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Your word is a lamp to my feet,
and a light to my path.
Psalm 119:105

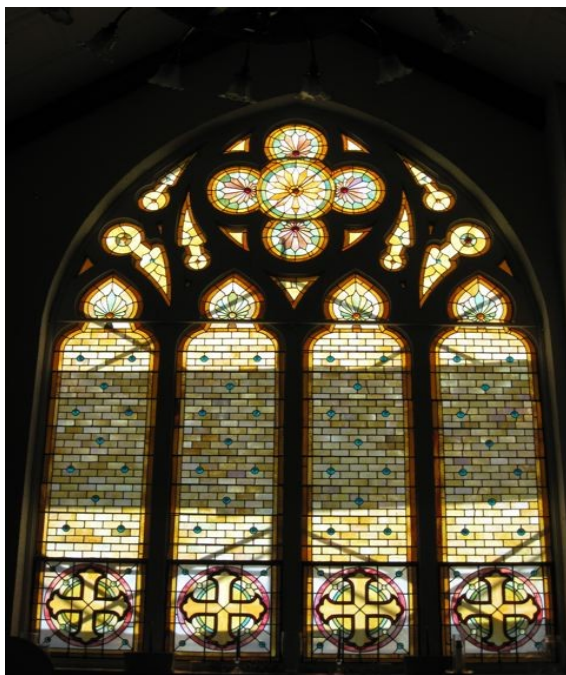
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The United Methodist Parish Newsletter
Middlebury ♦ East Middlebury ♦ Ripton

Whether you are a member of the Middlebury, East Middlebury, or Ripton congregation, a local resident, or a visitor to our area, you are invited and welcome to attend and participate in all activities and events mentioned in this newsletter.

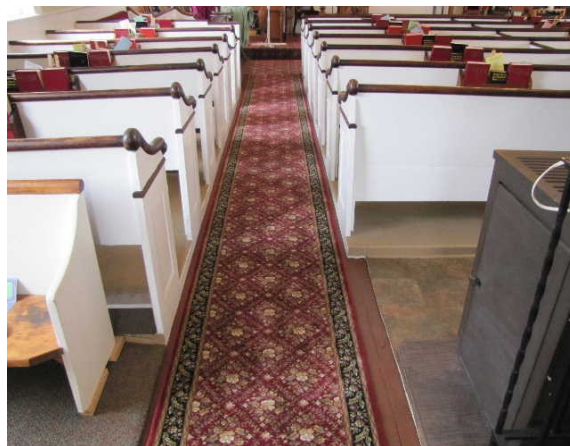
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From the Pastor's Desk: Preaching Green

The gorilla puppet that was featured during this year's Vacation Bible School had green fur. The children quickly discovered why. Galileo, as he was named, pressed a button in his spaceship cafeteria marked 'do not press' resulting in an explosion of green foods. The gorilla was covered in green vegetables; and, while reflecting on his new verdant shade, he helped to teach the kids about keeping the earth green.

It's all about green these days, so much so that you can purchase t-shirts and bumper stickers that read: Vermont—We were green before green was cool(1). At the risk of sounding trendy, or even behind the times, I am planning on preaching this fall out of The Green Bible, a publication of the New Revised Standard Version of scripture that literally highlights in green those passages of scripture that refer to creation, the environment, etc.

In the foreword to this Bible, Bishop Desmond Tutu writes the following: "Once we start living in a way that is people-friendly to all of God's family, we will also be environment-friendly"(2). So many of the arguments for stewardship that swirl around us begin with environment and end with people. Unfortunately, we are learning from this approach that when it comes to motivating significant cultural change, 'it ain't easy being green'(3). Tutu, and many other scholars writing in The Green Bible, turn this approach on its head in a way that captures the heart of Christianity—love of God, neighbor, and self. In this way, good stewardship of the earth becomes not a byproduct of good neighborliness but an integral aspect of our faith and the sacred interconnectedness we experience when we love God and neighbor as self.

