

THE UNITED CHURCH OF NORTHFIELD ADVENT, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

When I looked back at the Fall newsletter, I read my opening paragraph and sighed. I had written about how hot and muggy it had been, and I was complaining. If I had opened this letter with a comment on the weather it would contain grumpy comments about how cold it is, how we've had no Indian summer, and how we might not see the ground again until April. I do love Winter, but it *is* a trifle too long. It'd be nicer if we had one more month of green leaves. However, my family purposefully moved back to Vermont because we loved it—all of it: the cold, the long winter nights, the muddy early Spring, the incredible green of May and early June, our brief hot summers that have us jumping into our cold, refreshing rivers, and of course—the beauty of Fall.

We also have seasons in the church year, and things we do in each of those seasons every year almost—our “traditions.” Saturday, November 9 was one of those: our annual Soup Luncheon. This year we combined it with something new, an Artisan/Crafter Market. Laura Ranker made the suggestion at a Council meeting in October as a way to draw people into the luncheon. It sounded like it would be less work than each of us collecting items for what we've done in the past: “Grandmother's Attic.” This year instead, we sold spaces for local crafters to rent and sell their wares. Howe's Hall was busy all morning and right up until 4 o'clock. We made more than we ever had (which really helps our OCWM pledge.) The soups were delicious, people did some Christmas shopping, and it looked like all were really enjoying themselves.

We have other traditions, too. Several years ago, we began to expose the children to a few Christmas practices of other countries. So... St. Nicholas now comes on an early Sunday in December and the children find treats in their shoes which they have placed in front of the altar. They also hear the legend of the old Saint. We also have a special Coffee Hour with homemade Christmas cookies and hot chocolate. From Scandinavia, we have one of our children wear the Saint Lucia crown of “candles” and

the children hear her story. Both she and St. Nicholas were real people who lived out their Christian faith. This year we are hoping to share something of Hanukkah so our children will learn something about this Jewish observance. Of course, the main focus is always on the story of the birth of Jesus. The children hear the wonderful lessons as told in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew. They move the figures of the shepherds, Mary and Joseph, the angel, and the animals each Sunday until they are in their places on Christmas Eve, which we always celebrate with favorite carols, readings, and a candlelit last hymn, “Silent Night.”

Every year (that I have been here anyway) the Evans have donated a large, beautiful tree for us to put up in our sanctuary and everyone helps decorate it. The beautiful wreaths on the front doors are put there by the Kunkel family and Annalill always fixes the window boxes so they look Christmassy. And of course, each Sunday one of our families lights a candle (or candles) of the Advent wreath. For me, there is always the difficult task of choosing the hymns for our worship services. There are so many we all love. How do I choose just 3 for each week?! Let me know your favorites, and I'll try to fit them in.

In our celebration of the season, we must also take time to really listen for the Advent message. We are waiting; the Christ child is coming, and his message keenly needs to be heard, and taken to heart. In too many places children are suffering—crying for a parent, people are getting sick from diseases we had had a handle on, and there are humanitarian crises in Syria and other places worldwide. We *are* called to do *something*, and we must. Each of us can find one something to do: write or call your representative, donate to an organization you trust, volunteer, protest, speak out. This Advent bring hope to those hopeless, joy to the saddened, peace to the war-weary, and especially bring love to the many who feel unloved and forgotten. And pray,...and pray.

In Christ, Sherry Baer (Pastor)

"ADVENT HAPPENINGS AT United Church of Northfield"

December 2nd – 23rd



December 2nd First Sunday of Advent - Candle of Hope



"Festival of Lights" – Hanukkah traditions will be presented by Karen Taylor to the children during "Children's Time." Karen is telling them about a Jewish holiday that begins on the same day we observe the first Sunday of Advent.

Note: This Sunday, in preparation of "St. Nicholas Day" on December 9, Children should bring a shoe to leave at the altar for St. Nick to fill.



Christmas Cantata: first practice is at 1:30 p.m. at the UMC this Sunday! Two other practices to follow. This is a cantata that anyone can sing in! You do NOT need a professional voice! Please consider adding yours to the chorus. It is to be a musical gift to the community. The performance will be on December 16th at 2:00 p.m. at the UMC.



