

## SILENT MEDITATION

### Alzheimer's Bib Hicok

Chairs move by themselves, and books.  
Grandchildren visit, stand  
new and nameless, their faces' puzzles  
missing pieces. She's like a fish

in deep ocean, its body made of light.  
She floats through rooms, through  
my eyes, an old woman bereft  
of chronicle, the parable of her life.

And though she's almost a child  
there's still blood between us:  
I passed through her to arrive.  
So I protect her from knives,

stairs, from the street that calls  
as rivers do, a summons to walk away,  
to follow. And dress her,  
demonstrate how buttons work,

when she sometimes looks up  
and says my name, the sound arriving  
like the trill of a bird so rare  
it's rumored no longer to exist.



All people are welcome here

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~ JANUARY 18, 2026 ~ SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY ~

~ WORSHIP SERVICE ~  
*\*Stand if you are able*

**NURSERY CARE AND CHURCH SCHOOL**

Babies and children are invited, welcomed, and encouraged in worship services. We have worship bags in the narthex filled with activities to use during the worship service, as well as a rocker at the back of the sanctuary for parents with babies and toddlers. Children ages Pre-K through grade 7 are invited to join us downstairs for church school after the children's message.

**INTROIT** *Happy Birthday*

Stevie Wonder

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

**ENTER THE FLAME & THE WORD**

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Welcome to this sacred place,

**People: house of prayer for many and home to all who come.**

Leader: Welcome to this gathering place,

**People: friend and stranger, saint and sinner in all who gather here.**

Leader: Come with hope or hesitation, come with joy or yearning,

**People: all who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness.**

**\*HYMN #631** *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Richard Grip

*With recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

Leader: Holy God, we confess we do not always see what time it is.

**People: The time is always right to do what is right.**

Leader: We confess we do not always know what to do.

**People: The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands in times of challenge and controversy.**

Leader: We confess we don't always know where to begin.

**People: Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.**

**MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: Since God has made us the blessed community, the Church, let us greet one another with the peace and joy of Christ. The peace and joy of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

## \*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.**

\*RESPONSE Gloria Patri #35

CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEM *It's a Long Way*

Bill Harley

PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

Our response:  
God, fill us with the power of your Spirit.

\*HYMN #628 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS II Corinthians 1:15-2:4; Matthew 5:33-37

Linda Drunsic

SERMON Saying Yes and Saying No

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

OFFERTORY CHOIR ANTHEM *Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around*

Spiritual arranged by Rollo Dilworth

\*DOXOLOGY #46

PRAYER OF DEDICATION



\*CLOSING HYMN #630 *We Shall Overcome*

Use this QR

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *Maple Leaf Rag*

Scott Joplin

Our thanks to today's scripture reader, Linda Drunsic;  
liturgist, Richard Grip;  
acolyte and beadle, Alden and Everett Smith;  
deacons and ushers, Lynne Welsh and Marietta and Karl White;  
coffee hour hosts, Sunny Velie and Gail Brodie;  
and tech crew, Chris Lima, Patrick Honan, and Puck Bell.

**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:** Bill A.; Auburn; Mark Cassidy; Steve Larsen; Jimmy Weiss; Jeff Duel; Robin Hoag; Spencer March; Damon Wilder; Bill Childs; Pete Ianacone; Jane McIlwaine; Michael; Oliver Bucholt; Donna Harris; Steve and Val Smith; Tom Drunsic; Bella & Baby Enzo; Linda Bushee; Mason; Robert Goepel; Nathaniel Michael Davis-DeMatteo; in the Dorset Church, for our PFLAG Committee; in the Vermont Conference, for the Union Church of Proctor and their pastor, Rev. Jenei Rossigg; in the UCC, for Bruce-Guadalupe Elementary School's 5th graders, as they discover rhythm, chords, and confidence in learning to play guitars.

**LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS:** Craig, Jaxson, and Jacob Smith; Diane; Millie Holland; Michael Chambers; Patrick Denis; Dody Marcotte; Eric Parks; Tim Velie; Kris; Kay Kwasniewski; Robbie Littlewood; Sandy Cary; Elizabeth LaBerge; Dottie Hinkle; Chip Wilson; Hazel Prouty; James Jankowski; Jameson Gray Pelton; Evelyn Tobin; Cassia Duran; Rich; Bill Wise; George Smith; Jack; Jonathan Dickinson; Judy Dunn; Alan Wiegand; Sandra Hazelton Pratt; Amanda Williams.

**Martin Luther King Service** will be held at the Federated Church of East Arlington on January 19 at 7:00 p.m.

**BOOK STUDY** for our winter book study we are reading *The Four Agreements* by Don Miguel Ruiz. We will meet Wednesdays, January 21, 28, and February 4 and 11, from 10:00 to 11:00 in the chapel. If you wish to attend the book study, please call 802-867-2260 or email [officemanager@dorsetchurch.org](mailto:officemanager@dorsetchurch.org), so we know how many books to order. Books are \$8.00 each.

