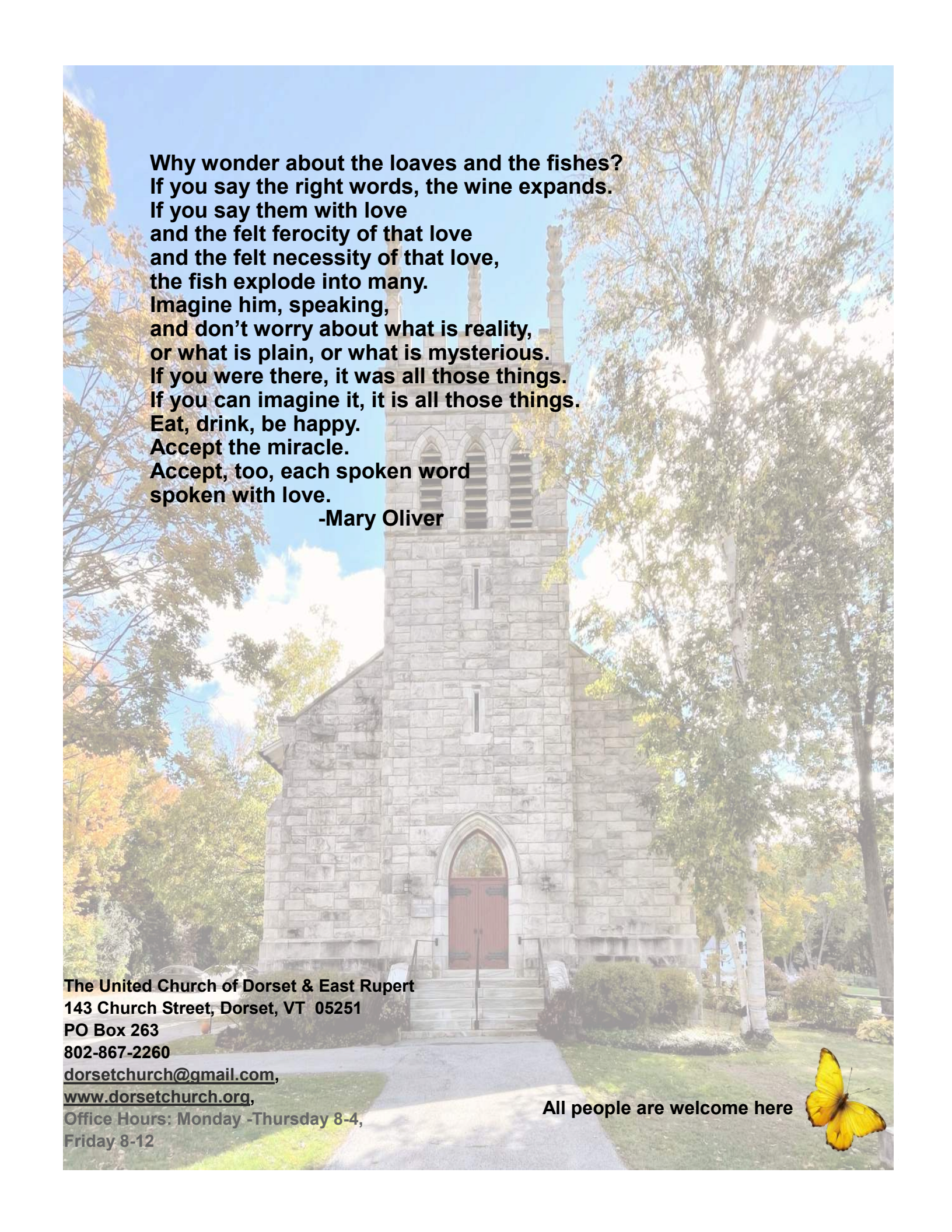




**Why wonder about the loaves and the fishes?
If you say the right words, the wine expands.
If you say them with love
and the felt ferocity of that love
and the felt necessity of that love,
the fish explode into many.
Imagine him, speaking,
and don't worry about what is reality,
or what is plain, or what is mysterious.
If you were there, it was all those things.
If you can imagine it, it is all those things.
Eat, drink, be happy.
Accept the miracle.
Accept, too, each spoken word
spoken with love.**

-Mary Oliver

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~ WORSHIP SERVICE ~ OCTOBER 04, 2026 ~ NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND SMART WATCHES DURING THE SERVICE

NURSERY CARE AND CHURCH SCHOOL

Babies and children are invited, welcomed, and encouraged in our worship services. Worship bags filled with activities are available in the narthex for use during the service, and a rocker is located at the back of the sanctuary for parents with babies and toddlers. A small nursery area downstairs in the Vestry, with a livestream of the service, is also available for parents who wish to stay with their children. Children in Pre-K through grade 7 are invited to join us downstairs for church school following the children's message.

