

# UNITED CHURCH OF DORSET AND EAST RUPERT ~ FEBRUARY 16, 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 16, 2025 ~ EPIPHANY SIX

**SILENT MEDITATION**

May the strength of God pilot us.  
May the power of God preserve us.  
May the wisdom of God instruct us.

May the hand of God protect us.

May the way of God direct us.

May the shield of God defend us.

May the host of God guard us  
against the snares of the evil one  
and the temptations of the world.

May Christ be with us

Christ above us

Christ in us

Christ before us.

May thy salvation O Lord,  
be always ours

this day and for evermore. Amen

*St Patrick 373*

**PRELUDE** *Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen*

- Traditional Spiritual/ Mark Hayes, arr.

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

Rev. Mark McDonough

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** Name Unnamed, whose intriguing presence is closer to home than we dare imagine, fill us with wonder of you.

**People:** *That we may be filled with wonder of ourselves.*

**Leader:** Name Unnamed, whose creativity is a river running, startle us with diversity and surprise us with difference.

**People:** *That we may be filled with wonder of others.*

**Leader:** Name Unnamed, whose mystery and concern is revealed in Jesus, reshape our perceptions, reshape our patterns of living, we reshape our politics and prayer.

**People:** *That we may be filled with wonder of a world made whole.*

**\*HYMN (CH) # 528 Give Thanks**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Beloved God, we fear your judgement: teach us to know it as our friend.  
Your word has pierced us to the bone; we are exposed, laid open to your sight.  
Therefore, let us bless you for you come to us when we are most ashamed.  
And when we long to hide our face from you, you will not suffer us to turn away.  
You call us by our name you touch us, raise us, invite us into shameless love.  
God our lover, know us, judge us, turn us, wound us, demand of us, forgive us.  
We are yours. We abandon ourselves to your love. We trust you.*

**MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Leader:** As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our sins from us. Friends, hear and embrace the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, in the Spirit of the risen Christ, We are being made new.

**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.*

**CHILDREN'S ANTHEM** *Follow the Way of Love*

Children's Choir

**PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE**

Rev. Skip Dickinson

**Our response:** Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, **whose trust is the Lord.**

**\*HYMN (CH) # 522 Loving Only You, O Christ**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** 2 Kings 5:1-14; Mark 1:40-45

Al Lindsey

**SERMON** From Grudging to Grateful

Rev. Mark McDonough

**OFFERTORY** *If Ye Love Me* - Thomas Tallis

**\*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*



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**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rev. Skip Dickinson

**\*CLOSING HYMN** (CH) # 517 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Mark McDonough

Around thee twine the Three  
The One the Trinity  
The Father bind his love  
The Son tie his salvation  
The Spirit wrap his power  
make you a new creation  
Around thee twine the Three  
the encircling of the Trinity

**POSTLUDE** *Invention #1 in C Major* - J.S.Bach

**Our thanks for this morning's flowers to:** Cindy Safier

*"Dedicated to my sister, Susan"*

**Scripture Reader,** Al Lindsey

**Our thanks to our ushers:** Andrew Cairns and Sarah McClintock

**Our thanks for hosting Coffee Hour to:** Betty Hazelton and Dotty Thompson

**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; Marianne Bacon; Ginny Longacre; in the Dorset Church for the new transition team members; in the Vermont Conference, for the Congregational Church of the North Bennington as they grieve the closing their Church; in the UCC, The keynote speaker for this summer's General Synod 35, The Rev. Jennifer Butler is a faith-based activist and author with a long history of working to build public attention for issues of faith and justice. Rev. Butler is perhaps best known for her role in founding and leading the organization Faith in Public Life – a coalition of influential and diverse faith leaders that work toward a just, inclusive, and equitable country – from 2005 to 2022.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PASTOR SEARCH UPDATES** The transition team has been selected and had their first meeting on Tuesday, February 11th. The team is working on interview questions and will begin scheduling interviews with the congregation in the next few weeks. The members of the team are: Al Lindsey, Joel Ario, Derry Dickinson, Elizabeth Karet, Linda Drunsic, Annabelle Liu, Linda O'Leary Steve Holman, Henry Chandler and Rev. Mark.

**NEEDED FOR MEETING ROOM IN THE MANSE** Until we call a new pastoral minister, the room off the deck at the manse will be used as a counseling center and meeting room. We are in need of several items. If you have any to donate, please contact Kit Wallace 215-681-5859; [klwallace@comcast.net](mailto:klwallace@comcast.net)). Small vacuum cleaner Rug 5' x 7' or larger, loveseat or sofa, an apartment size refrigerator and coffee maker. Thank you.

**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

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

**Transition Team—Sunday, February 16th Time to be determined**

**Deacons—NEW DEACON ORIENTATION Monday, February 17th at 4:00 PM.**

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

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

**Hospitality-Thursday, February 20th 10:00AM-11:00 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

**ASH WEDNESDAY** This year we'll have '**ASHES TO GO**' on Wednesday, March 5th from 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM. Rev. Mark will be located at the manse driveway right next door to the church. Please drive in and receive your ashes. We will also have a more traditional dispensing of the ashes in the Pastor's Chapel at 9:45 AM. We are encouraging the book club members to come early and receive ashes. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

**WATCH CHURCH SERVICE:** <https://www.youtube.com/@dorsetchurchvermont3401/streams>



Aldi's Bus Trip

**Friday**, February 21, 2025

Meet at the Dorset Church

At 9:00am

Call 867-2260

To reserve your spot!



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**SOUTHWEST ASSOCIATION  
PRESENTS**

**A WINTER GATHERING OF OUR CHURCHES**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025**

**10:00 AM—2:00 PM**

**AT THE  
UNITED CHURCH OF DORSET  
AND EAST RUPERT**

**THEME:**

**This is My Story, This is Our Song**

*Lunch will be provided*

**REGISTRATION REQUESTED**

Jane LoBrutto at [jane@dorsetchurch.org](mailto:jane@dorsetchurch.org)

or call 802-867-2260

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER  
(FOR EASE OF FOOD PREPARATION)  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025**



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 ~**

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY 2025

**PASTOR.....**Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough\*

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\*Member of the Cabinet (A) Appointed