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**E News for April 16, 2026**  
**No Sunday School this week (19<sup>th</sup>) and next (26<sup>th</sup>)**

**From Pastor Mike:** Focus Scripture: **Luke 24:13-35**

In this week's post-resurrection encounter, Jesus hides his identity from two of his disciples, only revealing it when they share a meal together. What is special about the meal they shared that these two disciples recognized Jesus in it? Perhaps it's in the vulnerability of mutual hospitality that they were able to finally see Jesus for who he is.

The bulletin for each week is now on our webpage [www.sherochurch.org](http://www.sherochurch.org)  
You can stream Sunday Worship live. <https://tinyurl.com/CCSHLive>



**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter April 19, 2026**

**Scriptures** Isaiah 51: 1-6; Psalm 34: 1-10; 1 Peter 1: 17-23; Luke 24: 13-35

*(Susan Davis, liturgist)*

**Hymns:** NCH # 408 "All My Hope on God is Founded"

NCH # 330 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

NCH # 86 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

*You can search online for hymn lyrics fairly easily,*

*New Century Hymnal (NCH) & Worship & Rejoice Hymnal (W R)*



**Save the Date- It's Next Week!**

**Sunday, April 26, 2026**

**2:00 PM Service of Installation**

**of The Reverend Doctor Michael W. Galica, as Pastor**

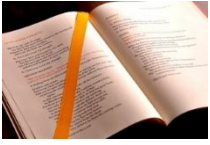
of The United Church of Christ Congregational Church of South Hero

**Reception immediately following**

**Special offering at this service will be shared with our local Mission work and the Champlain Conference.**



Join us Sunday after worship for coffee and refreshments.  
 The Board of Christian Ed is responsible for the month of April.  
 This week Marguerite Althoff and Michelle Galica are hosting.



**LECTIONARY GROUP** is a small gathering of members who talk on zoom about the biblical passages that will be covered in the following Sunday's sermon.

**Tuesday nights from 7-8pm**

If you'd like to join, email Elise Whittemore at [ewhittem@gmail.com](mailto:ewhittem@gmail.com)



**LITURGIST**

**READER**

**VOLUNTEER**

Want to add your voice to worship? We're always looking for people, young and not so young, to serve as liturgists.

Basically, a liturgist assists the minister by guiding the congregation through the parts of worship, reading the Call to Worship, prayers and Scripture passages.

It's easy to do. Everything is written down for you and emailed to you ahead of your Sunday. A sign-up sheet will be on the table in fellowship hall near the nametag drop off. Leave your name/contact info and even check off a Sunday if you have a preference.

*Mary Jane has shared an invite to attend a 'free' mini-ring (handbells) event this Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Christ the King School auditorium on Locust Street in Burlington (between Pine Street and Shelburne Road). They will be rehearsing together and then play for the public around 1:15pm*



**From Our Boards** *Reminder: anyone may attend a board meeting. If you wish to talk about something pertinent to that board, contact the board chair to be put on the agenda. Your concerns are **always** important.*

**DEACONS**

**Members:** Chair: Aimee Cochran, Gretchen Patterson, Sharon Arthur, Barb Smith, Rob Althoff, Cathy Rude  
 The Board is working with Pastor Mike in planning his installation service.

**PASTORS RELATION COMMITTEE**

**Members:** Emily Lee, Aimee Cochran, Bill Vitale, Tim Bryan

**TRUSTEES**

**Members:** Dolf Wirsing, Doug Patterson, Carol Tremble, Luke Tremble, Josie Leavitt, Tim Bryan  
**Priorities for 2026:** A balanced budget, Year-round Stewardship Committee and Accessibility.  
**Restoration will begin soon on the front steps.**

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Members:** Carrie Bryan, Kelsey Dickson, Michelle Galica, Nathan Lee (youth)

**No Sunday school on April 19, 26 (school break) OR on May 10 (Mother's Day).**



**Funds are available for summer camps through the Jacoby Family Fund.**

Applications are in the narthex, in fellowship hall, or email the office.

**The Walter W. Niebling Award, available to a graduating high school senior** was established to encourage, recognize and perpetuate the development of Christian character and expression of Christian service within the youth of the Congregational Church of South Hero, UCC.

Applications for the award are available through the office or by email.

## MISSIONS:

**Members:** Barbara Purinton, Art Huse, Megan Kouns, Elise Whittemore, Cyndi Reynolds, Kaight Althoff

*"In seeking to follow Christ's call, we strive to serve, facilitate and generate opportunities for Church outreach while allocating Church resources for the direct and tangible benefit of our local Grand Isle Community."*



We have designated the **back shelf in the hall, cupboard area**, to be the drop site for items needed for the **Welcome Mission Project** assisting unhoused families in Franklin and Grand Isle Counties moving into residences. This project is in association with the St. Albans Congregational Church and other churches

*Please leave that area for this Mission Project. If you have items that need a home, ask or find a different place to leave them. Thanks!*

**To refresh what is needed: Our goal is to supply 4-6 complete baskets monthly with:**

- laundry basket(new)
- laundry detergent (unscented & sensitive skin)
- clothes hangers (new)
- Shower curtain liner
- curtain rings
- toilet brush set



**We are past freezing temperatures - the Little Pantry is accepting all donations of nonperishable foods and toiletries. (not expired)**

Donation cart is in the hall.

**Wally's Basket** cart, also in fellowship hall, accepts non-perishable donations that we deliver to the food shelf in Grand Isle each week.

**April: Coffee, Granola Bars, canned fruit**

**May: Canned Stews, Chunky Soups, Chili**

We continue to need gift cards to Hannaford's and Keeler Bay Store, gas gift cards (Mobil and Citgo).  
*Thank you for sharing what you are able to.*



## Mark Your Calendars!

(Photo from 2022 concert held outside)

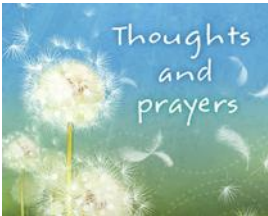
*From Mark Kennedy-*

The Vermont based world music teen ensemble, and adult leaders, will return to the Islands for a **Summer Concert at CSH on July 5<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.**

We continue to look for host families- only **need hosts for 6 more people!**

**WE DO NEED FOOD-** both for the potluck supper following the concert on Sunday and for the potluck breakfast on Monday morning at 8:30 am. There are 25 participants to feed, and to share with any of the concert goers who would like to join the meal. Your food donations are appreciated whether you stay for the meal or not.

Past concerts have been fun, uplifting, spirited and a good all around family activity. Share this with your friends and neighbors. Contact Mark Kennedy [maylskenn@yahoo.com](mailto:maylskenn@yahoo.com) or 802-318-0916



Prayer makes a difference in the lives of others and it unites us when we pray together.

We lift up the needs of our community, whether asking for improved health, comfort in grief, or joy in sharing a special event.

- This week we learned that Elaine Bushey, mom to Gail Horne, is receiving home hospice care. There is a card to sign in Fellowship Hall.
- We pray for the family of Amanda (Montani) Lavallee (mom to Giana) who died this past week.
- Capt. Scotty – you are always in our prayers! Your humor gives *us* strength!
- To all serving in the military- this prayer is from the National Shrine

*All powerful and ever loving God*

*Protect these soldiers.*

*Be their constant companion and their strength, their refuge in every adversity.*

*Guide them, O Lord, that they may return home safely to their families.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

If you, or someone you know, should be added to our prayer list, **please let Margaret know.** It can be health related, a birthday or anniversary, a job search, happy, sad or whatever. We all need prayers and often won't ask.



## Thanks for reading