And so for as long as the church colors are green (until Advent), I will be preaching a green Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer for green people of faith this fall. For example, when we talk in the coming weeks about giving money to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) for Pakistan flood relief, I will be asking about the root causes of the flood and about what we as followers of Christ are called to do and be in our daily lives now that we live in a world with more erratic, violent storms and 20 million people residing in an unstable floodplain in plain view on the evening news.

In line with Bill McKibben's thesis of his latest book, *eaarth*, the 'do not press' button has already been pressed; only this time it is not green vegetables that are flying around the room, but a myriad of changes that are inhospitable for life as we know it. If Jesus Christ came for the forgiveness of sins and the promise of new life, then we as his followers have something important to say and do to determine what happens next on God's good earth. Let ours be a prayer for life.

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green(4).

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1. Vermont Clothing Company
 2. The Green Bible NRSV, Foreword, ©2008
 3. Joe Raposo, Sesame Street, ©1970
 4. J.M.C. Crum, 1928, alt. #311 UMH
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New Men's Ministry

A new men's ministry will be beginning this fall. Watch for more details during announcements at worship on Sunday and via the email announcements. For more information, contact Lee Adkins at 352-4526 or leemadkins@comcast.net.

Middlebury United Methodist Church

On Monday August 9th we began work on the final phase of our historic preservation program at the church. This work focuses on the fourteen stained glass windows in the church. It will include restoration of the exterior woodwork as well as replacement of sections of the wood frames that have deteriorated; then scraping, priming, caulking and painting to match the rest of the building. Additionally, the windows will be re-glazed as needed and the unsightly plexiglass storm on the large window in the fellowship hall will be replaced with glass panels. This will allow this window to now match the two large stained glass windows in the sanctuary! All of the existing "storm panels" on the eleven smaller stained glass windows will be replaced with removable and properly vented storm/protective panels.

Several of the smaller stained glass windows will be stabilized and broken pieces of glass will be replaced as possible. One of the smaller stained glass windows in the kitchen will be removed and rebuilt. Additionally all twelve of the small stained glass windows in the bell tower will be stabilized and broken pieces of glass replaced.

This work will not only greatly improve appearance of the exterior, but will stop continuing deterioration. The work is being done by Jeremiah Beach Parker Restorations and Lawrence Ribbecke Studios.

This project is being paid for with a matching \$15,000 grant from the State of Vermont Historic Preservation Program and the balance of the funds raised through the Capital Campaign. Once again, the Trustees express their deepest appreciation for all who donated to this Campaign. As God has gifted us, so we have shared our gifts. Together we help secure the future of our church home for generations to come.



World Methodist Conference August 4-8, 2011

Rev. James McPhee, on behalf of Bishop Weaver, is seeking persons who might be interested in being delegates to the 2011 World Methodist Conference in Durban, South Africa. These events are wonderful celebrations among the worldwide Methodist family of churches. Participants need to be nominated, but are responsible for their own travel arrangements and expenses. This is for pastors and laypersons, especially youth and youth adults.

Date: August 4-8, 2011

Location: International Convention Center, Durban, South Africa

Theme: "Jesus Christ- for the Healing of the Nations"

Contact: Rev. James McPhee, Director of Connec-tional Ministries/Assistant to the Bishop, PO Box 249, 276 Essex Street, Lawrence, MA 01842; 978-682-7555 ext 260; mcphee@neumc.org

**September Lecture Series in Ripton
features Bill McKibben & Nadia and Ned Horning**

The **Annual Rabbi Victor E. Reichert Bible Talk** will take place Sunday, September 12 beginning at 5 p.m. Ripton's own Bill McKibben, a Middlebury College scholar in residence, will give a talk entitled *The Taunting Whirlwind*. Per tradition, this title and the content of the lecture will serve as clues pointing to the text from the Hebrew Bible/Tanakh that McKibben will engage. McKibben's reputation precedes him. He is an author, educator, and environmentalist of international renown. He is also a United Methodist. As the first paragraph of his bio from the website, www.billmckibben.com states:

Bill McKibben is an American environmentalist and writer who frequently writes about global warming and alternative energy and advocates for more localized economies. In 2010 the Boston Globe called him "probably the nation's leading environmentalist" and Time magazine described him as "the world's best green journalist. In 2009 he led the organization of 350.org, which coordinated what *Foreign Policy* magazine called "the largest ever global coordinated rally of any kind," with 5,200 simultaneous demonstrations in 181 countries. The magazine named him to its inaugural list of the 100 most important global thinkers, and MSN named him one of the dozen most influential men of 2009.

