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# UNITED CHURCH OF NORTHFIELD

## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

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### Minister's Musings

by Rev. Julie Lombard

In the season of Thanksgiving, I need to admit something, although I am extremely grateful to serve this blessed community; this is a very challenging time to serve as a minister. Our beautiful sanctuary in the green mountains remains a haven for all souls who continue to seek the ultimate truth when our nation's moral fabric seems more fragile than ever before.

In tough times, there's a need to return to the practices that fill our spirit and remind us who we are and what we stand for. Maybe for you that comes by walking in the woods or spending time with your beloveds. What spirit practice do you do? For me, I am reminded of the need for forgiveness by listening to inspirational speakers such as Nelson Mandela. Just when I think I have forgotten how to forgive, sages remind me of an inner strength I had forgotten about and of the core values that we hold dear.

I can get really down from hearing the repeated rhetoric that clutters our daily news- so much destruction from mass shootings, to fires and hurricanes, to see the impact of hard fought and won rights to only see them end up in the lost and found with other random items; and doubt is ever present. Is uncertainty our only companion? In a month when our worship theme is forgiveness, I turn to the voices that instill in me a deep sense of hope for a brighter future. Who you turn to?

I return to the tried and true wisdom to find the ways humans have remained strong in the midst of uncertainty. Seeking the wisdom that has the ability to uphold our shared values and principles, especially the ones we want to continue long past these trying times also upholds us. Looking to those who have had to forgive helps us to recall what makes humans so distinct. Indeed, we are a part of something larger than ourselves and November is a time to reconnect with our dreams and with the beacon that unites us. Let us, again, give thanks for all that is our lives- we are co-creators, we need to protect creation, and we need to leave a legacy and creation worth receiving.

## NOVEMBER'S Worship Theme: Forgiveness

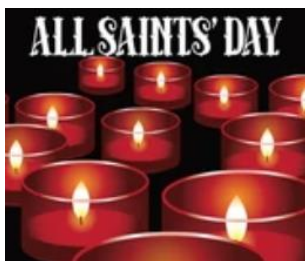


November 6

*Attending to Matters of the Spirit*

by Rev. Julie Lombard

For All Saints Day, we welcome you to bring in pictures of the deceased to display at church. You may even include historic photos surrounding the gathered community or “group shots” of past members. Folks are asked to remember and celebrate a loved one by adding the name of their loved one on a “Wall of Remembrance.” We will honor the “Wall of Remembrance” by placing it on display until Advent begins as a way to invite all souls to join us during the coming holidays. Jesus’ sermon today challenged all who were watching and listening to think and live differently. His words also challenge all who are committed to following his teachings and those who have answered the call to continue his work in the world, to think and live differently. Join us on this first Sunday in November for a communion service that truly serves all souls. Readings for the 22nd Sunday after Pentecost: Haggai 1: 15b – 2:9, Psalm 145: 1-5 & 17-21, 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5 & 13-17, Luke 20:27-38. Readings for All Saints Day: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18, **Psalm 149** (p722 NCH), Ephesians 1:11-23, **Luke 6:20-31**. Today’s Musical Guest is TBD. For families: <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-activities/lesson-plans/all-saints-day-lesson-plan-grades-4-to-6/>



November 13

*Not “The End”*

by Rev. Julie Lombard

On the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost we find that Jesus followed the prophets in teaching that the struggles in history and in disturbances in nature are not merely accidental. These struggles remind us that God triumphed over chaos before, and still human and cosmic forces are contending for the earth again. As Jesus’ followers, we are aware that what is to come is God’s ultimate act in a struggle of cosmic proportions. Join us as another liturgical year comes to a close and we ready ourselves for a new beginning. Readings: Malachi 4:1-2a, Isaiah 65:17-25, **Psalm 98**, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, **Luke 21: 5-19**. Today’s Musical Guest is TBD. For families <https://ministry-to-children.com/trusting-jesus-object-lesson-sermon/>



November 20  
Worship Lay Leader  
by Dr. Lauren Howard

Today we celebrate the Reign of Christ on this last day of the liturgical year.  
Readings: Jeremiah 23: 1-6, Psalm 46, Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43. Today's Musical Guest is TBD. For families: <https://ministry-to-children.com/sunday-school-lesson-cross-christmas-luke-23/>



