

## MINISTER'S COLUMN, Scott Couper

### New Year - New Ideas

My sabbatical last year was a time of rest, renewal, and rejuvenation. And for what was the time needed?...for our church's possible big pivot after four years of discernment and planning to be a church of "believing, belonging, and becoming".

First, this New Year, we will have a new Administrator: **Mark Baxter**. Mark served on our Mission & Service Board last year. Mark has also welcomed our church and helped introduce the themes of our services each week. Mark has a great deal of experience in the corporate world, specifically in the field of marketing and has also served a church administrator in Danbury, Connecticut. On Sunday, December 31, we bid farewell to **Bruce Landenberger** who served our church faithfully for many years. I have come to depend on Bruce's diligence and competence and thus his departure leaves a wound for me.

Second, with an new Administrator we will have the opportunity to re-envision the position as a whole. Perhaps the position can expand from church administration to also include social media and facility's management (and thus move from part-time to a full-time position) as we continue to implement the work of Partners for **Sacred Places**.

Third, with a evolving Administrator position, it becomes possible to re-envision and downsize our church's **organizational structure**. Currently, our church directory lists SIXTEEN (16) boards, committees, teams, and ministries for our relatively small church of approximately one-hundred (100) members. We should consolidate, if only because we lack the human resources. More importantly, in the postmodern ecclesiastical era no new friends or guests of our church wish to join a 'committee. We can perhaps have three fellowships that focus on our vision of 'believing, belonging, and becoming' and that primarily delegate tasks, roles, and activities rather than meetings, agendas, and minutes to worshippers.

Fourth, while continuing to implement of work of Partners for Sacred Places, Council discussed a proposal to begin a **Kirtan** ministry at our church. Kirtan literally means 'collective performance' and it is a call and response musical genre. Kirtan derives primarily from the Hindu tradition. Centre Church seeks to be a place of welcome and worship for the Muslim, Jewish, Zen and Theravada Buddhists, AA/NA (Higher Power) communities to worship. While always and forever remaining Christians, we wish our ministry to be one that hosts other communities who will seek and enjoy spirituality through Sound Baths, meditation, and other healing practices.

Fifth, in the New Year I envision that our church would better live-out its designations as an **Open & Affirming** congregation and as a **Just Peace** church. Our designations should be demonstrated in our (new) church structure, church budget, and our partnerships with others who share our values (Out in the Open and Action Corps).

Sixth, in the New Year let us explore the use of a **Centre Church app** (or cellphone platform) that would allow us to consolidate our monthly and weekly newsletters, our church calendar, announcements, reminders, on-line giving, minutes, attendance, sign-ups, images (Facebook), church directory, etc...

Seventh, in the New Year it would be great to resurrect the great work of Joanne Nichols and other previous church historians. Much beautiful work has been done documenting our church's past, all of which can serve devotionally as we live-out it's future. To begin, I have requested the enlistment of our friend **Julian Mutter** who during my sabbatical assisted me in the organization of the church archive. Each month in *Centre Bells*, I would like us to include a vignette about our church's past that will inspire us in the present. For example, in 1957 when our church reached its peak membership and attendance, the *Centre Bells* newsletter read: "Mrs. Fred Muller, our church Secretary, will be in the church office on a full-time basis beginning the first week of January. The hours will be 8:30am to 4:00pm Mondays through Fridays except on holidays. Telephone is Alpine 4-4730." Also, the minister, Robert Harding wrote, "When the New Year comes, memory calls back the words of Jonathan Edwards: 'Resolved: that every man live to the glory of God. Resolved Second: that whether others do this or not, I will'. Surely no better resolve for any of us as we face this year of grace and opportunity".

Time marches on into a New Year. As does Centre Church, I pray, faithfully. In addition to Jonathan Edwards, I am reminded this January of the prophet Isaiah who spoke on God's behalf proclaiming, "See, I am doing a new thing! (Isaiah 43:19).