CERV Christmas collection: We are collecting hats, mittens or gloves, and socks for children ages 1 through 16 years (no baby sizes). Please bring your donations to church this Sunday and the next two. They will be brought to CERV to be distributed to area children for Christmas on December 16.

December 9th Second Sunday of Advent - Candle of Peace



"St. Nicholas Day" – No, it isn't really (that day is the 6th of Dec., but we aren't in church that day). The children will hear the story of St. Nicholas (the patron saint of children) and also find treats that have been put in their shoes left the week before.



Greening the church and Decorating the tree: We will have a shortened service to allow for decorating our beautiful tree (many thanks to Debbie Maloney-Evans and Peter Evans). We will also be putting the candles and greens (thank you Southworths) in the windows.

Note: 9:00 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8th: please help us cut greens and get the baskets filled so they can be put out Sunday. The more helping hands we have, the faster it will get done. We will also need to set up the crèche. Debbie and Peter will be setting up the tree in the sanctuary, too.

December 16th Third Sunday of Advent – Candle of Joy



“The Christmas story” - The children will hear the Christmas story during Children’s Time so they will become more familiar with it. Hopefully, they may come to know it better than the ones they watch on television.

Instead of the Third Sunday Potluck, following worship, we will share each other’s favorite Christmas goodies/treats with hot chocolate and coffee during a special Coffee Hour. There will also be 2 or 3 tables set up with craft projects for those wishing to make a decoration for the church tree, or for you to take home and put on your own tree. We are lucky to be having Peggy Plumley show us 1 or 2 options, and Pastor Sherry will show us how to make a simple folded star to put in a window.



Christmas Cantata: At 2:00 p.m. come to the United Methodist Church to hear a cantata written by Evie Doyon and sung by people in our wider community.



CERV winter clothing collection: This is the last day we will be collecting hats, mittens or gloves, and socks. They will be given to local children through CERV. Thank you everyone!

December 23rd Fourth Sunday of Advent – Candle of Love



Children’s Presentation: The last Sunday of Advent is the one we usually have the children act out a Christmas play. This year we are hoping to do something a little different and incorporate music. We recognize that families are busy, and sometimes parents can’t get to church every Sunday to practice. IF you know you will be in church on this Sunday, PLEASE let Laura know so she can plan. Last Sunday the children will have heard the story of Christmas and so they should be familiar enough with the story to participate in a simple presentation.

Note: There won’t be a coffee hour this Sunday.

December 24th – Christmas Eve



Candlelight Christmas Eve service: Plan on joining us for our annual Candlelight Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. Please see Pastor Sherry if you would like to do one of the readings. Speak to Dan Bruce if you are interested in joining in the choir during this holiday season. Perhaps you are too busy to commit to full-time choir participation, but the month of December is doable. Christmas Eve is holy and special. Our worship service reflects this with beautiful music, beloved Bible readings, and the awe of standing in a candlelit circle singing “Silent Night” with our neighbors, friends, and family.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

(Focus passages in **bold print**)

DATE	SUNDAY	Lectionary Readings (Scriptures)	Theme
Dec 2	1 st Sunday of Advent, Year C (blue)	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	“Sign of Things to Come”
Dec 9	2 nd Sunday of Advent (blue)	Malachi 3:1-4 (Baruch 5:1-9) Luke 1:68-79 Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6	“Make Ready”
Dec 16	3 rd Sunday of Advent (blue)	Zephania 3:14-20 Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18	“Look Forward”
Dec 23	4 th Sunday of Advent (blue)	Micah 5:2-5a Psalm 80:1-7 or Luke 1:46b-55 Philippians 2:14-18 Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)	“Moving with Mary’s Song”
Dec 30	1 st Sunday after Christmas (white)	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Psalm 148 Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 2:41-52	“Who is This Child?”
Jan 6	Epiphany (white)	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12	“Where is the Child?”
Jan 13	The Baptism of Christ 1 st Sunday after Epiphany (green))	Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	“Affirmed by Love”
Jan 20	2 nd Sunday after Epiphany	Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11	“Extravagant Sign”
Jan 27	3 rd Sunday after Epiphany (green)	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21	“Good News, Good Ways”



Bible Study takes place from 8:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m. at the home of Bev and John Knox at 41 Washington Street. All are welcome to join in on thoughtful (sometimes lively!) discussions on the upcoming Sunday's lectionary readings, which can be seen in the calendar above. **During Advent a Devotional time will also take place.** We are reading and discussing a series of meditations, *Come, Lord Jesus*. See Pastor Sherry to purchase a copy of the Advent Devotional book.