PRELUDE *Come Join Me, Friends*

Gregory Berg

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

ENTER THE FLAME & THE WORD

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: What does the Holy One require of us?

People: To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

Leader: Let us worship God.

***HYMN #408** *Come, Share the Lord*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Janet Chandler

Loving God, through Jesus Christ you taught us, "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Yet we continue to put our faith in earthly treasures, hoarding up possessions that moth and rust will destroy, clinging to power and privilege whenever we can. Set us free from greed and fear. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Teach us to trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ, our true redeemer.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Friends, hear and receive the Good News: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. 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.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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.
And also with you.

*RESPONSE #35 *Gloria Patri*

CHOIR ANTHEM *Sanctus*

Franz Schubert

PRAYER OF PASTORAL CARE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our response:

God of Hosts: **hear our prayer.**

*HYMN #429 *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 10:1-2; Deuteronomy 24:19-22;
II Corinthians 5:14-21

Judy Dunn

SERMON A Three-Step Dance

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Vater unser im Himmelreich*

J.S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY #46

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***COMMUNION HYMN #414** *Eat This Bread*

Hymns during distribution #310, 425

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.



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People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: . . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever proclaim the glory of your name:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our hope, we give you thanks that you have given us this foretaste of the heavenly realm of justice and peace. Strengthen us with this food from your table as we seek to serve you. Lead us in lives of purpose and joy as we await the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #307 *The Lord's Prayer

***BENEDICTION**

Leader: May the love of the Creator, who rescues us from slavery; the grace of the Savior, who redeems us from brokenness; and the peace of the Spirit, who moves us into freedom, surround you, uphold you, and sustain you, now and forevermore.

People: Amen.

POSTLUDE *Vater unser im Himmelreich*

Johann Krieger

The flowers this morning were given by The Davis Fund.

Our thanks to today's coffee hour host, Barbara Urso;

scripture reader, Judy Dunn;

liturgist, Janet Chandler;

lord's prayer guest speakers, Elizabeth Karet, Lynne Averill, Lucene Delens,

Annabelle Liu and Michelle Emery;

deacons and ushers, Ginger Foss, Robin Chandler, Sue Westin, Susan

Patch-Crandall, and Marietta and Karl White;

tech crew, Chris Lima, Patrick Honan, Puck Bell, and Jade Lilith-Streeter.

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: Andy Longacre; Alice Leary; Tim Velie; Flora Gallup; Marian Perkins; Joe and Norma Will; Tommy and Tracie Salmon; Sylvie; Katherine Buchmayr; Betsy Olson; Jennifer Salmon; Cindy O'Leary; Stephen and Maria Cummins; Gretchen Lima; Oliver Fox Buckner; Ann Troumbley; Cathy

Condon; Mark Cassidy; Jimmy Weiss; Jeff Duel; Robin Hoag; Damon Wilder; Howard Day; Robby Littlewood; Tom Drunsic; Jim Goodwin; Donna Tonic; friends and family of Donna Blomberg; friends and family of Craig Salsgiver; in the Dorset Church, for our paving project; in the Vermont Conference, for the Union Church of Proctor and their pastor, Rev. Jenei Rossigg.

LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS: Staff Sargent Houston Wood and family; Larry Cochran; Marianne Bacon; Jonathan Dickinson; Sarah Faith Dickinson; George Bush; Norma O., Bill Auperlee, Craig, Jaxson, and Jacob Smith; Diane; Millie Holland; Michael Chambers; Patrick Denis; Dody Marcotte; Eric Parks; Kris; Kay Kwasniewski; Elizabeth LaBerge; Dottie Hinkle; Chip Wilson; Hazel Prouty; James Jankowski; Jameson Gray Pelton; Evelyn Tobin; Shelby Baughn; Cassia Duran; Rich; George Smith; Jack; Judy Dunn; Alan Wiegand; Steve and Val Smith.

Our parking lot repairs and repaving will take place October 5 - 16.