Be well.

Love always in Christ, Scott

## Council Chair, LYNN HERZOG

At our last Council meeting of 2023, we looked at the past long enough to celebrate Bruce for all that he has done for the church over many years. And we are very grateful that Mark Baxter has stepped forward to take his place.

Looking to the future, there are two projects that I would like to see addressed in 2024. One has been proposed by the Asset-Planning Team, which is trying to carry out the recommendations of our consultants and the Asset-Mapping Event. (It currently consists of Marion Abell, April, Jenifer, and me.) The consultant strongly recommended that we make better use of our building, and to this end we would like to create the position of Facility's Manager, who would oversee repairs and rentals, improve publicity, and increase community awareness of what is going on in the church. We hope to have a proposal ready before the Annual Financial Meeting, because obviously this would require using the endowment to pay this person. There is much to discuss.

Another project is a revision of the By-Laws. The By-Laws were written when we were a much larger church (most recent revision 2017), and calls for five boards, and five committees, and has three different categories of membership. Some of us feel the number of boards and committees should be reduced, in keeping with our reduced number of members.

We would like to have a meeting after worship some Sunday in January to discuss these projects. Please come with ideas and opinions, and join the task forces that will be working on these proposals. On the Council, and in the church, we have some differences of opinion, and we have even had some disputes. But when we all work together, good things happen. Please join us in working together for the future of our church.

## From Music Director, MARY MILKEY-MAY

December was a busy month for choir folk as we sang for Sunday services as well as for Christmas Eve. Marion and Peter Abell hosted a choir potluck on our Thursday rehearsal night which allowed us to enjoy some food and fellowship together after rehearsing.

We were fortunate to have several guest instrumentalists during Advent. Thanks go to Sue Dunbar, Alison Hale, Brooks Holmes, and Matt Kennedy for such lovely playing on their respective instruments. Also, shout-outs go to Peter Abell and Sue Rowell for their vocal solos on Christmas Eve. Special appreciation goes to Marion Daley for providing funds for our instrumentalist on December 17 in honor of the anniversary of her husband, Darryl's, death. Darryl was a music educator, so it was a wonderful way of paying tribute to him.

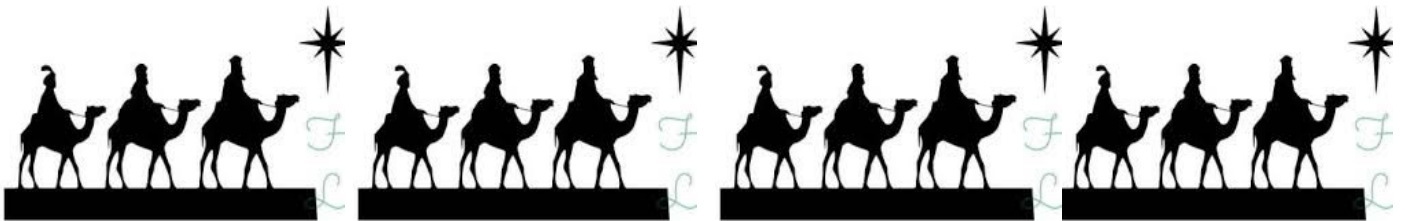
Onward to more music making in 2024!

## DEACONS

Moving forward from the busy times of December with the amazing Christmas Craft Show, all the beautiful music, the bright red of poinsettias, the glow of candles, the twinkling of the Christmas tree, the gifts for those less fortunate and the chance to anticipate and then celebrate the birth of Jesus makes one hope there won't be a feeling of 'now what?'

Epiphany, January 6, is what comes next, celebrated 12 days after Christmas when the Wise Men followed the Star to bring their gifts to the newborn Jesus, who was revealed to the world in a stable in Bethlehem.

May we all continue to feel the warmth and remember the love of Jesus as we pray for world peace in the long, cold days of January.