November 27  
Worship Lay Leader  
by Dexter "Dex" Rowe

**ADVENT BEGINS!** Got an advent wreath...if not, make one and consider turning the lighting of the advent wreath a home tradition. Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24: 36-44. Today's Musical Guest is TBD. For families: <https://sundayschool.works/lessons/matthew-24-36-44-sunday-school-lessons-activities/>

Nov 2022 UU Hymn: #322 "Thanks be for These", SLT




## Open and Affirming Covenant of Faith

The United Church of Northfield is an open and affirming congregation.  
We are committed to making justice and inclusion a reality in our world.  
We embrace and celebrate diversity and the dignity and worth of every individual.  
Whatever your age, race, beliefs, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital status, or physical, cognitive or emotional abilities; we value you and invite you to participate fully and without reservation in the life, leadership and mission of our church as we seek to be an expression of God's love in our community and the world.







**WORLD CAFE**  
Join us for a Multicultural Thanksgiving Potluck

**5PM, SATURDAY, 12 NOVEMBER**

**LOCATION:**  
Howe's Hall,  
United Church of Northfield  
58 South Main Street,  
Northfield, VT, 05663

**What should you bring?**  
1. A potluck item you enjoy eating (enough to feed you and a friend).  
2. A friend.  
3. An open mind and a kind heart.  
4. Your recipe's title & recipe written on an index card. Please mark if your recipe is gluten free or contains nuts.

**What to expect?**  
You may see foods you recognize and some food from countries you've never seen or tried. You may see college students and locals of all ages. You may learn something new about a culture you have never heard about. We hope you join us this time and at the future World Café events.

**MORE INFORMATION CALL:**  
Rev. Julie Lombard (803)724-0978  
ucnpast@gmail.com

**Join in a Multicultural Thanksgiving Potluck Saturday, November 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in Howe's Hall, 58 S. Main Street, Northfield.**

The Howe's Hall Kitchen will be open at 3:00 p.m. for those needing a place to prep and cook their item to share.

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The World Café is a collaboration between the United Church of Northfield and Norwich University to do periodic potluck events with an educational aspect engaging the wider community. The main idea being that people attending bring a dish to share & at each gathering a speaker is spotlighted to do a presentation about food &/or culture. The Howe's Hall kitchen would be available for those needing to prep and or cook their items. The idea is still blossoming and the first potluck is the 12<sup>th</sup> of November. Please plan to join in the potluck gathering.

**CARDS, CALLS, and VISITS, Very Welcome for Frank Plumley**

Please make Frank's day special by visiting him or calling or sending a card with good cheer to brighten his day and ease the challenges he faces with rehab. A friendly smile, conversation, laughter, a shared joke all make a day brighter, happier, and not so long. Frank loves sweets and has an appetite for anything chocolate. He is not known to turn down homemade chocolate brownies either; you can find Judy's recipes in the church cookbook. Call Mayo ahead of your visit to schedule a good time for Frank and learn what you need to do in terms of COVID protection at 802 485-3168.

Mailing address:

Mayo Rehabilitation and Continuing Care  
71 Richardson St.  
Northfield, VT 05663

Frank's direct phone number  
(802) 485-6117



*Frank recently enjoyed a fall bouquet of flowers from Terry Howe*

## **STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF:**

The Stewardship campaign will kick off on Sunday, November 13. The Stewardship Committee is planning the campaign now and look to your support in time, talents, and monetary pledges to sustain the church and all our efforts. You are an important and vital part of the church community. Look for further details and the Stewardship Campaign mailing going out later this month.

## **HOWE'S HALL RENOVATION UPDATE:**

If you have driven by the church lately you will notice a fresh coat of paint graces the church building. Painting began in October and the painters have been taking advantage of the unusual warm fall days to complete the job.

The kitchen cabinets have been ordered and soon the kitchen will be back fully functioning again. Look for opportunities to help remove and clean up items from storage and set up the new kitchen. Special thanks to Peter Evans and the Howe's Hall Restoration Committee who are working hard to continue to move the project forward to completion.

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Have a Fundraising Idea?

Share your ideas and volunteer to organize a fundraising effort.

We are shy about \$900 dollars from meeting our fundraising goal for this year.

Speak to a Stewardship Committee Member or Council Member.