Access to the side entrance will be limited during this time, and the parking lot will be closed to vehicles.

Aldi's Bus Trip

Friday, October 23, 2026

Meet at the Dorset Church

at 9:00 a.m.

Call 867-2260,

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Dear Families,

Our Sunday School class enjoyed learning some yoga last Sunday with former church student and certified instructor Adam Heaton. Our class of ten stretched, breathed, and prayed, chanting "Ohmmm" in place of Amen! It was both calming and energizing and helped us find our sacred prayer space within.

This Sunday our special guest is longtime church leader Linda O' Leary. We're honored that Linda will share her Comfort Cub story and gift the class a special prayer buddy. Thank you, Linda, for sharing this meaningful gift with us! After our lesson on the Last Supper and Jesus' blessing of Holy Communion, the children will come upstairs to join their families for our Communion service.

I will be away for the next Sunday, 10/11. Miss Ann and Pada will lead our class with a lesson on the importance of trees in the Bible and a special fall tree activity.

Lastly, Our Sunday school team would like to give a special shout out to Gretchen and to all of the CE members and SS families, and our wonderful congregation for their generosity helping to set up, clean up, staff tables, bake, buy, and make soups and dishes for our CE Café!!

With thanks and blessings,

Paula

To all members and friends:

Derry joins me in giving a huge thank you for Saturday's generous gathering on my retirement: the delicious food, including the "Happy Retirement" cake, the beautiful decorations, and all the planning that went into such a moving event. The cards and letters, the conversations, and the presentations by Rev. Mark, Rev. Jim, and Phil Peterson were very uplifting. We thank you all for the beautifully framed painting of the church, the reserved parking sign, and all the wonderful and thoughtful gifts and cards from so many. We felt the generosity of the church and wider community. Our family was overwhelmed by the love expressed, as were we.

Our love to everyone, Skip

News of the Larger Church

This Sunday, October 4, there will be a basket — or two — of pita bread shared in United Church of Christ congregations as they join siblings around the world in the celebration of World Communion Sunday. And thanks to Global Ministries World Communion Sunday resources, there might even be breads from other regions, symbolizing the power of unity amid diversity at the table.

A watercolor illustration of various breads and wheat stalks. The breads include a braided loaf, a round loaf with seeds, a bagel, and a muffin. Wheat stalks are scattered throughout the composition. The illustration is done in warm, golden-brown tones.

Dear Church Family,

After working for several months to organize the Heritage Festival, Breaking Bread scheduled for this Saturday, October 10, at Adams Park, we are finally on the home stretch. We will honor our indigenous roots and the many immigrants—past and present—whose stories, talents, labor, and traditions have helped to shape our beloved Vermont. We hope very much that you will join us for all or part of Saturday afternoon between 1:00 and 4:00.

What can you expect to find when you get to Adams Park? You can enjoy a wide variety of tasting-size foods and breads representing many different cultures at a 100' table, purposely long so we can break bread together. Please flip to the back side of this page to see a full listing of our events and the times when each will take place. We're praying for good weather, but in the event of rain we will be across the street at Zion Church.

With great anticipation,

Richard Urso

Jackie Becker

Rev. Mark

Sunny and Frank Velie

Ellen Leeds

● Ciabatta - Irish Soda Bread - Cornbread - Rye Bread - Injera - Panettone ●

Focaccia - Stollen - Brioche - Challah - Lavash - Baguette - Milk Bread - Arepa - Sourdough- Naan - Arepa - Pita

Tortilla - Stollen - Challah - Baguette - Milk Bread - Banana Bread - Roti - Focaccia - Sourdough - Irish Soda Bread



Food! Music! Fun!

Celebrate Vermont's Many Voices

Break Bread with Family, Friends
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All Are Welcome

Saturday, October 10, from 1 to 4 pm

at Adams Park in Manchester VT

● Pita - Stollen - Roti - Brioche - Challah - Lavash - Baguette - Milk Bread ●

We Thank Our Supporters for Making This Event Possible.
We Thank Liz Schafer for designing this poster



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The Vermont Country Store

Food Tastings (for sale)

Myung Nam Korean Kitchen – Korean

Arlington French Class – Crepes

Mari's Ecuadorian – Ecuadorian

Depot 62 – Turkish

Afghan Kitchen – Afghan

Arlington Chinese Class – Matcha & Hojich

Supplied by **The Way of the Tea** shop

Dorset Union Store – Yankee Stew

Storytelling, Readings, & Music

(times noted may change)

