

# First United Methodist Church

## January, 2018

Dear Friends,

My children and I thank you for your generosity and wonderful gifts to us this Christmas. We feel very appreciated and loved.

This Sunday, December 31st we will be watching a short video during the service that will help us find a focus for 2018 that is better than any New Year's resolutions!

This year our choir will be joining many other churches for the Festival Guild's 12th Night Celebration at the Episcopal Church of the Cross. It is a beautiful community service and part of the offering will support the Ti Clergy Assistance Fund.

I am super excited about going to the Holy Lands with Denise Huestis and Meredith Cully from our congregation, along with Bishop Webb and 108 other United Methodists from Upper New York Annual Conference. (Now as an aside for those of you worried about my stamina for the trip. Yes there is walking, but likely much less than what I already do on a daily basis, we will ride by bus—opportunities to rest, and have times for lectures, site seeing, and obligatory shopping stops.) My goal is to be spiritually renewed in the living presence of God's love, and take loads of photographs so that all of you will be able to have a sense of the wonders of the Holy Lands.

During this time I will not have cell service and will likely have very spotty wi-fi coverage so I will be taking a break from devotional writing the 10-19th of January. I will also be taking a small break on the 25-26th as I attend a continuing education event in Barre Vermont. As is possible I will post some photos on Facebook as I travel.

I pray that 2018 will be an amazing year of renewed health and focus on Jesus Christ for all of us!

Peace, Love, and Blessings,  
Pastor Scott Tyler

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## Now That's A Bright Idea

Cold, Snow, Ice. Those seem to be on everyone's mind right now. Donnie is learning to use our new snow blower, we bought more ice melt, and I'm sure we're using more oil than last year.

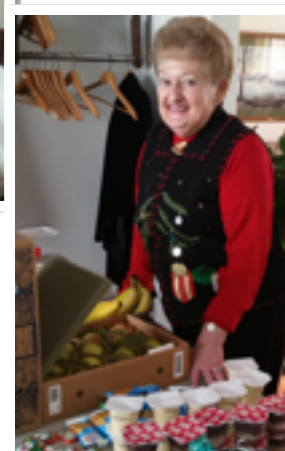
January is of course a time for new beginnings and we will be carefully beginning to plan for the New Year. As of now there are no new large projects in the works. We hope to plan for a major project in 2019, which will waterproof the downstairs walls, provide handicapped access to Fellowship Hall, and a true Sexton's closet on the upper floor so Donnie doesn't have to use water from the kitchen any more. There'll be more information as designs develop.

As always if you see something that needs attention, contact Donnie, Pastor Scott or myself and we'll do our best to "get 'r' done"!

Bill Westervelt  
Chair



The United Methodist Women prepared stockings for the children of the congregation and baskets for those who were not able to get out and about.



The next UMW meeting and potluck is on January 10. Watch for details in the bulletin!

### HONDURAS MISSION SUPPLIES NEEDED

Although I am not personally going on the yearly mission to Honduras in March with the NY/Vt Nurses I am still planning to go again another year and am deeply committed to their fundraising efforts. So once again I am placing a box in the church entrance during January and February for supplies needed for the 1000+ small hygiene packs we bring with us. (We still have to buy our medications but they are bought in the country now instead of us transporting them.) Here is a list of the supplies we are collecting and the list will also be on the box. Only small and travel sizes will work though, please. If anyone would like to give money instead, checks can be made out to the NY/Vt Nurses and given to Bridget.

Thank you,  
Sandy Sprague

*HONDURAS SUPPLIES NEEDED  
small or travel sized only, please  
(Unused Hotel amenities also work)*

*Toothpaste    Dental floss    Lotions  
Soap or Shower Gel    Shampoo &  
Conditioner    Combs    Chapstick  
Baby Shampoo    Baby wipes  
Baby wash    Reading    Glasses  
Sunglasses    Pencils    Stickers  
Small toys*

# Happy Birthday

# Family Corner

Jeannine Wright	January 4
Mary Thompson	January 4
Linnea Fingland	January 11
MaryLou Greenough	January 11
Pam Thorne	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

# Happy Anniversary

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

Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday  
January 15

**Interesting fact:  
First woman to vote in  
New York State was a  
United Methodist**

A January 1, 1918 amendment conferred equal suffrage to women. Just four days later, Florence B. Chauncey of Lisle, NY became the first woman in New York State to vote. She was married to Methodist pastor, the Rev. Fred Olin Chauncey, who joined her as she cast her ballot. [Click here](#) to learn about United Methodist women across the county who fought for the right to vote.