# ***CENTRE BELLS — JANUARY 2024***

The newsletter of Centre Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

## MISSION & SERVICE

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A new year is ahead of us as we close out a wonderful year of both Mission & Service for Centre Congregational Church. We contributed at least \$500 to each Second Sunday Offering recipients and over \$1,200 to the 5 for 5 UCC offerings.

Additionally, this past year we were able to meet and exceed our donation to Luz del Mundo ensuring that at least twelve students received their education locally in Cabanitas, El Salvador. THANK YOU Centre Church for being kind, loyal, giving, and amazing people!!

Looking ahead to 2024, our Second Sunday Offering will go to Luz del Mundo for the start of the school year. As noted, our annual \$1,500 donation supports students from our sister parish town of Cabanitas to get an education at the local school and beyond when possible. This not only supports the school through students attending, it ensures that children, especially girls are safe getting to and from school. Students range from kindergarten to the university in age.

On January 28, at 5:00pm at the Latchis Theater, the movie, "Cure for Hate" will be shown. This film is being sponsored by the high school's chapter of PEACE JAM and Windham World Affairs Council. Django Grace eloquently spoke during our first Advent service, holding up HOPE for not only caring active youth in our community, but HOPE for change and work for PEACE. Please support this event and our local youth by attending.

The Brattleboro Interfaith Youth Group continues to meet the second Sunday of each month with over twenty people in attendance at the Dummerston Church in December. This growing group is supporting community building and service, exemplified by the projects that they participated in at Centre Church helping *Caring Me Home* and *Loaves & Fishes*. Upcoming events include a January evening of calling in Barred Owls with Mary Grove and learning about and participating in the Love Letter campaign with Ann Braden.

Thank you Centre Church for supporting so many and trusting in the porta-potty project! Thank you to Scott Couper and Emelio for their help in keeping it clean. Our support to Brattleboro's efforts to help and provide for all community members is *seen* by all who drive, work, and live downtown. Our missions and service are observable and received by many. Thank you!

We will continue to have the date of the third Sunday of each month for our Groundworks meal in 2024. Please sign up on the bulletin board or on line to help provide a part of this meal:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DADA82DA6FFCE9-groundworks>.

You can contact Jenifer Ambler: 802.380.2805 / [busylitlmom@gmail.com](mailto:busylitlmom@gmail.com) or Priscilla Svec: 802.505.8925 / [svecpriscilla4@gmail.com](mailto:svecpriscilla4@gmail.com) if you have questions. Food needs to be delivered to Groundworks on South Main Street by 4:30pm on **Sunday, January 21**. Thank you to all who made the 2023 meals successful.



### QUILT CLUB NEWS

We promised to honor Gisela Robeck's wish to continue quilting. Over the year, we made 800 items to sell, made baby quilts to give to new enrollees at Center for Children, and finished the red and white queen size quilt. We entered six craft shows in October, November, and December. Our biggest and best effort was the Christmas Craft Show held at Centre Church on December 2 and 3.

Thank you to all who helped make this year a success. And thank you to all who participated in the Christmas Craft Show by decorating, setting up, making signs, hanging quilts, making wreaths and swags, baking, making soup, sandwiches, coffee, waffles, donating syrup, finding vendors, sewing, manning tables, tear down, and putting the chapel, halls, and parlor back in place.

Special thank you to the buyers who made our efforts a success. The buyer of our queen-size quilt is Travis Aldrich. The winner of our raffle quilt, double size, is Enid Smith.

Congratulations! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the quilters.

-Anne Doesburg

## SUNDAY SPIRIT BOOK STUDY

The *Sunday Spirit Book Discussion* group is starting *Grounded: Finding God in the World* by commentator Diana Butler Bass. About seven of us meet at 9:00am before church in the Heritage Room to orally read and discuss. We welcome any drop-ins or newcomers.

For more information, contact Judy Palmer: [judithp41@gmail.com](mailto:judithp41@gmail.com) / 603-353-0590.