Help us meet our budget goal for this year.

Stewardship Committee: Peter Evans, Debbie Maloney-Evans, Chris Southworth, Teigh Southworth, Karen Taylor, Ray Kunkel, and Ex officio Members: Pastor Rev. Julie Lombard, Treasurer Lauren Howard, and Howe's Hall Coordinator Laura Ranker.



Photo courtesy of John Knox

## UCN Ministry Support Schedule

DATE - 2022	LAY READER	DEACON IN CHARGE	COMMUNION STEWARD
November 6	Karen Taylor	Shae Martin & Laura Ranker	Dex Rowe
November 13	Dex Rowe	Lauren & Judy Howard	
November 20	Shae Martin	Dex Rowe & Shae Martin	
November 27	Lauren Howard	Judy and Lauren Howard	
December 4	Peter Evans		
December 11	Debbie Maloney-Evans		
December 18	Elizabeth Redmond		
December 25	Dex Rowe		
January 1	Karen Taylor		
January 8	Laura Ranker		
January 15	Marilyn Bruce		
January 22	Lauren Howard		
January 29	Elizabeth Redmond		
February 5	Dex Rowe		
February 12	Peter Evans		
February 19	Debbie Maloney-Evans		
February 26	Elizabeth Redmond		

Rev. Lombard will be away on vacation Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>.

We will be in good hands with Worship Lay Leaders Dr. Lauren Howard on November 20<sup>th</sup> and Dex Rowe on November 27<sup>th</sup>.

Would you like to serve the church as a Deacon? The Deacons are in need of additional members to serve this important church ministry. Please speak to Deacon Chair Lauren Howard or Rev. Lombard with your interest. The Deacons meet on the first Sunday of the month after morning worship. Plan to join us. The Season of Advent and Christmas is fast approaching, come and share your ideas for worship and special activities during this season. Contact for Lauren Howard (802) 552-4552.



## UPCOMING NOVEMBER CALENDAR DATES

Tues. Nov. 1	5:45 p.m. -6:45 p.m. Zumba Classes in Howe's Hall with Instructor Robin Combs. 6:00 p.m. <b>Stewardship Committee Zoom Meeting</b> – MD determination.
Wed. Nov. 2	1 p.m. <b>Weekly Bible Study</b> meeting at Church Parsonage, 356 Central Street. 2:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m. Dirt Road Theater classes in Howe's Hall.
Sun. Nov. 6	10:00 a.m. <b>Sunday Worship. Communion Sunday.</b> 11:15 a.m. <b>Deacon Meeting</b> in Pastor Study. 4:30 p.m.– 9:30 p.m. Dirt Road Theater Classes in Howe's Hall.
Mon. Nov 7	7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Men's AA; set up begins at 6:30 p.m.
Tues. Nov. 8 (VOTE)	1:00 p.m. <b>CHALICE CIRCLES:</b> A Small Group Ministry (SMG) where we will explore the 6 <sup>th</sup> UU Principle. Bring a friend, bring your minds, hearts, & souls to talk about... the goal of a world community. Meeting at the parsonage, 356 Central Street, Northfield. 5:45 p.m. -6:45 p.m. Zumba Classes in Howe's Hall with Instructor Robin Combs.
Wed. Nov. 9	1 p.m. <b>Weekly Bible Study</b> meeting at Church Parsonage, 356 Central Street. 2:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m. Dirt Road Theater classes in Howe's Hall.
Sat. Nov. 12	5:00 p.m. <b>World Café Multicultural Thanksgiving Potluck dinner</b> in Howe's Hall. Kitchen opens at 3:00 p.m. for those needing to prep and cook.
Sun. Nov. 13	10:00 a.m. <b>Sunday Worship</b> with installation for Deacon Dexter "Dex" Rowe. 11:15 a.m. <b>Special Coffee hour Kick Off UCN STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE DRIVE.</b> 4:30 p.m.– 9:30 p.m. Dirt Road Theater Classes in Howe's Hall.
Mon. Nov. 14	7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Men's AA; set up begins at 6:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. <b>Stewardship Committee Meeting.</b>
Tues. Nov. 15	5:45 p.m. -6:45 p.m. Zumba Classes in Howe's Hall with Instructor Robin Combs. 6:00 p.m. <b>Church Council Meeting.</b>
Wed. Nov. 16	1 p.m. <b>Weekly Bible Study</b> meeting at Church Parsonage, 356 Central Street. 2:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m. Dirt Road Theater classes in Howe's Hall.
Sat. Nov. 19	Medicare Review with Kristen Gadbois at the Northfield Senior Center.
Sun. Nov. 20	10:00 a.m. <b>Sunday Worship</b> with lay leader Dr. Lauren Howard. 4:30 p.m.– 9:30 p.m. Dirt Road Theater Classes in Howe's Hall.
Mon. Nov.21	7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Men's AA; set up begins at 6:30 p.m.
Tues. Nov. 22	5:45 p.m. -6:45 p.m. Zumba Classes in Howe's Hall with Instructor Robin Combs.
Wed. Nov. 23	1 p.m. <b>Weekly Bible Study</b> meeting at Church Parsonage, 356 Central Street. 2:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m. Dirt Road Theater classes in Howe's Hall.
Sat. Nov. 26	Medicare Review with Kristen Gadbois at the Northfield Senior Center.
Sun. Nov. 27	10:00 a.m. <b>Sunday Worship</b> with lay leader Dex Rowe. CERV MISSION OFFERING. ADVENT BEGINS 4:30 p.m.– 9:30 p.m. Dirt Road Theater Classes in Howe's Hall.
Mon. Nov. 28	7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Men's AA; set up begins at 6:30 p.m.
Tues. Nov. 29	5:45 p.m. -6:45 p.m. Zumba Classes in Howe's Hall with Instructor Robin Combs.
Wed. Nov. 30	1 p.m. <b>Weekly Bible Study</b> meeting at Church Parsonage, 356 Central Street. 2:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m. Dirt Road Theater classes in Howe's Hall.

