

# UNITED CHURCH OF DORSET AND EAST RUPERT ~ FEBRUARY 9, 2025 ~



**MISSION STATEMENT** The mission of this open and affirming Church is to instill in its congregation the consciousness of the presence of God in each individual person, to worship God, to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, to celebrate the Sacraments, and to teach, and encourage the application of Christian values, individually and collectively. The Church community strives to exemplify responsible stewardship of God's creation, and to render loving service to all humankind in the search for righteousness, justice, and peace. Article 2, Constitution & By-Laws of the United Church of Dorset and East Rupert

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~ WORSHIP SERVICE ~ FEBRUARY 9, 2025 ~ EPIPHANY FIVE

SILENT MEDITATION

O loving God,

We remember those who struggle for freedom.

We remember the disabled who cling to hope.

We remember the injured who fight for their life.

We remember the captives who yearn for freedom.

We remember the deportees who long for the homeland.

We remember the towns, villages and camps that are often under siege.

We remember the children whose yes reflect the light of the future.

We remember the brave who say 'no' to injustice.

We lift the olive branch, which says 'yes' to a just peace.

O God, we call upon you to grant us your patience,  
and determination, that we may say:

No to hate and yes to love,

No to death and yes to life,

No to falsehood and yes to truth,

No to oppression and yes to justice,

No to cruelty and yes to mercy

No to violence and yes to the path to peace,

No, no matter what it may cost, and yes, no matter what it may cost.

For you are the source of love leading to reconciliation and forgiveness.

*(This prayer is taken from a worship service of the World Council of Churches, International Church action for Peace in Israel and Palestine, 4-10 June 2008.)*

**PRELUDE** *This Little Light of Mine - Harry Dixon Loes/ Mark Hayes, arr.*

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING OF GOD'S PEACE**

Rev. Mark McDonough

**ENTER "THE FLAME" & "THE WORD"**

Acolyte, Brandon Hiller-DuPont; Beadle, Sofia Lima

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Mark McDonough

Leader: Wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope.

**People:** *My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.*

Leader: O people, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.

**People:** *May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

**\*HYMN (CH) # 494: They'll Know We Are Christians**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. Steve Longley

**Holy God, we confess that we don't like to confess and we give thanks, if grudgingly, that you compel us to do it. We would continue down the easy road of "good enough for who it's for." But, like a conductor stopping the orchestra to retune, or a master carpenter taking time regularly to sharpen tools, you compel us to take time each week to remember the people you have created and called us to be, see honestly where we have erred and strayed, and trust you to restore us to your image. For your love which will not let us be less than you know us to be, we give you thanks.**

**MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Leader:** Christ comes with healing light into our locked places and shadowy hurts, resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life. As God's own beloved people, receive God's forgiveness, and blessing.

**People: Alleluia. Amen.**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**\*GLORIA PATRI (CH) #35**

*Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**TIME WITH THE YOUNG (at heart)**

**PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE**

Rev. Skip Dickinson

**Our response: Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** *Thy Perfect Love*- John Rutter

**\*HYMN (CH) # 499: When Love is Found**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Matthew 5:38-48

Elizabeth Karet

**SERMON** Speaking Truth to an Elephant

Rev. Mark McDonough

**OFFERTORY** *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* - Wilha Hutson, arr.

Rev. Skip Dickinson

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** (CH) # 5 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Mark McDonough

**POSTLUDE** *Azmon* Kenneth T. Kosche, arr.

**Our thanks for this morning's flowers to:** *Skip & Derry Dickinson*  
*"In honor of democracy and all civil servants"*

**Liturgist,** Rev. Steve Longley **Scripture Reader,** Elizabeth Karet  
**Acolyte,** Brandon Hiller-DuPont, **Beadle,** Sofia Lima

**Our thanks to our ushers:** Judy Dunn and Robin Chandler

**Our thanks for hosting Coffee Hour to:** Nora Larsen and Barbara Urso

**PRAYER LIST** Our prayer list is a network of love and faith in the power of prayer. We receive these names from members and friends of our church who hold these individuals up in their own prayer life for God's healing and strength upon them.