Here is Amazon's description of *Grounded*:

*"The headlines are clear: religion is on the decline in America as many people leave behind traditional religious practices. Diana Butler Bass, leading commentator on religion, politics, and culture, follows up her acclaimed book Christianity After Religion by arguing that what appears to be a decline actually signals a major transformation in how people understand and experience God. The distant God of conventional religion has given way to a more intimate sense of the sacred that is with us in the world. This shift, from a vertical understanding of God to a God found on the horizons of nature and human community, is at the heart of a spiritual revolution that surrounds us — and that is challenging not only religious institutions but political and social ones as well.*

*Grounded* explores this cultural turn as Bass unpacks how people are finding new spiritual ground by discovering and embracing God everywhere in the world around us—in the soil, the water, the sky, in our homes and neighborhoods, and in the global commons. Faith is no longer a matter of mountaintop experience or institutional practice; instead, people are connecting with God through the environment in which we live. *Grounded* guides readers through our contemporary spiritual habitat as it points out and pays attention to the ways in which people experience a God who animates creation and community.

*Bass brings her understanding of the latest research and studies and her deep knowledge of history and theology to Grounded. She cites news, trends, data, and pop culture, weaves in spiritual texts and ancient traditions, and pulls it all together through stories of her own and others' spiritual journeys. Grounded observes and reports a radical change in the way many people understand God and how they practice faith. In doing so, Bass invites readers to join this emerging spiritual revolution, find a revitalized expression of faith, and change the world."*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The children's activity we hosted at the Holiday Bazaar was a success. The youngsters enjoyed making their own picture and were happy to have something to take home. I particularly enjoyed watching them look over the various fabric prints and shapes as they decided what to use in their picture. We will definitely do this each year as long as possible.

Thank you to those who made Christmas cards on December 10 to send to our sister parish in El Salvador. We had a fun time.

As we look to the new year, we will be looking for ways to attract young people to our church. Our first event will be a movie night with snacks in the Parlor at 4:00pm on **Saturday, January 27**. We plan to invite families from the community.



### **SUCCESSFUL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR**

The Centre Church Christmas Craft Fair was the most successful to date, making over \$4,500. It was truly wonderful to have so many people come together and make this such a special event.

The food, the cookies, the vendors, the sewing geniuses, the greenery, the decorations, were just plain fabulous.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed their time and talents to make this a great church event.

Thanks again, The Fundraising Committee



**IN MEMORY OF  
FLORENCE "FLUFF" LOIS YATES STOREY**

Essex Junction, VT – Florence "Fluff" Lois Yates Storey, 90, formerly of Brattleboro, and currently of Mansfield Place in Essex Junction, VT., died on November 20, 2023, in Essex Junction, VT, after a lingering illness.

Fluff was born on July 13, 1933, in Winthrop, MA, to Margaret (Bordeaux) and Donald Earl Yates. She attended elementary school in Bellows Falls, VT, and graduated from Bellows Falls High School in 1951. She graduated from Castleton State Teacher's College in 1955.

Fluff married Rodney Lee Storey, whom she met at Castleton, in her senior year of college in 1954. Their daughter Sue Carol Storey was born in Portsmouth, VA in 1956, where they were spending Rodney's last year in the Navy.

After living in Virginia and Williamstown, VT in the late 50s, Fluff and Rod moved to Brattleboro in 1960, where they both had teaching careers. She achieved her master's degree in teaching from the University of Massachusetts, and a second master's degree with combined graduate studies from the University of Vermont, Keene State, and Norwich University. Fluff taught for 35 of her 38 years at the Academy School in West Brattleboro, retiring in 1995.