Hospitality Calendar

If you can assist with this important church ministry and are willing to usher or greet on a given Sunday morning please contact Mary McDaniel and she will gladly schedule you for a Sunday worship service. Your help is greatly appreciated and needed. Thank you.

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Deacon in charge</u>
DECEMBER			
2	Harriet Hirst & Marilyn Bruce	Marilyn Bruce & Harriet Hirst	Howard's
9	Bettie Gray & Carol Prior	Jerry Mulcahy & Walter Plumley	Bev Knox
16	Bonnie Gayle & Laura Ranker	Lauren and Judy Howard	Karen Taylor
23	Walter and Luke Plumley	Mary McDaniel & Bettie Gray	Bettie Gray
24	TBD	TBD	Laura Ranker
30	Joe and Mary McDaniel	Bev and John Knox	Howard's
JANUARY 2019			
6	Annalill Crain & Bettie Gray	Jerry Mulcahy and Shea Martin	
13	Marilyn Bruce & Mary McDaniel	Walter and Luke Plumley	
20	Bonnie Gayle & Harriet Hirst	John and Bev Knox	
27	Shea Martin & Luke Plumley	Lauren and Judy Howard	



Your help is needed - Please take a turn hosting a coffee hour. Signup sheet is in Howe's Hall. Deacon in charge will start coffee & tea water. Anyone, on any given Sunday, wishing to bring a food item to share during the coffee hour is welcome to do so.

“Open and Affirming”



The United Church of Northfield ONA Committee is finalizing the final draft of the church open and affirming covenant. Upon completion of the final draft, the covenant will be made available to the congregation for review and input. The UCN Open and Affirming Covenant will be warned as an agenda item for action at the United Church of Northfield Annual Meeting held in February.

The U.C.C. (United Church of Christ) uses this term as the official designation for those churches in that denomination who affirm the full inclusion of lesbians, gays, bi-sexual, and transgender (LGBT) persons in the church's life and ministry. Similarly, our sister denomination, the Unitarian Universalist Association, affirms their welcome to all people, but currently do not have a designation.

The Stewardship Campaign and Pledge Drive Is Underway

On November 18 the church kicked off the annual Stewardship Campaign and Pledge Drive with a pie coffee hour and special presentations by members of the Stewardship Committee. Peter Evans provided a power point presentation on the “Year in Review” highlighting events of this past year and looking ahead to what the church wishes to accomplish in 2019 and beyond. Church Treasurer Lauren Howard provided and explained basic budget information. Pledge drive materials were handed out and those not in attendance received materials by mail. Completed Time and Talent Sheets and Pledge Cards will be collected or can be mailed back to the church. Please return the materials by December 31, 2018.

Below is the letter from Pastor Sherry.

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November 10, 2018

Dear friends of the United Church of Northfield,

As I begin my letter this year for our Stewardship drive, I can still smell the pot of seafood chowder that my husband is heating up on the stove for supper. It is what is left of the pot I made for our Soup Luncheon that took place in Howe’s Hall Saturday, the 10th of November. He was so happy he was going to be able to have some for supper because I hadn’t let him have only a cupful the night I made it. I wanted to make sure there was a potful for our luncheon! He even complained about it to Judy Howard when he brought the pot in on Saturday morning! We did come back together to have lunch and I did some Christmas shopping at the Bazaar. Howe’s Hall was warm and busy (and smelled good!), the parking lot was full, and people seemed happy to be there. That always seems to be the case whenever we do something in Howe’s Hall that includes involvement of the wider community. Our Coffee Hours are now getting to be quite popular—we plan on having two a year. Various groups in wider Northfield and Northfield Falls find we have a good space for: training programs, Scouts meetings, preschool parent/child programs, supplemental home-schooling classes, dance-fitness classes, AA, and of course our own use of the Hall for receptions, celebrations, and potlucks. All of that activity isn’t specifically faith-based of course. In fact, most of what the outside groups are doing has nothing to do with any religion. That doesn’t matter.