1:15 Sweden – Nordic Harmoni choir

1:45 Dave Quesnel, author "Growing Up on a Dirt Road"

Dave will tell the story of

Lucy Terry Prince: Story of an African American,

resident of Sunderland who won her land claim case

before the Vermont Supreme Court in 1803

2:00 Bulgaria & around the world - Joana Genova, violinist

2:20 "Fry Bread" by Kevin Noble Maillard will be read

Author of this children's book is a member of the

Seminole Nation of Oklahoma

2:50 Mohican Homelands Education Initiative

"Stockbridge Munsee History and Continued Presence"

presented by Williams College students

3:15 China – Guanxiong Feng, BBA student, playing the Erhu

3:25 Jon Mathewson: Story of Delight Sargent Boudinot,

whose Cherokee Nation stepchildren attended

Burr Seminary in the 1840's

3:45 Ireland – Mark LaChac, Irish Tunes

Taste samples of bread from around the world!

Water, in eco-friendly recyclable cans supplied by

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Where are YOU from? Pin your ancestral roots on a large map.

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*A series of four Second Hours will be presented on **Life Transition Planning (LTP)** over the next six months. These LTP sessions will present an opportunity for everyone in our church to understand how to plan for changes in our lives, no matter where on life's path we are. The Second Hours will begin on October 18 with Reverend Mark introducing us to the importance of having a plan that includes health, legal, and financial considerations, and why it's important to include loved ones in the planning process. Future sessions will focus on health/medical care, legal planning, and financial organization in November, January, and March, respectively. There will be time in each Second Hour for questions and discussion.*

**If you would like to
receive a daily
devotional, please go to
[https://www.
ucc.org/daily-devotional/](https://www.ucc.org/daily-devotional/)**

Join Us for Free Fall Yoga Classes
Registered Nurse and Registered Yoga
Teacher Desiree Hensel will offer two free
yoga classes this fall in the Pastoral Chapel.

**Hatha Yoga, Saturdays, 8:30–9:30 AM,
October 17 – November 21. This is a
mixed—level practice with physical
postures and breathwork. Please bring a
mat and any props you enjoy using.**

**Chair Yoga for Brain Longevity, Thursdays,
9:00–9:50 AM, October 15 – November 19.**
This is a supportive, accessible class based
on the Alzheimer's Research and
Prevention Foundation curriculum, which
includes seated and standing poses, the
Kirtan Kriya meditation, and brief
discussions on modifiable risk factors for
cognitive decline.

**Questions? Call 812-606-6078 or email
henselnursing@gmail.com.**

GREEN TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT

WindowDressers "Community
Build" will take place at the First
Congregational Church in
Manchester, VT, from October
23-28. Volunteers (no skills or
talent required) can sign up for
one or more shifts, or make a
dish. Together we build window
inserts to keep a neighbor warm.
Sign in by using the following link:
<https://signup.com/go/mXGPVai>
You may also call 207-596-3073.

INQUIRERS CLASS

Rev. Mark is offering two classes for those who would like to join the church, and those who may not want to commit to becoming a member but want to learn more about the beliefs and ministries of the Dorset church. The first class will be today after worship and is designed to answer your questions about the history, beliefs, vision, and organizational structure of a congregational church, and how it is similar to or different from other denominations.

The second class will be **October 25** after worship and will feature several leaders of the church from the Cabinet, Deacons, and Trustees, who will speak about the many ministries of the church and help you find a place to participate. Do you like to sing? We can get you started with the choir. Want to learn more about Kid's Summer Lunch? We can connect you with the leaders of that ministry. Want to help offer hospitality for funeral lunches? We can get you signed up with our Hospitality Committee. Looking for a book study to help deepen your faith? We'll get you on the list for the next study.

If you would like to participate in either or both classes, please contact the church office (802) 867-2260 or email officemanager@dorsetchurch.org to sign up.

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VOLUNTEERS ARE MEASURING NOW!

The Dorset Group hosts an open meeting for Alcoholics Anonymous here at the Dorset Church in the vestry every Monday at 8:00pm.

All are welcome.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Cabinet, October 11 @ 11:30

Deacons, October 11 @ 11:30

Stewardship, October 16 @ 8:00

Hospitality, October 20 @ 10:00

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