### Looking Ahead:

December 5<sup>th</sup>, Monday and December 6<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday - Vermont Farm and Forest Viability Program 2-day, all day workshop and training in Howe's Hall.

**MEDICARE ANNUAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD: October 15 - December 7, 2022.**

### **Ask Me About Medicare?**

Make an appointment with Northfield's **Kristen Gadbois**, MPA, MS, CLTC, AHIP and Licensed in VT, MA, TX, MI, OH, SC and FLA. Would you like a Medicare review, whether it is to discuss, Medicare Advantage, Medicare Supplements, or Medicare Part D? I am AHIP certified, and I have a website you can click and review at:

<https://www.medicareenroll.com/?purl=ibbERoWw> or

just call me at your convenience, at (508) 306-8037.

**I will be at the Northfield Senior Center on Saturday, November 19 and November 26.**

### **DO YOU HAVE ITEMS FOR THE CHURCH NEWSLETTER YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?**

Please submit items a minimum of two weeks prior to the first of the month in order to have time to include them in the monthly newsletter.

### **UNITED CHURCH OF NORTHFIELD CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**MINISTER OFFICE HOURS:** I work flexible hours Sunday-Thursdays to meet the various church needs, with the exceptions of special church events on Friday and Saturdays which I will shift my schedule accordingly. To make an appointment with me, please call me directly at (603) 724-0978 or contact the church office 802-485-4431.

**WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY:** Rev. Julie leads a Bible Study on Wednesdays, at 1:00 p.m. at the Church Parsonage, 356 Central Street, Northfield. The weekly study features the lectionary readings.

**CHALICE CIRCLES:** A Small Group Ministry (SMG) where we will explore the UU Principles. Meetings take place on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. at the parsonage, 356 Central Street, Northfield.

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH,** we have Communion Sunday with a Gluten Free option.

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH,** we have the Monthly Mission Offering. Currently, we are collecting monetary donations for the local CERV Northfield Food Shelf.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION OF DONATED ITEMS FOR THE NORTHFIELD FOOD SHELF:** A regular weekly collection of items for the Northfield Food shelf can be made by leaving nonperishable food, pet food, diapers, etc. in the Shopping Cart located at the back of the Sanctuary. These donated items will be brought to the food shelf by the Mission Committee or their representative. To add a friendly reminder and make it easier to donate, we have provided brown paper bags marked CERV located in the basket of the cart for you to take and bring on your shopping trip and then return to the church with your donated items.