“Church” isn’t just about worshipping God for an hour on Sunday morning. Yes, that time is precious, feeds us, reorients us weekly (for some of us anyway). If that is all we use our building for, however, we’ll soon have to close our doors. And I don’t think God wants that to happen at all. I don’t think that is at all what he intended we do as a faithful people. As Christians, as followers of Christ, we are to show care, compassion, and love to all people. If we only do that within our own little group, and within our own four walls—well, that isn’t very Christ-like. Instead, we in the United Church of Northfield think it better to invite outside groups to use our space for all the good things they are doing. Maybe once and awhile someone will come back on a Sunday morning and worship with us. At the least, they’ll remember the warmth of our hosting them—that that is something we really like to do.

Over the past year many of us have noticed our fewer numbers. We do have younger families who are warmly welcomed. Their lives are so busy: both parents work, and the children have certain activities or sports they are involved in that take place on Sunday mornings. It’s important, however, that their parents hold firm in the importance of attending worship for it can be a guide post once they are teens and young adults. I think our times now and into an unknown future, will need morally strong people. With fewer people in our pews, we need to recommit ourselves to this church we love. Some of us can no longer give as we have in the past—whether that is of time, or money. Hopefully others will step in. Occasionally we receive a generous gift from a family who used to attend our church, but has moved away. These gifts always help, but by their very nature we cannot

(must not) use that money indiscriminately just to pay our regular bills. That money has to go to a planned long-term account to ensure we have a viable future.

That brings me to this letter. Sunday, November 18th, will be our “Thanksgiving Sunday.” Food stuffs we have collected will be blessed and brought to CERV’s food shelf. During Coffee Hour, which will be a “pie potluck” event, Peter Evans will be showing slides of things we have done in the past year. Some of you can’t be there because of distance, health, or other commitments. You will be there, however, in spirit: thanked for your generosity in our prayers and in our hearts. Your continued support is greatly needed. We are grateful for your contributions for they have made it possible for our doors to be open—whether they are the outside doors through which people come through to go upstairs to worship on a Sunday morning, or to walk downstairs to an activity taking place in Howe’s Hall.

We are grateful you remain active in our church, even though it may be in different ways at this time in your lives. You are each precious to the ministry of The United Church of Northfield.  
Thank you.

In Christ,  
Sherry Baer  
Pastor, United Church of Northfield

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## NOTES FROM THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

### December, 2018

This past Fall we held another “Coffee House” evening, and it was another wonderfully fun evening. Many performers were returning folks who had had a really good time in our previous evenings. Our Master of Ceremonies, Peter Evans, kept things flowing smoothly—introducing people, and sharing our plans for Howe’s Hall which we hope will become a much-loved resource for the Northfield community. Many nonprofit organizations use it during the week currently, and we hope more will in the future. The music was great! The coffee superb (thanks always to the Carrier Coffee company of Northfield). Stay tuned for another Coffee House in early Spring!

This Christmas season we, along with other local churches and organizations, are collecting items of winter clothing for CERV who will be handing them out to families before Christmas. Our church is asking for donations of mittens, gloves, hats and socks for children age 1 up to age 16.

On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, several of us went to Westminster to visit Kurn Hattin Children’s Homes. We have committed to help them with a yearly donation. While there we were treated to a wonderful music program, toured the campus, met some of the children, and had a delicious lunch. We look forward to getting to know them better.

The Missions Committee is very active. We meet monthly, usually the second Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. at the parsonage. Join us—bring your ideas of ways to be Christ’s message.