**IMMEDIATE NEEDS PRAYER CONCERNS:** Michael & Abby Shaw; Wes Stannard; Christopher Barrett; Howard; Jimmy Weiss; Jeff Duel; Sharon Bovey Stone; Linda Bushee; Bob Waters; Frank Quaranta; Robin Blount; Cindy Overstreet; Sylvia Haney; Corey Cochran; Stephanie Mattison; Spencer March; Shuyan Liu; An T. Dang; Pam Hasegawa; Damon Wilder, Craig, Jaxson and Jacob Smith, Paul; in the Dorset Church, for our members that attend annual meeting; in the Vermont Conference, for the Community Church of Pawlet and their Pastor, Rev. Tracy Weatherhogg; in the UCC, February is often thought of as a month of love, as Valentine's Day is celebrated and lovers everywhere affirm their devotion with special cards, gifts and romantic meals together. The [Gender and Sexuality Justice Ministries](#) (GSJM) of the United Church of Christ is celebrating all things love with special [Love is Louder](#) invitations and offerings to last all year.

**LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS:** Shirley Simpson; Millie Holland; Michael Chambers, Patrick Denis; Dick Grip; Linda & Dick Buswell; Dody Marcotte; Janet Harvey; Jonathan Dickinson; Eric Parks; Tim Velie; Kay Keith; Kris; Marianne Bacon; Kay Kwasniewski; David Parsons; Robbie Littlewood; Sandy Cary; Elizabeth LaBerge; Dottie Hinkle; Chip Wilson; Hazel Prouty; James Jankowski; Ched Evans; Jameson Gray Pelton; Judy Dunn; Evelyn Tobin; Cassia Duran; Rich; Bill Wise; George Smith.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## W A R N I N G

The members of the United Church of Dorset and East Rupert are hereby warned to meet on **Sunday, February 9, 2025** at approximately 11:30 AM to transact the following business:

1. To act on the annual reports of the officers and committees of the church as prepared.
2. To act on the proposed operating budget for 2025 as submitted by the trustees.
3. To elect church officers and committee members for 2025.
4. To consider any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

**A ZOOM LINK WILL BE SENT FOR THOSE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND.**

**FAITH INSIDE** Rev. Mark is leading the winter book study on, *“The Book of Joy”* by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Wednesday mornings from 10:00—11:00 AM. We still have two copies of the book if anyone is interested.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE** Please email the office to get a copy at [dorsetchurch@gmail.com](mailto:dorsetchurch@gmail.com) The deadline is April 15th.

### UPCOMING FEBRUARY MEETINGS

**Missions—Wednesday, February 12th 7:00pm-8:00pm**

**Cabinet Meeting—Sunday, February 16th at 11:30 Am**

**Hospitality-Thursday, February 13th 10:00am-11:00am**

**Trustees-Tuesday, February 18th 3:00pm-5:00pm**

**Stewardship—Wednesday, February 19th at 8:00 AM**

**SAVE THE DATE! MARCH 2ND SECOND HOUR PRESENTS: FOSTER CARE—HOW YOU CAN HELP** There is a **DESPERATE NEED** for foster parents and support persons in our community. You may not feel that you are in a position to foster a child, but there are many ways to support children and families without fostering. A few examples: emergency room respite, weekend respite, day or evening respite, transportation, becoming a Guardian Ad Litem, Foster Care Closet and others. We will give you specific ways you can help, and information about the resources to support you as you consider volunteering. Gretchen and Chris Lima will share thoughts about their foster care journey. Kendy Skidmore from the Department of Children and Families will be here to tell you about her own experience with fostering a child and to let us know about areas of particular need. We would love to have you join us. Invite a friend or neighbor you think might be interested. If you have questions, please reach out to Gretchen Lima, 802 362 5548.

