure a smooth hand off. Denise was the Treasurer/Bookkeeper in the past.

Right now she and her husband own "The Front Desk" store on East Main Street in Newport.

The Executive Board accepts the recommendation from the Building & Grounds committee to use Gray's paving to complete the parking lot paving project. We will not meet in July and August and will resume regular meetings in September.



## Food Shelf~~

Fortunately we have been able to continue operations of the Food Shelf throughout the pandemic by keeping all the recipients in the church parking lot. They have been kept 6 feet apart while wearing a mask and receive their bag of food through a window in the Youth Room. They are asked for their choice of frozen meat— such as spiral cut ham, hot dogs, beef cuts, ground beef, bacon, chicken, etc. They are also given butter when available. Each person receives one bag of food and if there are four or more people in the household, they are given 2 bags. We have also put four tables in the parking lot for a large variety of "Free Choice" items such as breads and pastries from Shaw's, juices, eggs, different canned goods, and sometimes toiletries! We also have fresh produce when available. The number of food bags distributed per month has varied from 150 to 184.

Beginning in July (pass out days 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>) we will resume the distribution of food bags indoors in the Fellowship Hall. Recipients will enter via the Third Street door and exit via the parking lot door. We will also have tables for the "Free Choice" items. Once a year recipients are required to complete and sign the "statement of Eligibility to receive USDA Foods" form, and we will do this on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Everyone Eats— Free to-go Meals~~

This has been a very successful program since last September but we expect it to conclude on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Like the Food Shelf – all recipients have remained in the parking lot and received their meals through the window.

We operated every Monday and Friday from 10:30AM– Noon Monday meals have come from Lagos (we would receive 100 meals from them) and Fridays meals came from Newport Natural Market & Café (we would receive 150-200 meals from them) and Vermont Pie & Pasta would give us an extra 50 meals every Friday. A BIG Thank you to Bettie Souliere, Judy Hurd and Merle Chilcott for being an amazing crew helping hand out meals and also a thank you to those others who came to help on occasions!



## UCN Bell Choir~~

The UCN Bell Choir 'Bottles for Bells fundraiser' earned \$91.10 since January 2021! Thank you so much for supporting this fundraiser by donating your returnable bottles and cans. Those nickels add up! The bell choir uses these funds to purchase new music and keep our annual membership active with Handbell

# FOOD TRUCK Rally

**TUESDAYS 4-8PM**

**Tasty Food FOR TAKE-OUT**  
Come & join us...

**CHECK OUT THE WEEKLY LINE-UP**  
Follow us on Facebook!

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Musicians of America. The membership with the national Handbell Musicians of America (HMA) includes the more local; Area 1 New England Group, and Vermont Handbell Association. Any member of our ensemble may attend festivals, conferences, spring rings, and national seminars at a discounted membership rate. We receive a subscription to a quarterly print magazine called 'Overtones' with articles on tips and tools, techniques, handbell events around the nation, and how HMA continues to follow their mission of uniting people through a musical art. We hope more church family members will be interested in learning more about making music with handbells. The Vermont Spring Ring was cancelled for the second year because of the pandemic. We are hopeful Vermont Spring Ring 2022 will be held in the Northeast Kingdom. Ruth Marquette, UCN Bell Choir director, virtually attended the Area 1 Ringers Reunion in May. This was the first time Area 1 offered this virtual ringing opportunity and Ruth was glad to get the chance to ring along with a rehearsal choir. Ruth will virtually attend the National Seminar for four days in mid-July, too. HMA was able to organize this hybrid seminar – in person in Glendale, Arizona or live virtual classes and concerts. Contact Ruth Marquette (raamarq@hotmail.com or 334-6978) if you or someone you know wants to learn

how or if you want to get back to ringing with the UCN Bell Choir. It is a great way to learn new things, try new music, and get re-acquainted with the instrument after a long pandemic hiatus. Anyone is welcome to try it out! Thank you for supporting the bell choir!

## Update from UCN MID, Mary Hoadley~~



Hello Church Family, My name is Mary Hoadley, you may know me as a member at UCN, or from one of my many virtual sermons presented over the past year. I am also working towards ordination with the United Church of Newport.