The annual talk is named for **Victor E. Reichert** was rabbi of Rockdale Temple in Cincinnati, Ohio, from the time of his ordination in 1926 until his retirement in 1962, when he was named rabbi emeritus. He taught at the University of Cincinnati, the University of Virginia, Washington University, Berea College, and at the Bread Loaf School of English. His scholarly work and vital imagination influenced generations of rabbinic students. Rabbi Reichert's influence extended far beyond the classroom and beyond his own congregation. He was a spiritual leader with a profoundly ecumenical temperament, and so it came to be that, in the mountain coves and trout streams of Ripton, Vermont where he and Mrs. Louise Reichert began summering in the early 1940s, he was perhaps known best, simply and affectionately, as "the Methodist rabbi. More than a half-century ago Rabbi Reichert began the tradition of gathering his friends and the public and giving a "little talk" on one of the books of the Bible at the end of each summer to support the ministries of the Ripton United Methodist Church, where he was named "rabbi in residence." Since his death in 1990, Havurah, the Jewish congregation in Addison County, and the United Methodist Church in Ripton have honored his memory by continuing the talks in his name.

It has been a few years since the last Bible Talk took place. This will be the first talk since the passing of Louise Reichert, Victor's wife, so please help to spread the word about this important event. The members and friends of Havurah will co-sponsor the talk with the Friends of the Ripton Community Church, United Methodist. All are welcome.

The lecture series will continue on Sunday, September 26 at 4 p.m. when Ripton's own **Nadia and Ned Horning** will present on *The Science and Social Science of Deforestation in the World*. This lecture has been moved from the August date announced earlier in the summer. Mark your calendars. All are welcome.



Claire Lawson is designing a new website for the East Middlebury Congregation. Stay tuned for more details.

East Middlebury News

The final phase of the redecoration project at the East Middlebury church has been completed with the installation of carpeting. Upon entering the church, you see a muted pattern in a carpet chosen to withstand high traffic and dirt. When entering the sanctuary, there are runners along the length of the aisles.

The pattern in the runner is the same as the pattern in the carpeting across the alter area. The intention was to pick up the red color of the pew cushions, the light green of the walls, and the tan of the painted floor. New vinyl flooring has also been installed between the wood stoves. We are pleased that the redecoration project has made the church look fresh and inviting. We have future plans to renovate the upstairs, but we need to save toward that goal. To those ends we will again be selling flower bulbs, so please consider buying from us this year, cutoff date Sept 11. Call Betty Davis at 388-7139 for bulb info & for Community Lunch program at the Charter House.



East Middlebury Sunday School

Sunday School will resume on September 12 for ages 3-7. An ice cream social is scheduled for September 12 at 3:00pm. Bring a topping if you are so inspired--ice cream and serving bowls will be provided. If you haven't made it in to see the new carpet before then, this is your chance--just no dripping ice cream on it!

Linda Connor's Travels

Middlebury UMC's own Linda Connor is traveling the country. You can follow along by reading her newly created blog: www.fairadventure.wordpress.com.

World Relief Efforts

If you wish to donate money to relief efforts in Pakistan, write a check to your local congregation delineating UMCOR Advance #982450, Pakistan Flash Floods.

