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NH WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP  
**WOMEN'S LINK**

SPRING 2020

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**NHCUCC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SPRING GATHERING 2020**

*THE NEW NORM OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN*

**UNITED CHURCH OF WARNER**

**43-45 East Main Street, Warner NH 03278-0203**

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**INTERIM PASTOR: REV. WAYNE W. SANTOS**

**Saturday, April 25, 2020**

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE):**

9:30.....Registration and coffee. Set up White Elephant Tables.

10:00.....Welcome: Rev. Wayne W. Santos, Warner

.....Worship with communion: Rev. Wayne W. Santos

11:00.....Speaker: **Debbie Gline Allen** .....**UNDERSTANDING LIFE CHANGES**

12:00.....Lunch, fellowship, White Elephant Table (includes crafts and baked goods)

1:00.....Business (introduce slate of officers) (Outstanding Woman Presentation)  
(Celebration XI) (secretary's report) (financial report) (any other business to  
come before the members)

1:30 & 2:25.....Speaker A: **Rev. Dr. Robert Shore-Goss** .....**UNDERSTANDING CLIMATE CHANGE**

1:30 & 2:25.....Speaker B: **Maggie Fogarty** .....**UNDERSTANDING IMMIGRATION**

.....Closing (around 3:30)

**PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS:** Margie Kreitler, Chair; Hollis Thompson, Vice Chair; Diane Wells, Treasurer; Claudia Wright, Secretary. We need a corresponding secretary. Are Y-O-U interested in joining the Board as corresponding secretary? This person would be responsible for carrying out all necessary correspondence (especially writing thank you notes) and assisting the recording secretary and chair.

**WHITE ELEPHANT TABLE AT SPRING GATHERING**

There will be a White Elephant table (including crafts and baked goods) at the Spring Gathering in Warner NH. Please bring an item or two, if you can. **THIS IS NOT A RUMMAGE SALE.** The money raised goes to help the NHCUCS State Women's Fellowship's treasury to run both the Spring and Fall Gatherings, as well as provide some scholarship money for women who attend events like the Celebrations held every four years or our own Retreats held every couple of years. We also help our board members attend the Women Leader of New England events—the group that sponsors and plans Celebrations.

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**DEBBIE GLINE ALLEN**—UNDERSTANDING LIFE CHANGES—Debbie Gline Allen is a Commissioned Minister of Christian Formation in the United Church of Christ. She currently serves as the Associate for Faith Formation & Youth Ministries for the Southern New England Conference United Church of Christ. Over the past 35 years, she has served in five local congregations, on two UCC conference staffs, and has written for three UCC-based curriculum resources. She is passionate about guiding congregations in ensuring that their children are nurtured in the Christian faith through corporate worship and intentional intergenerational relationships. In today's rapidly changing church and secular cultures, our young families require new methods of engagement with the church—a challenge that she enjoys pursuing. Debbie lives in Derry, New Hampshire, with her spouse, two sons, and beloved cat.

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**REV. DR. ROBERT SHORE-GOSS**—UNDERSTANDING CLIMATE CHANGE—Rev. Dr. Bob Shore-Goss is a retired UCC clergy/theologian. He chairs the Green Team of the Federated Church, Marlborough NH, which has applied to a UCC Creation Justice Church after its congregational meeting. 2020. He has served on the UCC Environmental Justice Council for four years. He received a Th.D. from Harvard University in Comparative Religion and Christian Theology. Rev. Shore-Goss pastored MCC United Church of Christ, North Hollywood, that was named the first Creation Justice Church of the UCC. He received 2011 Green Oscar from California Interfaith Power and Light for Climate Advocacy. He is the author of *God is Green: An Eco-Spirituality of Incarnate Compassion* (2016). His second eco-theological book, *The Insurgency of the Spirit: Animist Liberation Theology in an Era of Empire, and Climate Catastrophe* (Summer 2020) Web site: [www.mischievousspiritandtheology.com](http://www.mischievousspiritandtheology.com).

Workshop: Climate Change, Resurrection Christ the Gardener and Francis of Assisi as Healthy Models—This workshop focuses on developing a healthy relationship of Earthcare inspired by Christ the Gardener and St. Francis of Assisi. It requires developing a creation-centered spirituality as the first step for facing climate change.