I am pleased to announce that I just finished my Pastoral Ministry Education training. This 6-month course was an alternative to a traditional Clinical Pastoral Education program and fulfills my ordination requirements. For 6 months we worked with cohort made up of others seeking this ordination requirement, our advisor Rev. Alyssa May and Leanne Tigert, DMIV and Christian counselor. Throughout the program, which was about 40 hours per month, we had various assignments in reading/writing, didactic opportunities with skilled professionals, group processing, individual supervision along with other ministry work that we used to be a springboard for reflection and written assignments. This program was rooted in learning about self-care, congregational care/leadership, hospice/end of life care, trauma sensitive care, new and emerging ministries, mental health, addiction, and spirituality. Along with other topics, scenarios, and case studies. Therefore, it is with great joy that I share my last step towards seeking ordination is my ordination paper. I will present this to the VT UCC Ministerial



### **\*Summer of Prayer with MID Mary Hoadley**

Summers are short and we can sometimes get swept up in the sunshine before we remember to give praise. Let's pray together this summer! Use as much or as little as you please!

#### **This summer give praise in all things!**

**Here's how:** choose from the summer list below and then practice summer of prayer with a **"praise sandwich."**

**1st piece of bread:** Thanking God for moment you are in. The beauty you see, hear, smell, taste and feel.

**The filling:** Asking for any guidance, comfort, support, encouragement you want God to help you with.

**2nd piece of bread:** Thank God for this moment together. Thank God for anything that you feel on your heart or in your mind.

**Say Amen and ... you've got a praise sandwich!**

#### **Where to do this: (ANYWHERE!)**

Watching the Sunrise/Sunset –On A Hike/Walk

Just Before you Tee-Off -Before You Jump in The Water -

While You Water Your Garden- When You See A Rainbow - While You Grill

When You See Fireflies -Walking in Nature –When Your Feet Hit The Sand!

#### **Example: Before Fishing**

**Bread 1:** Thank You God for the seasons and the pleasures of summer. Thank you for the warm sun, cool breeze and plenty of fish in these clear waters.

**Filling:** Please help me to be more patient and more loving. Help me to be more present with my family and less stressed. I want to show them love.

**Bread 2:** Thank you for always being near and for the hope you bring to my life. Thank you for this time to be with you, to find peace and hopefully some fish!

In Jesus name, AMEN!

*\*Disclaimer: There's no wrong way to pray!*



and Standards and Standing Committee in September. Once approved I would then be in a position for a call for an Ecclesiastical Council which would decide if I was to be Ordained, pending a call. In addition, I've also recently taken my Foundations of Understanding Boundaries

Awareness Training and several different workshops and classes with the Bangor Theological Seminary. I continue to do pulpit supply twice a month for Westmore Community Church and Brownington Congregational Church. (Both are back to in-person worship.) I am also on the New

Church Discernment Committee lead by our VT UCC Conference Minister Paul Sangree. Thank you to everyone who has prayed for me, encouraged me and supported me thus far. Be Well, Be Blessed, Mary Hoadley



**STANDING IN NEED OF PRAYER:**



**FOR HEALTH:**

- Susan Jewett
- Edith McNeal
- John Ward Sr.
- Robin Comstock
- Brenda Hayden
- Chris Maginniss as he recovers from a heart attack
- Nicole Atkins
- Harriet Hall
- Alicia Knoll
- Candy Peck
- Elwin Brewer
- Caroline Queenin as she recovers from a broken hip
- Travis & His Family
- Ty Harrington
- Vernon Hurd as he recovers from surgery

**FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:**

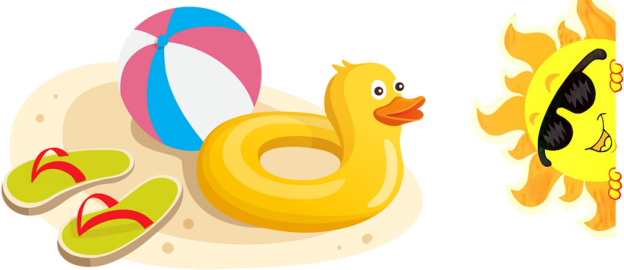
- The Family & Friends of Sylvia Prue

**FOR THE WIDER COMMUNITY & WORLD:**

- For the 600,000 victims of COVID-19, their families, and their communities.