Outreach News

**As always, there is much going on in Missions/Outreach,
since this is church with a heart for Missions!**

1) Community Lunches

During Jesus' time on earth, he spent a considerable time eating and in fellowship with people of all sorts. He was also concerned that people would not faint from hunger after his long sermons and instructed his disciples to feed the crowds, much to their dismay. As we all know, food and fellowship are essential to every congregation and any gathering of people for that matter, and what better way to extend our faith than to share a meal with someone. Community Lunches that happen throughout the year at the Charter House may not feed the thousands at once, but over the course of the year, several thousand meals are served. Our congregation alone does not and cannot provide all the meals but jointly with several faith groups, nutritious and delicious lunches are served Monday through Thursday throughout the year.

This isn't new to many of you as UMC has been participating with Community Lunches for the past few years and many a church announcements has been made recruiting volunteers: servers, bakers, sandwich makers and the like. This summer we had a very successful and busy time serving lunches for two weeks, four days in a row. Many, many thanks for the numerous volunteers that stepped up and contributed their time, their energy, their sweat, their cookies, etc. What a wonderful contribution from everyone involved to make it happen.

There are a few changes going forth as each semester the organizing body meets and discusses what has worked, what we have learned and how we can better serve the community most efficiently and effectively. Starting in September, Middlebury and E. Middlebury UMC will share in providing meals for three consecutive days a month, and other congregations will have a similar rotation. We will be scheduled every 4 weeks, so most months we will have three days a that we are responsible for providing and serving the lunches. As usual, we will need people to be on-site help Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday during our week, we need bakers, soup makers, creative sandwich chefs and eager helpers, so volunteer if you are able. For many whose work schedule does not permit them to be there during the 10:30 a.m. -1 p.m. shift, you can always buy, make, bring something and drop it off at the Charter House or my house and we will make sure it is put to excellent use. There are many, many ways to be a part of this community service.

Stay tuned as we figure out the fall schedule and we know the dates our congregation is responsible for lunch. And the invitation is always open to **everyone** to stop by for lunch, get to know some people in the community, share a meal with a new friend. No explanation, qualifier, or reason needed to come and share the meal. We are looking forward to another busy but enriching year as the Community Lunch program continues to grow and we learn and grow with it.

2) Amistad Project Provides Transportation Assistance to Farm Workers & Families

In response to the needs of farm workers on dairy farms in the area, the Addison County Farm Worker Coalition has initiated the Amistad Project to provide a volunteer transportation network for those workers. With an estimated 500 migrant farm workers living and working on dairy farms in Addison County, there is a great need to assist folks in getting to medical appointments, to go grocery shopping, to get to Spanish language religious services, community suppers and other social functions, school and play groups for children of the workers. The initial task has been to recruit volunteer drivers to assist with the most fundamental needs and to recruit volunteer translators who can assist with communication when drivers do not speak Spanish. Responding to announcements in church by supportive clergy, notices posted in church bulletins and newsletters, postings in the local newspaper "The Addison Independent", and in the local volunteer listing, as well as word of mouth, over 30 people have joined the volunteer effort thus far. What is needed now is more direct communication between farmers, workers and volunteers, so that the available assistance is accessible to a greater number of workers and their families. For more information, to inquire about assistance or to volunteer please call Louise Giovanella at 802-759-2529 or email: louise@addisongardens.com or Chela Andreu-Sprigg (Spanish-speaking) at 802-247-9399 or email: andreu@middlebury.edu.

Middlebury U.M.W. News

September begins a new year for United Methodist Women.

Our first meeting will be on September 20, 2010 at 2 pm at Mimi Hardy's 15 Seminary Street apt #1. All women of the church are invited. If you work and can't attend meetings, you are still welcome to become a member of U.M.W. Your membership pledges benefit the U.M.W. of our whole conference. Many churches have disbanded their UMWs. However, we want to keep ours strong and growing. We might be small in number, but we are mighty in service. We support many missions, both locally and worldwide. Our two Rummage/Bake Sales in the Fall and Spring provide funds for these missions. We also have a Social Events Committee that provides refreshments after various family events.

We are now part of The New England Conference of the UMW. They will be gathering Saturday October 23rd in Concord, N.H. at the Wesley United Methodist Church. We would like to make a good showing at that event, so be sure to write it on your calendar.