*UCN Missions Committee: Bettie Gray, Mary McDaniel, Bonnie Gayle, Harriet Hirst, Jerry Mulcahy, Beverly Tucker, Pastor Sherry Baer*

# NOTES FROM THE DEACONS

The deacons met on November 28<sup>th</sup> to plan for this season of Advent and Christmas. We began a few “traditions” several years ago, that we still like to continue. One of those is telling the story of a saint (a good person who lived a long time ago and who is known now for something special). No, we don’t recognize them as “Saints” with a capital “S,” as in some Christian denominations, but we do think it is good for children to hear of Christian people who did good deeds and now have a place historically. So...on the first Sunday of Advent, the children place a shoe on the floor in front of the altar. The second Sunday they hear the story of the good St. Nicholas and they are excited to find treats in their shoes. The first Sunday this year they will be learning about Hanukkah since it is also the first day of that Jewish holiday. We’ve also shared the story of St. Lucia and a child has walked down the aisle to light the candles wearing a halo of candle lights. It is the third Sunday we have our sharing of Christmas cookies for a special Coffee Hour. The fourth Sunday is one we usually reserve for the children’s Christmas pageant. Some years we have a real baby to be the baby Jesus—but this year not. This is always a fluid presentation because we never know for sure who will arrive to be the actors (parents and children are so busy even on Sunday mornings now). Laura Ranker has to be flexible and she is a master at it! We are so thankful for her dedication.

For the adults, there is a study group that meets on Thursday mornings at the Knox’s on Washington St. at 8:30 a.m. We are reading and discussing a series of meditations, *Come, Lord Jesus*. We may fit in some of the lectionary readings, too. For those interested, see the “SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE” in this newsletter. The deacons are busy each Sunday. There are the paraments to be changed each season, the candles to be checked (are their wicks all set?), the hymn numbers to be put up, the sound system turned on, and the pews checked for Kleenex boxes, Bibles, and hymnals in place in each pew. You may not even notice, but they do. And we are thankful. This season of Advent and Christmas they hold all of us in their thoughts, and in their prayerful work. They help plan with the Pastor, meaningful worship for each of us. If you are drawn to this, please speak to a deacon or Pastor Sherry. We will be needing 1 or 2 new deacons in the new year.



## The Candles of the Advent Wreath

(3 purple, 1 rose/pink, 1 white)

Taken from Mary Fairchild

Updated July 20, 2018

**Candle of Hope:** This purple candle is called the "Prophecy Candle" and recalls the prophets, particularly Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Jesus Christ. It represents hope or expectation of the coming Messiah.

**Candle of Peace:** This purple candle is called the "Angels Candle," It represents peace.

**Candle of Joy:** On the third Sunday of Advent, the pink (or rose) candle is lit. This Sunday is called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word meaning "rejoice." The change from purple to pink signifies the transition in season from repentance to celebration. The pink candle is called the "Shepherds Candle" and represents joy.

**Candle of Love:** This purple candle is called the "Bethlehem Candle. This candle represents love and symbolizes Christ's manger.

**Christ candle:** Traditionally, on Christmas Eve, the white center candle is lit. This "Christ Candle" represents the life of Jesus Christ that has come to light the world. It represents purity.

## **NEWS and Announcements**



**VT CHRISTIAN MUSIC CHRISTMAS SHOW** - featuring AUSTIN FRENCH (Freedom Hymn, Born Again) BEN LAINE (I Am Here), with local favorites JESSIE LYNN & GREGORY ROSE, and THOMAS "JAZZOU" JONES. This event will be **Saturday December 15, 2018 – 7PM at North Avenue Alliance Church, Burlington VT.** Tickets range from \$15 to \$25/each and can be purchased online at [www.vtchristianmusic.com](http://www.vtchristianmusic.com)



**NORTHFIELD FOOD SHELF (NFS) DONATIONS NEEDED:** **Featured Items: The food shelf is in need of Peanut Butter, Jelly, jams, and tuna fish.** Please place non-perishable food items in the grocery cart located in the sanctuary of the church. Your support of this vital community program is greatly needed and appreciated. Other welcomed non-perishable items are: boxed meals: Macaroni & Cheese, Hamburger Helper, pasta and rice, etc.; canned fruit and vegetables; dried fruits and nuts; canned meat/fish items - beef, pork, chicken, tuna, salmon, sardines; cereals-all varieties; canned soups and chili; rice, pasta and pasta sauces; diapers- all sizes; pet food-all varieties. If, at any time, you or someone you know needs food, please contact Wendy Rea at the Northfield Savings Bank. Her number is (802) 485-5202. She will arrange for someone to meet you at the Food Shelf.

