



First United Methodist Church

January, 2017

From the Pastor's Pen

learn to hear God's voice as we practice the skills of listening and being.

Dear Church Family,

My children and I are overwhelmed by your wonderful love, care, and generosity towards us this Christmas. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We are feeling the love of Jesus Christ from all of you! The days I have taken off have allowed me to savor precious time with my children, family, and loved ones! God has been so good this Advent and Christmas!

The ending of one year and the beginning of a new year offers us a special opportunity to reflect on all that God has been doing in our midst and to dream big with God about what God is leading us to discover and do next! Our lives prosper when we seek to align our will and desire to God's will and desire for us.

Prayer is the foundation of our discernment process with God. An ongoing conversation with God like you have with your best friend, a natural flow of speaking and listening, and companionable silences together, enjoying quality time. We hear from God as we spend time reading the Bible, engaging in asking questions of God and the Biblical texts. We learn about God's desires through the lives of the people in the Bible and through the lives of God's people past and present. We hear God in the midst of worship and in the conversations in our families. God is constantly communicating with us and we

We have a service of prayer every Wednesday Noon to 12:30 in the Sanctuary. Peaceful music is playing in the background to help us center in God's loving presence, letting go of the stress of the day, and being gently held by God. When it seems appropriate we pray for what comes to mind and touch upon our church, community, Annual Conference, Bishop, Denomination, politics, situations around the world, and anything that is on your heart and mind. Following the service I am available to listen and talk. On the rare occasions that I'm away on Wednesdays Ann Westervelt or another prayer team member will be on hand to facilitate the service.

Throughout the week the Sanctuary is a wonderful space to be in to be quiet with God. Friday mornings are always a treat when Grace practices on the organ!

My prayer for all of us in 2017 is that we deepen our lives of prayer and truly become the people of God through whom God will do amazing things that will transform the life of our church and community!

Peace, Love, and Blessings!
Pastor Scott Tyler



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Now That's A Bright Idea



January bring election of officers, welcoming our newest member, Scott Manning and discussions of budgets and planning. Income from the trust account is about the same as last year. We will be paying back the loan we took last year to finish the roofing project over the next three years at a little over \$3,000.00 per year.

This year we plan some smaller projects around the church, some updates to the parsonage, and some in-house work by your Trustees. Right now the Thrift Shop is closed for renovations. We are taking down the room dividers and using them to replace the worn out ones in the Sunday school room.

Our first meeting of the year is always a long one. (If you're a trustee, prepare yourself!)

Every year I start off with a story or poem about being a Trustee. As a trustee, we must think of those who are to come, those who haven't been born yet, and those who haven't started their journey with Jesus yet. We do improvements, painting, wiring, replacing doors and windows not for us, but for the next generation.

Our prayer this year must be to provide the best we can so that our faith can grow and the faith of those to come may last.

Bill Westervelt
Chair Trustees



Free Community Dinner

January 8, 2017

4:30-6:00pm

Come share!

Lasagna with salad,
& assorted desserts

All are welcome!

Donations are not
required, but are always
welcome.

This is a volunteer effort.

Your participation is welcome.

Book Club

The Book Club will meet
on the Second Monday of
January, the 9th, at 5:30 in
the UMW Lounge.

This month's book:
A Thousand Splendid Suns
by Khaled Hosseini

Watch the bulletin for
updates on the Spring
rehearsals for the
Champlain Valley
Chorale.

Happy Birthday

Jeannine Wright	January 4
Mary Thompson	January 4
Linnea Finland	January 11
MaryLou Greenough	January 11
Dick Barnwell	January 15
Leslie Anderson	January 23
Bill Westervelt	January 24
Ruth Barney	January 25
Gilda Namer	January 28
Beverly Sann	January 29

Family Corner

Happy Anniversary

Burley & Gayle Wells	January 14
Glen & MaryLou Greenough	January 15, 1955
Bob & Claire Bartlett	January 26

Adult Fellowship Potluck Dinner

January 23 at 6:30
A musical evening
with
Grace and Carole
Rolls by Carole B.
Dessert by Ann



May 2017 be filled
with wonder,
family, and
friendship.