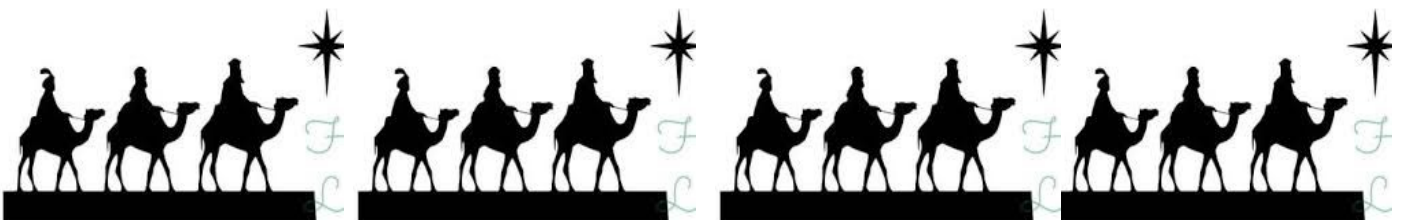
Fluff was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Eastern Star, the American Association of University Women, the Legion Auxiliary, a charter member of the Emblem Club (ELKS), the VFW, the Eagles, the Women's Evening Club, the "West Bees" Home Dem Club, the Shriners, the Hospital Auxiliary, various teachers' organizations, and the Floral Arts and Garden Club all of Brattleboro, VT. She volunteered in Church at various events, knitted many prayer shawls, as well as other community needs. She has been surrounded with great friends and has felt very fortunate to have them.

She enjoyed crafts, travel (USA, Asia, Africa, Europe, the Caribbean, and the Mediterranean), theater, painting, music, plants, cats, and literature. She even organized an Opera appreciation group and was the keeper of the Opera DVDs and videos, which there were hundreds of. Fluff and her husband Rod once won the husband/wife golf club championship at the Brattleboro Country Club which they were members of for many years.

Fluff's daughter Sue, Sue's husband Tom Broido, and her beloved granddaughters Halle Broido and Galen Broido and Galen's partner Giacomo Zilli survive her. She is also survived by two brothers, Fred Yates and Ross Yates. She was predeceased by her husband Rod in 1988, and her siblings, Pauline Yates Brilliant, and Donald Yates. Also, her special friend and companion Kasper Fulghum, whom she met on a senior's trip to Spain in 1996, sharing the best of the north and the south together, predeceased her in 2017.

Fluff wanted her lifelong friends, as well as her new friends from Williston Place in Williston, VT, to know how much they meant to her, and how much they all enriched her life. Her new friends were a pleasant surprise to her after her move from Brattleboro, they all helped each other navigate their new lives in a new community.

There will be no visiting hours at Fluff's request, and no formal service. There will be an informal gathering of friends at a date to be determined. Please visit [awrfh.com](http://awrfh.com) to share your memories and condolences.



## MEMBER CARE

January has always been a favorite month of mine, not only because my birthday comes soon after New Year's Day, but a feeling of all things new.

In sharp contrast to that was the opinion of a professor I had at Montclair University in New Jersey (then Montclair State Teachers College). He would give no exams in the first month of the year, declaring that physically and mentally we were at the lowest level at that time of winter.

But to me it's the new year---time to make New Year's resolutions, start a new diet, organize my desks (I have six) take down the Christmas tree and nativity set (after January 6), and send thank you notes. In years past, we'd fly to Texas to visit our family in 68 degree weather - and return late January to winter wonderland of Vermont.

I was able to attend church twice this past December. When I can't, I watch from home on my computer via ZOOM. Thanks to Jenifer Ambler for making this possible. And when I do get there, thanks to those folks who push me up that ramp leading to the front door. (Maybe when I die I should leave money to have some kind of elevator installed!?)

Rotating turns on Member Care: Karen Rydant turns over 'the bag' to Judi Miller who will be the Member Care point-person for January.

Member Care makes the list of who is hosting "Hospitality Time" (or 'Coffee Hour', as some still call it). If you are not on some committee, team, or board and would like to help out once-in-awhile, please contact me. Thanks to Judy Palmer and all those gracious hosts who served in December.