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**MAGGIE FOGARTY**—UNDERSTANDING IMMIGRATION—Maggie Fogarty is the Co-Director of the NH Program for the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC). Her work includes organizing, coalition-building, and advocacy for immigrant rights, affordable housing, tenant and worker rights and ending homelessness.

She coordinates NH Voices of Faith and the NH Immigrant Rights Network and is co-director of the NH Immigrant Visitation Program at the Strafford County jail. Maggie was a founding member of Housing Action NH and served for many years on the boards of the Concord Coalition to End Homelessness and New American Africans.

Maggie has worked for AFSC-NH since 2007. She lives with her family in Dover, New Hampshire.

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REGISTRATION FORM for NHCUCC Women's Fellowship 2020 Spring Gathering. \$12-  
registration includes lunch—Make checks payable to: **NHCUCC Women's Fellowship**. Mail  
registrations and checks by **April 10** to Trudie Bergeron, 46 Nantucket Place, Greenland NH  
03840. Questions? Please contact Trudie at [TrudieGlenn@yahoo.com](mailto:TrudieGlenn@yahoo.com) or 603-828-4200 (leave  
a message).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Street/City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact—name and telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs? If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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**DIRECTIONS TO THE UNITED CHURCH OF WARNER**

The church is located at 43 East Main Street, Warner NH 03278 (Route 103).

From Concord NH interstate 93 south to 89 north (about 20 miles) to **EXIT 8**. At the end of  
ramp turn left. Then turn right at the stop sign (Route 103). It is about one mile to the church  
on the right.

From Lebanon NH interstate 89 south to **EXIT 9**. Turn left at the end of the ramp (Route 103).  
Go half way around the circle staying on (Route 103). It is about one and a half mile to the  
church on the left.

Any questions, call or e-mail Roxanne Smith 603-456-3537 or [rd95rasmith@tds.net](mailto:rd95rasmith@tds.net).

**SAVE THE DATE**

**NHCUCC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP FALL GATHERING**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020**

**BRISTOL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**15 CHURCH STREET, BRISTOL NH 03222-0424**

**603-744-8132**

**[BRISTOLUCC@MYFAIRPOINT.NET](mailto:BRISTOLUCC@MYFAIRPOINT.NET)**

**[PASTORBUCC@MYFAIRPOINT.NET](mailto:PASTORBUCC@MYFAIRPOINT.NET)**

**PASTOR: REV. ANDREW MACLEOD**



## **“NEW NORM OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN”**

### **NHCUCC Women’s Fellowship Spring Gathering 2020**

**Speaker:** Debbie Gline Allen “Understanding Life Changes”

Workshops: A. “Understanding Climate Change”-Rev. Dr. Bob Shore-Goss

B. “Understanding Immigrants: Maggie Fogarty

**April 25, 2020**

**9:30 AM to 3:30 PM**

**United Church of Warner**

**43-45 East Main Street, Warner, NH**

**UCWarner.org**



**Cost is \$12 which includes lunch**

**Registrations due April 10<sup>th</sup> Make checks payable to NHCUCC Women’s Fellowship**

**Mail to Trudie Bergeron at 46 Nantucket Place Greenland, NH 03840**

**Questions? Contact Trudie at 603-828-4200**

**Or email [trudieglenn@yahoo.com](mailto:trudieglenn@yahoo.com)**

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**OUTSTANDING WOMAN RECOGNITION**  
**Lee Miller, Chair of Outstanding Woman Committee**

Every church has someone who seems to be the “backbone” of her church. You know... the ones who are in the kitchen, organizing the rummage sale or the bazaar, working in the food pantry or soup kitchen, stuffing the envelopes or folding the newsletter, filling in for the secretary, and staffing the serving line at all the receptions. They are the ones who dust and clean out the refrigerators or just pitch in where needed. They also take their turns in holding church offices as deacons and Sunday School teachers; they serve on the Boards of Missions, Stewardship, Trustees, and Women’s Groups; and they organize prayer groups and/or study groups, etc.

At every Spring Gathering we like to recognize these wonderful women for their faithfulness and dependability. There is a nomination application form below for you to nominate one of your own. Please write a brief statement of why you feel she should be recognized.

At the next Spring Gathering, we will honor some of our outstanding women who live their faith every day in their churches and communities, but we need your help to identify them.

Please e-mail your nominations by April 1, 2020, to [TrudieGlenn@yahoo.com](mailto:TrudieGlenn@yahoo.com). If necessary, snail mail to **Trudie Bergeron**, 46 Nantucket Place, Greenland NH 03840.