Who's who at the Parsonage?

January 1
Epiphany &
New Year's Day

January 15
Human Relations Day
(offering)

January 16
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Twelfth Night

7:00pm
St. Mary's Church
Enjoy Christmas music
by local choirs



How to Have a Great New Year

Leave the old year with a burst of song.
Recall the right and forgive the wrong

Have enough strength to let go of the hold
On all the things past that have now grown old.

Go forth without a tear or a single fear
To the unknown of a brand new year.

Help your brother or sister down that road
To lighten their sometimes heavy load.

Smile and give a helping hand
to all you don't or can't understand.

Add your gift to the world of cheer
and you will have a great new year.

Elaine Buxton
Dec. 8, 2016



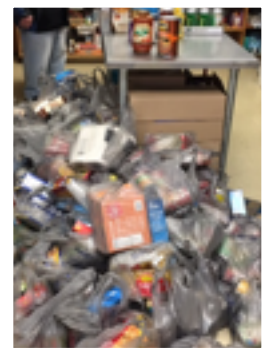
Wednesday
Prayer Service
12:00-12:30
Come to the Sanctuary
to renew your spirit
mid-week.
All are welcome.

Notes from
The Ticonderoga Food Pantry

Hours of operation:
**Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 11am-
Noon.**

Please be aware that filling a basket takes time, so don't arrive at the last minute.
Anyone seeking a food basket should bring a utility bill as proof of residency.

'Tis the season to
CRAM THE BUS!



A special delivery was made by the
Ticonderoga Track team, with the help of
supportive students.



The Food Pantry thanks everyone for their
generosity all year.

Thrift Shop News

The "holiday rush" was very evident at the Thrift Shop in December. Sales were excellent, and customers have been pleased by the many Christmas items we had this year. We had so many that they were 50% off for several weeks in December!

The shop will be closed for 2 weeks beginning December 31st for renovations in the main room as well as painting in both rooms. Carl Thatcher will be building a wall and putting in shelves in the "Treasures" and the sorting room. We are excited about the changes and hope you will stop in to see the new, improved Thrift Shop beginning January 18th.

If you are looking to get out of the house for a few hours over the winter, come join us. We have a wonderful group of volunteers, but we can always use your help as well:
 Selling days- Wednesday and Saturday 9-2,
 Sorting days- Mondays and Thursdays 9-12.

Welcome to our newest volunteers Wanita Blanchard & Marsha LaPointe

As we look back over the past year, there have been changes, but we feel a great sense of satisfaction. The shop is thriving, and continues to support both the church and Clergy Association with monthly contributions. In addition, our customers continue to praise our shop, its contents, and our dedicated volunteers.

The Thrift Shop Committee thanks you for your continued support, and wishes you many blessings in the coming year.

Thrift Shop Committee Members:

- Ellen Ellor, Committee Chairperson
- Jeanne Thatcher, Treasurer
- Joyce Barry, Assistant Treasurer
- Jeanne B. Thatcher, Trustees Representative
- Margot Anello, Joyce Barry, Stephanie Frazier,
- Beth Hanley, Betty Messier, Leona Simpson,
- Pam Thorne, Jeannine Wright
- and Rev. Scott Tyler

The Thrift Shop
will be closed for
renovations
December 31 -
January 14.

No donations will
be accepted
December 16 -
January 15.

"Blessed are they
who can laugh at
themselves for
they shall never
cease to be
amused."

Projected
Grand
Reopening!

January
18.

Watch the bulletin
for confirmation!

Thrift Shop Volunteers

Wednesday (9-2pm)		Saturday (9-2pm)	
4	Closed	7	Closed
11	Closed	14	Closed, but getting excited!
18	Betty R. & Margot	21	Carole P. & MaryLou
25	Carolyn & Jeannine	28	June, Lee, & Gloria

We Three Kings
 by John F. Hopkins, Jr
 Find the words below in the puzzle.