At last Spring's UMW National Convention in St. Louis, the following logo was adopted:

Faith-Hope-Love in Action

Let us all gather as women representing our church and bring that logo to life here in Middlebury.

New England Conference The United Methodist Church

Christian Education Sunday shall be observed on a date determined by the annual conference. It calls the Church as a people of God to be open to growth and learning as disciples of Jesus Christ. If the annual Conference so directs, an offering may be received for the work of Christian Education with the Conference.

In the New England Conference, the Christian Education Sunday offering supports numerous training opportunities for leadership in local churches in the Conference. The annual Conference Resource Library also benefits from this offering.

The recommended observance is the fourth Sunday in September.

Volunteer Mission to Haiti

There are two vacancies for the New England VIM team departing September 14 for Port-au-Prince. We return September 22nd. The project is Croix des Mission which was identified by Eglise Methodist d'Haiti as a priority about 10 years ago. After the land was purchased (lots of fundraising), church construction has been ongoing. The roof phase is this team's focus. The team members are not construction professionals or even handymen/handywomen. Our labor will be manual being gofers for the skilled Haitian workers. We will stay at the Methodist Guest House and will be transported daily to the work site which is about a mile north of the Port-au-Prince airport. For additional information, contact Bob Parker at 603-863-7348 or email parker.nh@gmail.com. The cost is \$2000, \$1500 to cover airfare, all living expenses, all transportation expenses, fees, tips, etc. \$500 will be used for construction expenses. The deadline is August 27th.

Arts in Ripton

Art Show & Sales

plus Gourmet Refreshments

August 29th, 2010 @ 5:00 pm

**@ Ripton Community Church
& Ripton Community House**



Roller Rug—J. Cherouny

Enjoy an evening viewing the works of some of Ripton's many artists in the Ripton Community Church and socializing in the Community House while sampling some of Ripton's summer bounty prepared by Lisa and Joe Durante. Some of the artwork is for sale. Admission is by ticket at a minimum suggested donation of \$20 per adult and \$5 per child under 13. Profits will benefit the restoration and improvement of the church building.



"Bus Route"—Sara Wesson

Ripton Artists and Exhibited Works

Sara Wesson—Cards & Paintings

Mawley Holly—Paintings

Jean Cherouny—Roller Rugs

Anjenette Sideway—*Bonnie inquire*

Rebecca Purdum—*Carrie & Barry K.*

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Financial Peace is Coming Your Way!

What does it look like to handle money God's way? Many people focus only on giving when they think about honoring God with their money. They think about putting a check in the offering plate or sending money to fight hunger or AIDS.

What Does the Bible Say?

But handling money and thinking about money in a godly way is much more than a tithe check. The Bible tells us that we're stewards of God's resources. By definition, a steward is not an owner, but a manager, someone who takes care of the possessions of someone else. When we believe that God is the owner of all we have, we gain a new perspective on the way we handle all the resources we have been given – not just 10% of our income.

When you choose to handle money God's way, things that used to be difficult will become easier. Budgeting, compromising, saving, giving, sacrificing, making wiser decisions with your money – all of it will become clearer.

Financial Peace University (FPU), the 13-week program taught by Dave Ramsey, has helped more than 900,000 families positively change their financial future. This life-changing program teaches families and individuals how to handle their money through common-sense principles and small group accountability.

FPU classes will be held at the Middlebury church this fall. The classes will begin Monday, September 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Each class participant (family) needs a kit. Discounted rates are available if you order through the church. Included in the cost of the kit is a lifetime family membership to FPU, allowing the participant to return to any class at anytime for a refresher course. The kit also includes an FPU workbook, an FPU envelope system, 13 audio lessons, bonus CD, budgeting forms, and Ramsey's best-selling book – Financial Peace.