**Note: Volunteers are really needed at the Food Shelf. If you can help, please speak with Wendy Rea at the Northfield Savings Bank (802)485-5202.**

CERV Food Shelf Hours: Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Monday 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. and **Thursday 9:00 -10:00 a.m.** The Food Shelf is located at 31 Dog River Drive, next to the Rescue Squad/Ambulance building and Town Recycle Center. **Note new hours on Thursdays.**

CERV Clothing Shelf: Open Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Contact: Mary at 485-8912. The clothing shelf is now located at the basement of the Town Office Building, 51 South Main Street.



**THURSDAY'S COMMUNITY DINNER:** The Community suppers held at the United Methodist parish are on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, which means they will be held at 6 p.m. on **December 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.** The first dinner of the month's meal is prepared by the U.M.C. and the second by us. St. John's Catholic Church provides desserts for both meals. If you can help with meal preparation and/or set-up, please see Harriet Hirst, who has wonderfully coordinated this effort for a few years now. We thank her very much for taking this mission under her wing. Come and join us for a delicious meal and fun conversation. Meet your neighbors!



### **Ecumenical Music Event**

**CANTATA OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY** written by Evie Doyon.

Shared by the United Methodist Church, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, and United Church of Northfield. Performance will be on December 16, 2018 at 2 p.m. at the United Methodist Church.

Two ways to participate:

**As a singer** – practices will take place on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 p.m. and Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

**As a listener** – come and enjoy the performance on December 16, 2018 at 2 p.m. at the United Methodist Church.

Refreshments will be served following the performance. Donations of holiday cookies and beverages to share are welcomed. Please consider joining in—it would be a gift to the community (or just to ourselves!). Contact Pastor Sherry Baer if you are interested in participating in the performance as a singer from the United Church.



# **You are invited to a Program of Christmas Music**

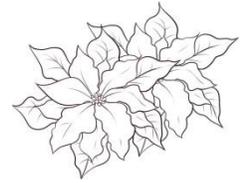
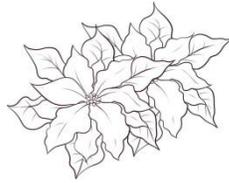
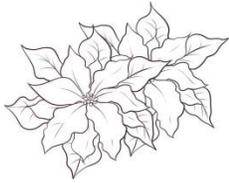
written by Evie Doyon  
and performed by singers from  
the Northfield United Methodist Parish,  
United Church of Northfield,  
and St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

**Sunday, December 16**  
**2:00 p.m.**

**at the Northfield United Methodist Church,  
152 South Main Street, Northfield VT**

**Come hear the Christmas story in song!  
All are welcome.**

Free-will offering to support CERV.



## IT'S TIME TO ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS

Dear Friends and Members of the United Church,

As the holidays are approaching, we are planning ahead to order our poinsettias from the florist. We hope to grace the church with the beauty of several poinsettias. Each poinsettia will cost \$13.50 a plant this year.

If you wish to participate in the purchase of one or more poinsettias, please fill out the form and a check and send it/or give it to Beverly Knox; mailing address 41 Washington Street, Northfield, Vermont, 05663 **BY DECEMBER 14, 2018.** Please put a note on the bottom of the check for poinsettia(s). Thank you.

*Beverly Knox*

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### POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS:

**THE PRICE OF A 6" STANDARD SIZE PLANT IS \$13.50**

**I/WE WISH TO HAVE \_\_\_\_\_ POINSETTIA(S)**

**IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_**

**IN THANKSGIVING FOR \_\_\_\_\_**

**OR IN CELEBRATION OF \_\_\_\_\_**

**COLOR CHOICE:** (check off which color(s) you are ordering)

**RED \_\_\_\_\_ PINK \_\_\_\_\_ WHITE \_\_\_\_\_ MARBLE \_\_\_\_\_ NOVELTY \_\_\_\_\_**

**PLEASE CHECK OFF WHETHER YOU WANT TO KEEP YOUR POINSETTIA(S)  
OR GIVE IT TO SOMEONE IN THE NURSING HOME.**

**I WISH TO KEEP THE POINSETTIA(S):** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**I WISH TO GIVE THE POINSETTIA(S) TO THE NURSING HOME:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE'S OF PERSON PURCHASING THE POINSETTIA(S)**

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