

# NORTH FERRISBURGH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Sharing Christ's warm transforming love with our community, our state, our nation, and our world*



Easter Sunrise service at Claflin Farm. While it snowed at first, it was bright with blue sky at the end.

## A Message from Pastor Kim

On several occasions recently people have expressed a lot of joy about our church. We can only do this together!

*“Our daughter loves Sunday best because of Sunday school. She jumps out of bed and asks ‘Where’s my dress?’ She has decorated the wall above her bed with countless art projects that she brings home.”* Hurray for all our Sunday school teachers and helpers.

*“I love my class.”* – teacher of the oldest class. Hurray for all our young people!

*“Congratulations, the worship was so meaningful, the music amazing and there are so many people here in worship.”* – March Visitor to worship. Our 2015 worship attendance has been very strong in spite of a cold winter. See you Sunday!

## Events Link

- ☉ **Men's Breakfast:** April 11th 7:30am in Fellowship Hall
- ☉ **Youth Ministry Team:** meet after church Sunday April 12th 11:30am Upper Room
- ☉ **Wed Evening Bible Study:** starts April 15th at 7pm in Upper Room
- ☉ **Middlebury Foods:** Delivery Sunday April 19th after church. To order go to: [www.middleburyfoods.com](http://www.middleburyfoods.com). or phone in an order by calling: (802) 349-6543
- ☉ **Next Free Community Meal:** April 24th 5:30-6:30pm Vergennes UCC Church.
- ☉ **Craft Group:** Craft Group will meet April 27th at 6:30pm at Laurie Curler's
- ☉ **Spring Rummage Sale:** Thurs, April 30th thru Sat, May 2nd. See details on pg 2
- ☉ **Wed AM Bible study:** 10-11:30am. The prayers of Jesus.
- ☉ **AA:** Women only group: Meets every Sunday 6-7pm. Upper Room
- ☉ **Lobsterfest 2015:** Sat, July 25th

*“Growing up in a different tradition, we were never encouraged to think about discipleship, prayer, Bible reading. This is great.”* – Lent Study class member. Check out the new Bible study if you don't already have a class to attend.

Let's give thanks for all the ministry and growing that is happening, and let's keep thinking of ways to welcome everyone. Never take our faith for granted. Christ is Risen—that is always worth celebrating.

Grace and Peace,  
Kim

NEWS ITEMS

**NEW:** New Evening Bible Study – STARTS April 15! Pastor Kim will offer a new six week evening Bible study on the Parables of Jesus in Luke starting Wednesday April 15th 7pm Upper Room. The study will run every Wednesday through May 20th.

**NEW:** Save that change: Our Sunday School will do a noisy offering collecting change May 3rd, 10th and 17th for Imagine NO Malaria. Just \$10 buys a bed net that saves a whole family from the mosquitos. Nationally United Methodists are closing in on raising 75 million dollars and we are on the honor roll of organizations fighting Malaria. Our UM Missionary Jeremias Franca, in Mozambique, distributes these nets.

**NEW:** March Special Offerings Results: *One Great Hour of Sharing* – \$290 This supports United Methodist Com. on Relief (UMCOR). Wherever there is a war or natural disaster we are there! *Offering for Chicuque Hospital, Mozambique* – \$3,227! This is where UM Missionary Jeremias Franca is Hospital Administrator. With many other Vermonters we easily surpassed the funds needed for a new bore hole for a better laundry system.

**NEW:** Service Opportunity on Saturday May 30th. For adults: UMARMY Presite day. They need adults to visit potential clients, make sure the site is appropriate for our youth, and estimate length of time needed to complete the tasks. The clients are already thanking you. They are so thrilled to have us coming. You go out with a partner. Please let Pastor Kim know if you can go. Go to Springfield VT site of our camp. Arrive by 8:45am. Usually done by lunch or a little after lunch.

**Spring Rummage Sale:** Items may be brought to church during coffee hour Sunday April 26th. Set up starts that day and continues Mon–Wed whenever you can offer time. *Actual Sale is Thurs, April 30th 9am-4pm; Fri, May 1st 1pm-6pm and Sat, May 2nd Bag Day (all you can fit in a bag for \$1) 8am–11am.* Clean up 11am–til done. Carole

Stoneking is coordinating the sale with help from Cathie Reitz and Shirley Parfitt.