Pastor Scott will be away in the Holy Lands in mid-January. We will be ok!

Bon voyage!

Book Club  
January 8  
Contact the  
office for  
details.

# Many Thanks!

The FUMC Staff, more commonly known as Grace, Donnie, and Bridget, wish to thank you for your generous Christmas gifts. What a heart warming and much appreciated gesture! We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas with family and friends. We look forward to another wonderful year.



*Blessings in the New Year!*

# Thrift Shop News

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

Most Christmas items have been put away, and the shelves are being dusted and stocked with new things. Many items are on sale, so stop in and take a look. You never know what you might find!!

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, or Sorting days - Mondays and Thursdays 9-12.

As we look back over the past year, we feel a great sense of satisfaction. The shop is thriving, and supports both the church and Clergy Association monthly. Also, 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,
- Wanita Blanchard, Stephanie Frazier,
- Beth Hanley, Betty Messier,
- Leona Simpson, Pam Thorne,
- Jeannine Wright and Rev. Scott Tyler

## Free Community Dinner

January 7  
4:30-6:00pm  
Come share!

**Salisbury Steak  
Roasted Potatoes,  
Veggies**

### Desserts

All are welcome!  
Donations are not required, but are always welcome.

Thrift Shop  
Committee  
Meeting  
January 18

## Thrift Shop Big Deal-

Until January 20<sup>th</sup>

Men's & Women's clothing with Orange tags are 50% off!

## Thrift Shop Volunteers

Wednesday (9-2pm)		Saturday (9-2pm)	
3	Elle & Carol B.	6	Marsha & Ann
10	Betty R. & Pam	13	Margot, Wanita, & Pam
17	Jeannine & ??	20	Joan & MaryLou
24	Margot & Pam	27	June, Lee, & Gloria
31	??		

## The Ticonderoga Food Pantry

Thank you all for your continued support of 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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:30 Book Club	2	3 9-2 Thrift Shop 7:30 Recovery, Int.	4 10:00 Worship Committee 7:30 Chancel Choir	5 7:30 Men's & Women's Prayer Breakfasts in Silver Bay	6 9-2 Thrift Shop 7pm 12 <sup>th</sup> Night Concert
7 Epiphany Sunday 8:30 Worship, Communion 10:30 Worship, Communion, Sunday School, Coffee 4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner	8 1:00 Finance 6:30 Trustees	9	10 9-2 Thrift Shop UMW 7:30 Recovery, Int.	11 7:30 Chancel Choir	12	13 9-2 Thrift Shop
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28 8:30 Worship, Communion 10:30 Worship, Sunday School, <b>Family Coffee</b>	29	30 Champlain Valley Chorale will resume next Tuesday!	31 9-2 Thrift Shop 7:30 Recovery, Int.	<h1>January</h1>		





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## Sunday Volunteers



*Your New Year's  
 Resolution:  
 Join the Choir!*

Lay Reader's Schedule		
January	8:30	10:30
7	Sandra Trepanier	Ann Westervelt
14	Donnie Norton	Betty Rettig
21	Louise Goodwin	Sue Fahey
28	Jeanne Thatcher	Bob Bartlett

January	Acolytes	Coffee	Flowers	Ushers and Greeters
7	Roger Sawyer Zyleen Tyler			
14	Victoria Sawyer Taylor Bolton	Ann		
21	Yarr Tyler Xann Tyler Bolton			
28	Roger Sawyer Zyleen Tyler	Family Coffee		

### New Member Classes:

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