Questions? Please call Lee Miller at 603-436-9469.

**Please mail early; do not wait until the deadline!**

**APPLICATION FOR OUTSTANDING WOMAN RECOGNITION**

I/We \_\_\_\_\_

of \_\_\_\_\_ Church

Address \_\_\_\_\_

would like to recommend \_\_\_\_\_

Her address: \_\_\_\_\_

from my/our church to be recognized at the NHCUCC Women’s Fellowship Spring Gathering.

Will this person be able to attend the Spring Gathering on April 25, 2020, at the United Church of Warner? Please circle: Yes / No **Someone from your church MUST BE present to accept award if the Outstanding Woman is not present.**

Please give a brief summary of why you recommend this woman—Use a separate sheet.

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Note: If your church has not yet made a contribution to the NH Women’s Fellowship, please consider doing so. Make checks payable to NHCUCC Women’s Fellowship.
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Please send articles, book reviews, and other information to LINK editor: Trudie Bergeron, 46 Nantucket Place, Greenland NH 03840; E-mail: <a href="mailto:TrudieGlenn@yahoo.com">TrudieGlenn@yahoo.com</a> ; Cell: 603-828-4200.
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Take your mat and walk

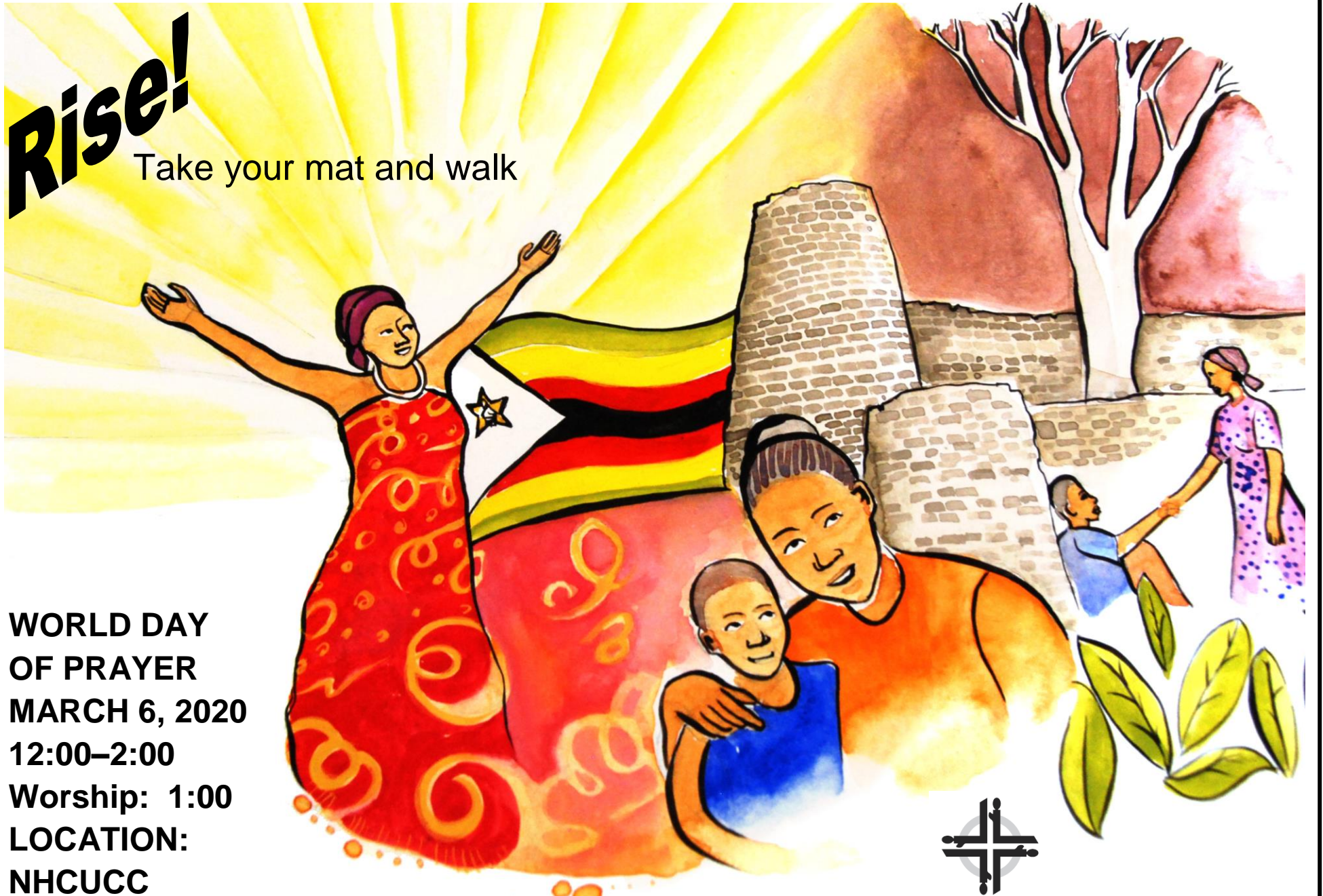
**WORLD DAY  
OF PRAYER  
MARCH 6, 2020  
12:00–2:00  
Worship: 1:00  
LOCATION:  
NHCUCC**