## MEETINGS

Search Committee Meeting January 18 @ 11:30

Trustees, January 20 @ 3:30

## MEETING ROOM

100 PARKER ROAD

Aldi's Bus Trip will be  
January 23  
Departing from the church  
at 9:00 am. Please call the church to  
sign up, 802-867-2260.



Please watch our service live on YouTube.com

<https://www.youtube.com/@dorsetchurchvermont3401streams>



International cuisine, live show, dancing,  
crafts, and more! Experience a world of fun,  
culture, and flavors all in one place!!



### JANUARY WISH LIST

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LOW SODIUM SOUPS AND CANNED MEALS  
WHOLE GRAIN CEREAL  
BROWN RICE OR WHOLE WHEAT PASTA  
LOW-SUGAR PASTA SAUCE  
HEALTHY(ISH) SNACKS LIKE  
CRACKERS AND GRANOLA BARS

TOOTHPASTE AND TOOTHBRUSHES  
HOUSEHOLD CLEANING PRODUCTS  
LAUNDRY DETERGENT

thank you

HAPPY 2026! ITS THE TIME OF YEAR WHEN WE ALL MAKE RESOLUTIONS AND TRY TO LOOK AHEAD WITH OPTIMISM. NEW YEAR, NEW YOU! IN THAT SPIRIT, OUR WISH LIST THIS MONTH IS FOCUSED ON ITEMS TO SUPPORT POSITIVE CHANGES. WHETHER IT'S EATING HEALTHIER, BRUSHING AFTER EVERY MEAL OR KEEPING UP WITH CHORES, WE HOPE TO HELP EVERYONE REACH THEIR GOALS IN 2026!

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS: MANCHESTER TOWN HALL, SHAW'S, MANCHESTER LIBRARY, DORSET POST OFFICE, CHRIST OUR SAVIOR PARISH, FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, DORSET CHURCH.



SUNDAY BULLETINS are available on our church website.  
[dorsetchurch.org](http://dorsetchurch.org)



How can you help make our chancel  
beautiful in 2026?

Sign up to donate an arrangement of  
flowers.

The sign-up sheet is in the vestry on the  
bulletin board.

## FREE YOGA CLASSES IN THE NEW CHAPEL

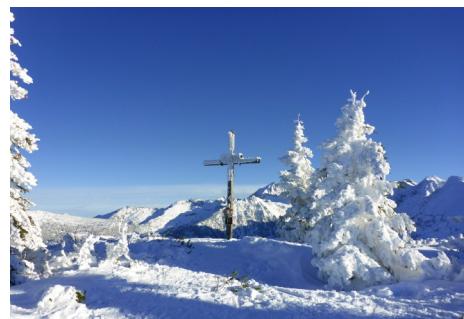
*You're invited to join a weekly yoga class at the Dorset Church on Tuesdays from 9–10 AM, January 13 through March 17. The sessions will be led by registered yoga teacher, Desiree Hensel, and are designed for all levels—whether you're brand new to yoga or a seasoned practitioner.*

*Please bring a yoga mat and any props you enjoy using, such as blocks, blankets, or a strap.*

*For questions, contact Desiree at 812-606-6078 or [henselnursinged@gmail.com](mailto:henselnursinged@gmail.com).*

*We would love to have you there.*

There are still openings in February to be a liturgist or scripture reader. Please call the church office to sign up: 802-867-2260.





Adapted by Michael McGill  
Music & Lyrics by Michael McGill

### At The Dorset Playhouse

Auditions - January 19, 2026 @ 4PM  
Performances - January 24, 2026 @ 2PM & 7PM  
Tickets at [dorsetplayers.org](http://dorsetplayers.org) or call 802-867-5777

Show Sponsor:  
The United Church of Dorset & East Rupert

## Fellowship Annual Meeting Rescheduled

On Tuesday, January 20, the Fellowship Committee will join the quilters for a potluck luncheon. Please bring a dish to share, or just come at noon. Lunch will be in the vestry, followed by our Annual Meeting. This will include the election of officers, a proposed calendar of activities for 2026, and a vote on proposed missions to support from our 2025 earnings. All are invited to attend!

## YOUTH MINISTRY AT THE DORSET CHURCH

Do you know a youth, have a youth, or *are* a youth? We would love to connect with you! Our youth ministry is currently in a transition. We are seeking flexible, meaningful ways for young people to feel welcomed and included in the life of the church, beyond a traditional youth group.

### Ways to get involved include:

- \*Serving as an usher
- \*Participating on a board or committee
- \*Singing in the choir or sharing musical talents
- \*Helping with community suppers
- \*Volunteering at the rummage sale
- \*Serving as lay leader, acolyte, or beadle

We also love supporting youth in sports, theater, music, and other activities—we know youth are busy!