"FPU classes are changing lives across the country every day," says Louis Falzetti, executive vice president of Financial Peace University. "There is something for everyone in this program whether you are barely making ends meet, just trying to plan for retirement, or seeking to build wealth. No matter what your financial situation, you will find FPU to be the best motivational tool available across the nation to help you attain financial peace."

Contact Julie Coons at 388-2916 or jbcoons14@comcast.net for more information or to register.

Camping News: Ride for the Hills.

Covenant Hills, that is. Saturday September 25, everyone with a motorcycle is invited to meet at the camp and ride the hills to raise money to help support Covenant Hills. No Motorcycle?? Come to camp for hot dogs, hamburgers and a variety of side dishes—also entertainment! All proceeds to benefit Covenant Hills campers. Contact Margaret Doyle Marne815@yahoo.com or

The Cookbooks are Here!

Our cookbooks have arrived and are available for sale. We have 220 recipes in categories from "Appetizers" to "This & That" / At the price of \$10.00, that comes out to about 4 1/2 ¢ a recipe—what a bargain! Marg Wesley's recipe for Angel Food Cake alone is worth the price of the cookbook.

These books make a great birthday, anniversary, shower or wedding gift. They are going fast—be sure to pick yours up after church any Sunday. Besides being cookbooks, they are memory books, with recipes from loved ones and old friends. Many of our great cooks have shared their favorite recipes, starting a legacy for years to come. Thank you to all who have contributed in any way to the cookbook project.



We include the following in our prayers:

Betty Austin
 Marion Barnett
 Betty Hampel
 Madeline Cone
 Marge Covey
 Cora Dragon
 Della Fenn
 Mona Austin
 John Klinck
 Anne Cluss

Walt Peck
 Chal Schley
 Doris Senecal
 Marg Wesley
 Kevin Parizo
 Sue Flanagan
 Mary Jo Richards
 Barbara Wheelock

Willie Glen's sister, Betty
 Sue and Tom Colley's friend, Al
 Carmen Jochum's mother, Pam
 Marg & John Wesley's son, Jack
 Terry DeYoung's sister-in-law, Susan
 Pat Tougas' cousin, Linda
 Ida Hallock's granddaughter, Rita
 Family of Mildred Stockwell
 Cliff & Irene Piper's family & their grandson,
 Connor
 Sandy Hayes, Len Rowell & Jim Holden who are
 each facing surgery soon.
 All who are stationed overseas



Bible Readings for the Month

September 5	Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33
September 12	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10
September 19	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13
September 26	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 9:1-6; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

!! Blessings Abound !!

JOY

- ◆ We join the Almeida family in welcoming Laci Lorraine Almeida who was born on August 9.

CONGRATULATIONS

- ◆ Pat Tougas' son Keith graduated from high school & will be attending Vermont Tech. Pat also has 2 granddaughters and a nephew who graduated from high school this year.
- ◆ We also congratulate Bill Edson who managed to oversee the completion of the new ambulance station, to coach the Middlebury h.s. track team to success, to chair the Middlebury Admin. Council and to graduate with an associates degree this past spring.
- ◆ Congratulations to Leann Sheets who has transferred to the University of Vermont, joining several others from the local United Methodist family. Our prayers go to all of our college students and service men and women who are away from home this fall.



Welcome Sunday on September 12

In September, many people are either looking for a new church or looking to return to church after being away in the summer months. For many, back to school also means back to church. We will make a special effort to welcome and show hospitality to all who come through the doors on Sunday morning, September 12. It will be a great day for you to bring people with you to church. Please share your ideas with Rev. Jill in the days leading up to September 12 on how we can best welcome those who are seeking a faith community.

We will welcome a special guest and friend of many in the congregation on September 12. Alf Hickling of Haxby, England will join us for worship while visiting the area. We look forward to his stay with us, and we look forward to hearing about the Haxby congregation with which we have an exchange relationship.