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|--------|-----------|---------|------------|----------|--------|--------|
| reign | westward | ceasing | forever | again | crown | gold |
| plain | mountain | beauty | royal | night | wonder | star |
| yonder | following | bright | moor | fountain | field | afar |
| never | leading | gifts | proceeding | bearing | guide | Orient |
| kings | three | light | perfect | | | |



Sing and Ring with gusto! Want to try? Stop by!

Wednesday Bell Choirs
 Children at 6:30, Adults at 7:30
 Chancel Choir Thursdays at 7:30

Help Wanted

Someone to supervise the Flowers on the Altar. Are you willing to step up when nobody signs up? Please contact Pastor Scott or call the office.

Happy New Year!

Thank you to all who left cards and gifts on my desk over the past few weeks. It is always nice when people stop by to say hello.

One big gift I particularly appreciate is the flexibility to take the time to attend special events like Emma's field trip to the Hancock House, and Family Mass. Thank you.

This was the first Christmas without all three of my kids. Patrick is still in Korea, but Quinn was able to come for a visit.

I'm celebrating the new year with a new job on Mondays- one aqua aerobics class at Vermont Sun in Middlebury. It's a lot of fun to be back on deck, and it gives me a chance to swim at least once a week. I'm working hard to improve my speed and distances, and look forward to getting back in Lake George. Anyone want to paddle or motor along for miles and hours? I'm hoping to do some serious marathon swims this summer, and can't do it alone. Feel free to let me know!

-- Bridget



Little Cubs will not meet in January, and may meet one Monday per month at some point. Stay tuned!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's & Epiphany 8:30 Worship, Communion 10:30 Worship, Communion, Sunday School, Coffee	2	3 Pastor Scott out of the office. 11:00 Range of Motion 11:30 Adult Coloring	4 Noon Prayer Service 6:30 Children's Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Bell Choir 7:30 Recovery, Int.	5 7:30 Chancel Choir	6 7:30 Men's & Women's Prayer Breakfasts in Silver Bay	7
8 Baptism of Jesus 8:30 Worship, Communion 10:30 Worship, Sunday School, Coffee 4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner	9 1:00 Finance 5:30 Book Club 6:30 Trustees	10 11:00 Range of Motion 11:30 Adult Coloring	11 Noon Prayer Service?? UMW Offices closed.	12 7:30 Chancel Choir	13	14 Counting down to the renovated Thrift Shop!
Pastor Scott away all week						
15 Human Relations Day 8:30 Worship, Communion 10:30 Worship, Sunday School, Coffee	16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Offices closed. 1:00 Ad Council	17 11:00 Range of Motion 11:30 Adult Coloring	18 9-2 Thrift Shop Noon Prayer Service 6:30 Children's Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Bell Choir 7:30 Recovery, Int.	19 12:30 Thrift Shop Comm. Meeting 7:30 Chancel Choir	20	21 9-2 Thrift Shop
22 8:30 Worship, Communion 10:30 Worship, Sunday School, Coffee	23 6:30 Adult Fellowship Potluck Dinner and Musical evening with Carole & Grace	24 11:00 Range of Motion 11:30 Adult Coloring	25 9-2 Thrift Shop Noon Prayer Service 6:30 Children's Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Bell Choir 7:30 Recovery, Int.	26 7:30 Chancel Choir	27	28 9-2 Thrift Shop
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1	Joyce Barry	
8	Jeanne Thatcher	Beth Hanley
15	Bill Westervelt	Betty Rettig
22	Ann Westervelt	Enid Bousfield
29	Donnie Norton	Sue Fahey

January	Acolytes	Coffee	Flowers
1	Yarr Tyler Linnea Finland	Please	Please
8	Victoria Sawyer Ruthie Finland	Sign	Sign
15	Alex Finland Zyleen Tyler	Up	Up
22	Roger Sawyer Yarr Tyler		For
29	Xann Tyler Victoria Sawyer	Family Coffee	Flowers

New Member Classes:

Please contact Pastor Scott Tyler at 585-7995 if you are interested in joining the church as a new member.