**140 SHEEP DAVIS ROAD  
PEMBROKE NH 03275**

Questions: Contact Margie Kreitler: [mvkreitler@gmail.com](mailto:mvkreitler@gmail.com) or 603-279-6150

Written by the WDP Committee of Zimbabwe

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**NHCUCC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP FALL RETREAT,  
CAMP SENTINEL TUFTONBORO, NH, SEPTEMBER 2019**

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**BY**

**THE REV. DR. DEBORAH ROOF  
FIRST PARISH, EAST DERRY NH**

In September 2019, my wife, Liz Greenberg and I had the honor and pleasure of presenting at the fall retreat at beautiful Camp Sentinel in Tuftonboro NH. Our theme for the weekend was mindfulness, simplicity, and gratitude. Liz is a certified SoulCollage® facilitator and I am a Veriditas-trained Labyrinth facilitator. We both believe that we are spiritual beings walking a human path. We know our lives have a purpose, but we may not know what that purpose is, let alone how to find it. These techniques can often reveal what our conscious mind isn't ready to admit.

Both the labyrinth and the SoulCollage® processes can be used as tools of inner process work leading to transformation, which in kind can help us navigate the confusion of life and its many challenges. They both give us ways to access our own inner resources and intuition. Using one of them alone will make a difference in your life, but used together they amplify and deepen each other because they are both languages of the soul. They enable us to access our inner world and deepen our understanding of ourselves as we journey on this path called life. Both processes allow us to create a sense of order out of the information that bombards us from all directions, and both encourage us to develop a higher level of awareness which enables us to thrive in the complex and ever-changing world in which we live.

Liz and I have been working with these soul languages for several years. Each of us has certification in one process, as well as a working knowledge and experience in the other process. Both of us have studied with Catherine Anderson who is a leading presenter in both, as well as being an accomplished photographer.

It was such a joy to share these transformational tools with the women of NH at Camp Sentinel. Thank you for inviting us! Both of us are available to present workshops or retreats—together or separately at your church or retreat. Just let us know. You can reach me at [pastordebora@fpc-ucc.org](mailto:pastordebora@fpc-ucc.org).

Blessings and Peace,  
Pastor Deborah

(The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof is Senior Pastor and Teacher at First Parish Congregational Church, UCC in East Derry NH. Her wife, Liz Greenberg, is a Licensed Mental Health professional currently on staff at C.R.E.A.T.E. in Manchester NH.)

**SPRING GATHERING—FALL GATHERING—OVERNIGHT RETREAT**

When was the last time your women's group or church hosted a Gathering for the NHCUCC Women's Fellowship? Maybe you have never hosted, but would like to. We need a place for our Spring Gathering 2021. We will hold another overnight retreat in the fall of 2021. Questions? Contact Margie Kreitler at [mvkreitler@gmail.com](mailto:mvkreitler@gmail.com) or 603-279-6150.



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**WOMEN'S LINK**  
**NH Women's Fellowship**

Next NHCUCC Women's Fellowship Board meeting is on  
Friday, March 6, 2020, at 10:30 a.m.  
at the Conference Center, 140 Sheep Davis Road, Pembroke NH  
Everyone welcome!

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020, 12:00 NOON**  
at the Conference Center, 140 Sheep Davis Road, Pembroke NH  
World Day of Prayer Worship Service at 1:00. Everyone welcome!

Fall Gathering—Wednesday, October 14, 2020—Bristol NH  
Celebration XI—March 18–20, 2022—Manchester NH