### Please Contact Gretchen Lima:

Text: (973) 900-1485  
Email: [gretchenlima@aol.com](mailto:gretchenlima@aol.com)  
Church: (802) 362-5548

### F.I.R.E. Youth Group (Ages 11+)

A regional youth group with Dorset Church and neighboring congregations.  
**Sundays, 2:00–3:30 p.m.** at First Congregational Church, Manchester.  
Upcoming dates: January 25, February 8 & 22, March 8 & 22.



## CHURCH DIRECTORY 2026

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

**PASTORAL ASSISTANT** ..... Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson

**PASTORAL COUNSELOR** ..... Rev. Steve Longley

**OFFICE MANAGER** ..... Kimberly Perkins

**BOOKKEEPER/MANAGER'S ASSISTANT** .... Leslie Mazzucco

**MUSIC DIRECTOR** ..... Tom Salmon

**SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR** ..... Paula Mann Nassivera

**CHRISTIAN ED DIRECTOR** ..... Gretchen Lima

**SEXTONS** ..... Lynn and Pete Jennings

**MODERATOR** ..... Al Lindsey\*

**CLERK** ..... Elizabeth Karet\*

**TREASURER** ..... Janet Chandler\*

**MEMBER-AT-LARGE** ..... Lori Hong\*

**CHURCH DELEGATES** ..... Derry Dickinson, Skip Dickinson, Kris Harvey, Steve Longley

**MANSE LIAISON** ..... Gay and Roger Squire

### TRUSTEES

Joel Ario,\* and Linda O'Leary\* (Co-Chairs), Linda Drunsic, Jack Gilbert, Sandi Hedman, Nora Larsen, Ellen Leeds, Chris Lima, Phil Peterson

### BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Kit Wallace (Chair), Steve Holman, Bruce Welsh

### INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Phil Peterson (Chair, &Trustee Rep.), Julie Citron (Secretary), Janet Chandler (Treasurer), Ellen Maloney,

Scott Stewart

### STEWARDSHIP

Joel Ario,\* (Trustee Rep.), Nora Larsen (Secretary), Henry Chandler

Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson,\* (A) Kit Wallace

### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Karen Allen (Staff Rep.), Jack Gilbert (Trustee Rep.), Steve Holman, Henry Chandler

### DIACONATE

Susan Patch-Crandall, Cheryl Gasperetti, Annabelle Liu, Keith Michl,\* Liz Schafer, Pengju Sui, Sid Staunton, Mary True, Lindy Bowden, Lee Romano, Dick Coss, Lynne Welsh

### CHANCEL COMMITTEE (Ad hoc committee of Deacons)

Robin Chandler, Lindy Bowden, Ginger Foss

### MUSIC COMMITTEE

Elizabeth Karet (A), Nan Leach, Tom Salmon (ex officio), Pengju Sui (A), Roger Squire, Lynne Welsh

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Paula Nassivera\* (ex officio) and Gretchen Lima\* (A) (Co- Chairs), Don Hiller-Dupont, Ann Honan, Ellen Leeds

### FELLOWSHIP

Ginny Longacre (Secretary), Betsy Olson (Treasurer), Derry Dickinson,\* Linda O'Leary\*

### HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Kris Harvey\* (Chair), Betty Hazelton (Secretary), Caroline Sargent (A) (Funeral Coordinator), Candace Parks (Treasurer), Gail Brodie (A), Barbara Urso, Richard Urso (A), Sunny Velie, Rose Watrous, Dotty Thompson, Sara McClintock, Judy Kernodle, Judy Dunn (A), Nan Leach (A)

### MISSION COMMITTEE

Richard Urso\* (Chair), Sandi Hedman (Trustee Rep.), Janet Chandler (A), Michelle Emery, Lisa May, Rev. Jordan (Skip) Dickinson\*

### GREEN TEAM COMMITTEE (Ad hoc committee of Mission Committee)

Ellen Maloney (Chair), Sandi Hedman, Nan Leach, Cindy Safier, Caroline Sargent, Skip Dickinson, Linda Drunsic, Ann Honan, Candace Parks, Nora Larsen

### TRUTH AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE (Ad hoc committee of Mission Committee)

Rich Urso (Chair), Ellen Leeds, Paula Nassivera, Patrick Honan

### PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Dick Coss (Deacon Rep.), Lori Hong (Member-at-Large)

### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Richard Grip\* (Chair), Linda O'Leary, Betsy Olson, Alex Gray, Colleen LaChac, Dick Coss, Sandi Hedman

### COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Patrick Honan, Chris Lima,\* Tracie Salmon, Sandi Hedman (A), Sue Westin (A), Richard Urso (A)

\*Member of the Cabinet      (A) Appointed