



HOLIDAY EVENTS FOR FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT

DECEMBER 3rd AT 4 PM- Acoustic Worship, an alternative way to worship together. What a joy it's been to raise our voices in song, hearing God's Good News and sharing time in fellowship. Pastor Michael on guitar and banjo.

DECEMBER 5TH FROM 9 AM TO 4 PM-We welcome the Springfield Garden Club's Pop Up Market - fresh greens made up into Christmas decorations for the table or on the door. This is a major fundraising event for them to support all that they do for our town.

LATER THAT DAY FROM 4PM TO 6 PM-Cocoa and Cookies served to our neighbors as they join in an all town event welcoming Santa who arrives on the Square at 6 pm.

DECEMBER 7TH AT 3 PM-Springfield Community Chorus Holiday Concert-SHOUT FOR JOY. A program of lyrical winter and lively holiday music, concluding with an invitation to sing along with carols and the "Hallelujah Chorus. Donations are appreciated.

DECEMBER 10TH AT 7 PM-A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF SONG AND STORY with Gypsy Reel and their guest Jon Clinch. You'll enjoy modern Christmas favorites, beloved carols, traditional Celtic instrumentals, and a few unexpected surprises, too. In between, Jon will share a favorite passage or two from Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* and his own award-winning companion novel, *Marley*. Free will offering.

DECEMBER 18TH AT 2 PM- Blue Christmas/Longest Night service. This is an opportunity to recognize that Christmas can be a very difficult time for others and perhaps for yourself. The expectations, missing loved ones and busyness can be exhausting. Let this be a time for you.

DECEMBER 20TH FROM 10 AM – 3 PM-CHRISTMAS FOOD FESTIVAL in our Vestry. Food prepared and packaged for you for the holiday. Our church will have a table of baked goods. Think what you would like to contribute. Great hostess gifts!

DECEMBER 24TH AT 5PM –Christmas Eve Service. This is a family friendly service with songs, stories and expectation.