**TIME TO PLAN FOR FUN!!** On Thursday, April 3rd the Northshire Seniors will be heading by bus to Proctor’s Theater in Schenectady, NY to see the 1:30pm matinee performance of **FUNNY GIRL!!!** The bus will leave the parking lot of the Catholic Church in Manchester promptly at 9:15a.m. Early lunch is on your own at the Glenville Queen Family Restaurant in Glenville, NY. As usual, the cost of our bus is paid for by the Northshire Seniors. Group rate cost of the tickets is \$66.20/person. Contact Linda O’Leary 802-779-1314 to reserve your seats. Checks should be made out to the Northshire Seniors & mailed to Linda at 65 Songbird Meadows Dorset, VT 05251. It’s Cabin Fever Season & time to start planning some fun events!!! Thanks, Linda

AMHS Chinese Club Presents

INTERNATIONAL CULTURES

# Night



**Feb**  
**10**  
**2025**

**Monday**      **6:00 PM**




**AMHS Gymnasium**      International Cuisine, Live Music, Kung Fu, Dancing, Crafts, Entertainment, and More! Experience a world of flavors, culture, and excitement all in one place!

Adults \$15  
Children \$10  
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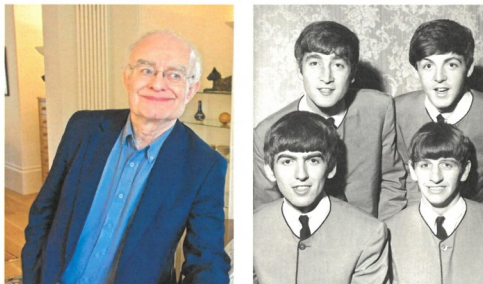


**Aldi's Bus Trip**  
**Friday, February 21, 2025**  
**Meet at the Dorset Church**  
**At 9:00am**

**Call 867-2260**  
**To reserve your spot!**



*The Dorset Church Choir*  
*Presents a Free Concert for all*  
***The British Invasion:***  
*Music of John Rutter, The Beatles and more*  
***Saturday, February 15, 2025 at 7:00 PM***



**This concert will have your feet moving to the beat!**  
**143 Church St. off Route 30, Dorset, VT 802-867-2260**

February 2025

The Dorset Players, Inc.  
Presents  
The Twentieth Annual

## One Act Festival

**Friday Feb.14 - 7:30**  
**Saturday Feb.15 - 7:30**  
**Sunday Feb.16 - 2:00**

**DORSET PLAYHOUSE**

**Tickets Available**  
**www.dorsetplayers.org**  
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United Church of Dorset & East Rupert



## *Free Winter Community Suppers*

### *Menu*

**Thursday, February 20, 2025 5:30—7:00 PM**

*Pasta with your choice of:*

*Meat Sauce or Vegetarian Marinara Sauce*

*Roasted Italian Sausage*

*Fresh Mozzarella and Tomato Salad*

*Green Salad*

*Broccoli with garlic and olive oil*

*Garlic Bread*

*Assorted Desserts*



**Thursday, March 20, 2025 5:30—7:00 PM**

*Corn Chowder*

*Roasted Pork Loin with gravy*

*Buttered Noodles*

*Red Cabbage and Apple Sauce*

*Tiny Spring Green Peas*

*Tossed Green Salad*

*Assorted Desserts*



*We offer gluten free pasta and desserts*

**All are welcome for FREE great meals!**

**Please bring your family and friends!**

**We hope to see you there!**

**143 Church St., Dorset ~**

**CALL THE CHURCH TO ORDER TAKE OUT 802-867-2260**

## CHURCH DIRECTORY 2024

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### TRUSTEES

Julie Citron, Secretary, Kit Wallace, Linda O'Leary\*, Co-Chair, Linda Drunsic  
Lori Hong, Sandi Hedman, Joel Ario\*, Co-Chair, Jack Gilbert Phil Peterson

### BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Kit Wallace (Chair), Trustee Rep.; Bruce Welsh

### INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Julie Citron, Secretary Co-Chair; Janet Chandler, Secretary Co-Chair & Treasurer; Ellen Maloney,  
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Derry Dickinson\*, Chair; Ginny Longacre, Secretary; Linda O'Leary\*, Vice Chair; Betsy Olson, Treasurer

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Janet Chandler\* (Chair), Martha Eyman, Sandi Hedman, Trustee Rep.; Lisa May, Daniela Stewart,  
Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson\* (A), Richard Urso

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**SEXTON**.....Lynn and Pete Jennings

\*Member of the Cabinet (A) Appointed