-Marion Daley, chair

## PEOPLE



A word of good cheer would be warmly received by members and friends of our church who are in nursing homes, assisted living centers, or are housebound as of December 26.

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781.430.6210 / 617.866.0953 (m)

### **Alice Stockwell—Vernon Hall**

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802.254.8091

*Please let the Administrator know  
if we've missed someone.*



## BIRTHDAYS

- 9 Gabriella Martin
- 11 Marion Daley
- 12 Scott Couper
- 14 Katherine Weeks
- 15 Christina Goodwin
- 16 Levi Healey
- 17 William McCarty
- 18 Dot Vander Meulen
- 25 Ron Svec
- 26 Rennie Washburn
- 30 Holly Kennedy



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# JANUARY 2024

\*\*ZOOM events  
\*Holy Communion

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1 NEW YEARS DAY</b> 4 <sup>30</sup> Christian Ed Board	<b>2</b> 11 <sup>30</sup> Loaves & Fishes 7 <sup>00</sup> Dharma evening	<b>3</b> 11 <sup>00</sup> Staff meeting 12 <sup>00</sup> Help Fund 6 <sup>00</sup> WWAC salon 7 <sup>00</sup> VT Humanities First Wednesday	<b>4</b> 1 <sup>00</sup> Quilting ministry 4 <sup>30</sup> Women's Spirit 5 <sup>30</sup> Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 11 <sup>30</sup> Loaves & Fishes 1 <sup>00</sup> Jum'a Prayer	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9 <sup>00</sup> Book Discussion 10 <sup>00</sup> Worship* 11 <sup>15</sup> Hospitality Time	<b>8</b> 3 <sup>30</sup> BCC Board 6 <sup>00</sup> Deacons meeting	<b>9</b> 11 <sup>30</sup> Loaves & Fishes 7 <sup>00</sup> Dharma evening	<b>10</b> 11 <sup>00</sup> Staff meeting 12 <sup>00</sup> Help Fund 6 <sup>00</sup> Mission & Service	<b>11</b> 1 <sup>00</sup> Quilting ministry 4 <sup>30</sup> Women's Spirit 5 <sup>30</sup> Choir Rehearsal	<b>12 CB DEADLINE</b> 11 <sup>30</sup> Loaves & Fishes 1 <sup>00</sup> Jum'a Prayer 7 <sup>00</sup> Rock Voices	<b>13</b>
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Hello Reverend Scott:

We have yet to meet and I look forward to it zoom or live. Your column in the *Times Argus* the weekend of November 12 was spot on. I am still reading weekend magazines from the *Times Argus* dating back to September. I hope to catch up by the end of the year.

In the same edition your column appeared there was one by a David Mayer, vice president B'nai Brith, which had the usual 'they did it to us first' or 'they did it worse than we did', etc. Your comment about the absurdity of the blame game needs to be a slogan as we try to find peace for all in the Middle East.

I am a Universalist, my faith freely chosen for 50 years. I am a non-practicing American Jew.

Blessings and thanks.

Stephen L. Finner, Ph.D. (he, him, his)  
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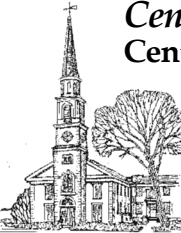
## JANUARY LECTIONARY TEXTS

**Sunday, January 7, 1st Sunday after Epiphany**  
Gen 1:1-5; Ps 29; Acts 19:1-7; **Mark 1:4-11**

**Sunday, January 14, 2nd Sunday after Epiphany**  
1 Sam 3:1-10, (11-20); Ps 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Cor 6:12-20;  
John 1:43-51

**Sunday, January 21, 3rd Sunday after Epiphany**  
Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Ps 62:5-12; 1 Cor 7:29-31; **Mark 1:14-20**

**Sunday, January 28, 4th Sunday after Epiphany**  
Deut 18:15-20; Ps 111; 1 Cor 8:1-13; **Mark 1:21-28**



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