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1 Halifax Union Society announces diverse summer
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5 The Halifax Union Society will present a series of diverse
6 religious and spiritual gatherings every two weeks this summer
7 beginning Monday, June 7. Topics to be covered include
8 mindfulness, the influence of women in the English reformation,
9 beauty in nature, and religious perspectives on national affairs.
10 Gatherings will begin at 5 p.m. and will be followed by a social
11 hour at 6 p.m.

12 Union Society organizers say their group aims to provide
13 inspiration for daily living and a sense of community for people
14 who have gained from a variety of traditions and practices. The
15 Society has hosted interdenominational religious and secular
16 gatherings for 135 years.

17 On June 7 and 21, the Rev. Jon Heydenreich will lead
18 services focused on mindfulness. Heydenreich serves as pastor of
19 Trinity Lutheran Church in Brattleboro and writes the Mindful
20 Minute column in the *Brattleboro Reformer*. He is a graduate of
21 Princeton University and Duke Divinity School. In recent years,
22 his services at the Union Society have focused on finding
23 meaningful value in each moment and making positive
24 contributions in challenging conditions.

25 Upcoming events include:

26 • July 5: Brandeis University professor Ramie Targoff
27 discusses the influence of women on religious practice during the
28 English Reformation.

29 • July 19: Jane Wohl leads a Flower Communion service.
30 Bring a flower to share.

31 • Aug. 2: Wildlife photographer Dara Carleton leads a
32 program focused on reverence for nature.

33 • Aug. 16 and 30: The Rev. Bert Marshall focuses on the
34 role of religion in civic life.

35 The Union Society is at 44 Stowe Mountain Road in
36 Halifax, two miles south of the Halifax town office and school.
37 For further information, write to HalifaxUnionSociety@gmail.com
38 or find them on Facebook or Google Maps.

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