**UP COMING EVENTS:**

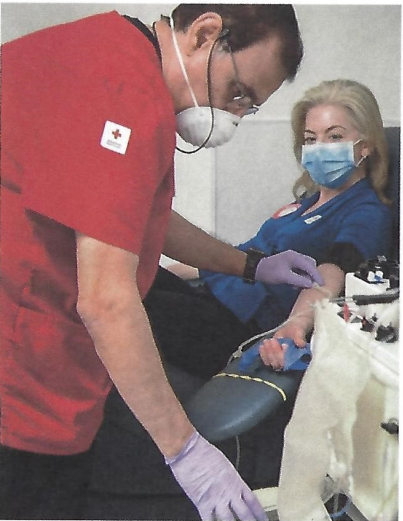
JUNE 21	EVERYONE EATS "FREE TO-GO MEALS"	MON-10:30AM-12PM
JUNE 22	FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE "CHRISTMAS IN JUNE" PARTY	TUE 1:30PM
JUNE 23	BIBLE STUDY ON NEKTV	WED 5:30PM
JUNE 25	EVERYONE EATS "FREE TO-GO MEALS"	FRI-10:30AM-12PM
JUNE 26	ST. MARKS VIGIL FOR RACIAL JUSTICE & RECONCILIATION	SAT 1PM-1:30PM
JUNE 27	IN PERSON WORSHIP STARTS AGAIN @ UCN!	SUN 9:30AM



**We were presented this Certificate from the American Red Cross. The United Church is honored to receive such a recognition and would like to say Thank You!! We are happy to help, always. ☺**



**Newport United Church**



This award recognizes you as an extraordinary Blood Program Partner who stood with the American Red Cross during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Your dedicated support was essential in our mission to help save lives across the country through blood donation.

April, 2021

*Thank You*

*Patricia Murtagh*  
Patricia Murtagh, Regional Donor Services Executive

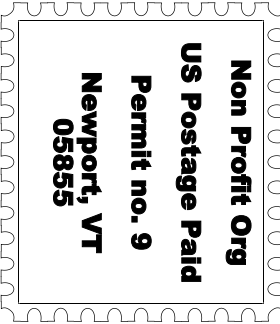
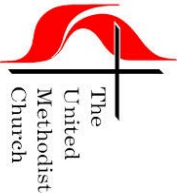
*Kevin Mazuzan*  
Kevin Mazuzan, Executive Director

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>27</b>  9:30AM Worship — FIND US ON YOUTUBE: “THE UNITED CHURCH OF NEWPORT”  5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	<b>28</b>  EVERYONE EATS— FREE TO-GO MEAL 10:30AM-12PM	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  BIBLE STUDY ON YOUTUBE & NEKTV 5PM	<b>JULY 1</b>  FOOD TRUCK DELIVERY	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  ST. MARKS RACIAL JUSTICE VIGIL 1PM
<b>4</b>  9:30AM Worship — FIND US ON YOUTUBE: “THE UNITED CHURCH OF NEWPORT”  6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	<b>5</b>  HOME DELIVERIES	<b>6</b>  FOOD SHELF 10AM-12PM	<b>7</b>  FOOD SHELF 10AM-12PM  BIBLE STUDY ON YOUTUBE & NEKTV 5PM	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  ST. MARKS RACIAL JUSTICE VIGIL 1PM
<b>11</b>  9:30AM Worship — FIND US ON YOUTUBE: “THE UNITED CHURCH OF NEWPORT”  7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  BIBLE STUDY ON YOUTUBE & NEKTV 5PM	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  ST. MARKS RACIAL JUSTICE VIGIL 1PM
<b>18</b>  9:30AM Worship — FIND US ON YOUTUBE: “THE UNITED CHURCH OF NEWPORT”  8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  BIBLE STUDY ON YOUTUBE & NEKTV 5PM  BLOOD DRIVE 11AM-3:30PM	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  ST. MARKS RACIAL JUSTICE VIGIL 1PM
<b>25</b>  9:30AM Worship — FIND US ON YOUTUBE: “THE UNITED CHURCH OF NEWPORT”  9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  BIBLE STUDY ON YOUTUBE & NEKTV 5PM	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  ST. MARKS RACIAL JUSTICE VIGIL 1PM