September Calendar

Every Monday.....	Financial Peace.....	Middle UMC
	<i>beginning September 13</i>	
Every Tuesday.....	Women's Spirituality Group.....	1 p.m..... Middle UMC
	<i>beginning September 14</i>	
Every Thursday.....	Middlebury Adult Choir Rehearsal.....	7 p.m..... Middle UMC
	<i>beginning September 9</i>	
Every Sunday.....	East Middlebury Adult Choir Rehearsal.....	8:30 a.m..... E. Middle UMC
	Family Worship.....	9 a.m..... E. Middle UMC
	Family Worship.....	10:45 a.m..... Middle UMC
Wednesday, September 1..	East Middlebury Women's Group.....	7 p.m..... Jean Peck's
Monday, September 6.....	Labor Day.....	
Thursday, September 9.....	Middlebury Adult Choir Rehearsals Begin.....	7 p.m..... Middle UMC
Sunday, September 12.....	Welcome Sunday	9/10:45 a.m..... E./Middle UMC
	Rabbi Reichert Bible Talk: Bill McKibben	5 p.m..... Ripton Comm. Ch.
Monday, September 13.....	Financial Peace begins.....	7 p.m..... Middle UMC
Tuesday, September 14.....	Helen Porter Ministry.....	11 a.m..... Activities Room
	Project Independence Ministry.....	1 p.m..... Elderly Services
	Women's Spirituality Group begins	1 p.m..... Mimi Hardy's
Sunday, September 19.....	Rev. Dr. Mary Kay Cavazos preaching.....	9 & 10:45 a.m. E./Middle UMC
Monday, September 20.....	Middle United Methodist Women.....	2 p.m..... Mimi Hardy's
Tuesday, September 21.....	Middle Finance/Operations, Trustees, Communications, Worship Arts,	
	Mission/Outreach.....	5:30 p.m..... Middle UMC
	Middle Administrative Council.....	7 p.m..... Middle UMC
Sunday, September 26.....	Horning Lecture (see article pg 4.).....	4 p.m..... Ripton Comm. Ch.
Sunday, September 26.....	All You Can Eat Pancake Supper	5:30-7pm Middle UMC

Middlebury Mission Teams Meet Together

At the Middlebury Administrative Council meeting on Tuesday, August 24, the council decided that the following ministry teams will meet simultaneously in separate spaces at the Middlebury United Methodist Church on the third Tuesday of the month, followed by the Administrative Council meeting in the fellowship room:

- Trustees
- Finance/Operations
- Communications
- Mission/Outreach
- Worship Arts+++++++

The schedule for the evening will be as follows:

- 5:30 p.m. Light supper and ministry team meetings
- 7 p.m. Administrative Council meeting

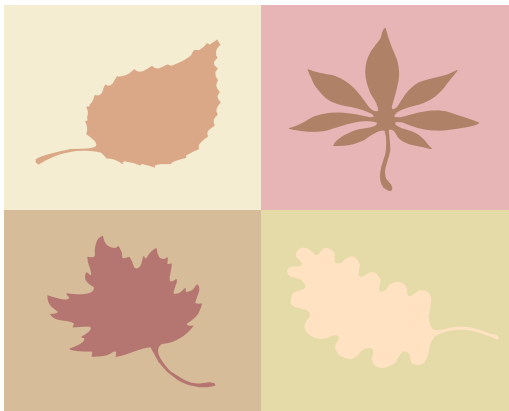
The various teams will take turns providing a light supper for the group. Rev. Jill will provide supper in September. The Middlebury United Methodist Women will continue to meet on the third Monday of the month at 2 p.m., and the Staff-Parish Relations Team and Parsonage Team will continue to meet on as needed basis.

All ministry team/committee/board meetings are open to anyone who is interested in knowing more about and participating in the work of the congregation. The third Tuesday of each month will be a great opportunity for fellow-

Your Finance Committee wants to remind you that, although you might go on vacation this summer, our expenses do not! Please try to send in your tithes and pledged amounts ahead of time if you are going to be away. Payments can be mailed to the church office:

Middlebury United Methodist Church, Attn: Joyce Sargent, Financial Secretary
 47 N. Pleasant Street, Middlebury, VT 05753. Thank you!

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