**2015 Youth Events:** *Service at the Rummage Sale means Scholarships for Mission trips and summer camps.* We ask all families with youth going on the Mission trip to volunteer at some point during the rummage sale in order to receive a \$100 scholarship towards your trip. Families with kids younger who attend Covenant Hills we encourage your participation as well and give \$50-\$100 scholarships depending on the length of the camp (3 days or 5).



**Local Service:** Men’s Breakfast Group members have helped a church family with unloading furniture from parents moving to live with them. They also helped another church member muck out a horse barn. We also have those who faithfully call or visit our shut-ins.

**Many Thanks to:** Jamie Steadman for organizing the Easter Egg hunt and all who helped her with that. Chick Wood and worship Committee for all the Palm Sunday/Easter help. Vince Gomez for work on our Fellowship Hall electric cords. Jamie Steadman, Cathy Reitz, Sue Stoner, Nancy McIntyre and Randy Gates for a wonderful Education Com. meeting. Jen Stoneking and Mary Lou Payne for reviewing our very successful Winter Carnival and planning for a trip to the Lake Monsters this summer for our Intergenerational Team. Carole Stoneking organizing the Rummage Sale.

## DEVOTIONS FOR BUSY PEOPLE

We have many people reporting that they are beginning a daily devotions habit and finding their faith growing. Here are some great ways to do devotions on your computer (or smartphone) depending on the time you have:

- 🎧 **1 minute** spiritual devotions by United Methodist Pastor Steve Garnaas –Holmes. Features a daily poem on faith. Use this [link](#):
- 🎧 **3 minute** retreat by Loyola Press that invites you to take a short prayer break at your computer. Spend some quiet time reflecting on a Scripture passage. This is the [link](#) to this website.
- 🎧 **12 minute retreat:** “Pray As You Go” offers a guided reflection on a scripture passage each day including a variety of different styles of sacred music. Here is the [link](#) to this website, then select the day for its reading. Also available as an app for iPhones and Androids. See the website to obtain these.
- 🎧 **Printed Devotions:** We have Upper rooms at the back of the sanctuary. These are a small magazine devotion that comes out every two months. “*Jesus Calling*” by Sarah Young is very popular. “*Bread for the Journey*” by Henri Nouwen is also very good.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS AND OTHER ITEMS TO LIFT UP

**Lift up:** Sue DeVos for further progress in getting over joint pain.

Stan Smith being treated for a benign kidney cyst.

Friends of Gomez family involved in the Easter weekend car accident on I89. The UVM student from Bristol and the driver are listed in serious condition. Prayers for the family of the Essex student who was killed.

Tom and Beverly Drumheller with a sister-in law with cancer. Rod Dike (Chick’s brother in MA) awaiting testing for cancer.

Ann Griswold having cancer treatment--radiation. Jeff Siewert’s friend, and Nancy Gomez’s cousin fighting cancer. Sharon Nolas, Genevieve Potter’s mom having chemotherapy.

Sue and Robie Stoner’s friend in serious ski accident still in rehab.

Our shut ins. Peace in the Middle East and

Africa.

**Rejoice:** Doing better: Mike Hinsdale broken ankle; Nancy Sabin broken tail bone. The man living in his car in the Bahamas, has a solid roof, water proof walls and windows on his new home, that we helped work on. Bahamas Methodist Habitat is also making progress on building a new training center where locals will learn construction skills and have better job options.

**Congrats to:** Jonathan Willis and Antonio Socinski for being in a great play on forgiveness at their school. Jennifer Steadman for 1st place finish in a rowing race with her Mt. Abe team. Antonio Socinski for a 3rd place win in a History Day competition. Megan McIntyre chosen to go with Mt Abe Softball team for their Florida training. All the students of Ferrisburgh Central School for lovely spring lanterns and art at their annual art show.

# Important Information

	<b>Sunday April 12th</b>	<b>Sunday April 19th</b>
<b>Coffee Hour:</b>	Clare Conner	Jed and Jini Hornung
<b>Liturgist</b>	Linda Field	Jeff Siewert
<b>Greeters:</b>	Clare Conner	Bernice Titus
<b>Nursery:</b>	Christine Steadman	Karina Tarte

*“In the midst of our Good-Friday dirges and doleful laments, God meets us on Sunday. Our eyes are closed. We are slow to see. We do not understand the words so God shows us, beckoning us to the table. There God takes bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it – and we see.”*

William Willimon

If you can volunteer for an open spot email Christine Steadman [cas\\_5476@yahoo.com](mailto:cas_5476@yahoo.com) or call the church office at 425 2770. Contact her if you would like to be placed on the email prayer list where we send out prayer requests as they occur.

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