

First United Methodist Church

March, 2016

From the Pastor's Pen

As I write, I am looking forward to the beginning of our new Lay Speaking Class on Christian Storytelling on Saturday, February 28th. We will meet again on Saturday March 12th and Saturday April 2nd. This will give the participants plenty of time to practice writing and sharing stories. As followers of Jesus Christ, it is vital for us to have the skills to examine our lives and share God's story in a way that engages others.

The Gospels share the story of Jesus' mission and ministry in a way that leaves us breathless. As we live into the second half of Lent and approach Holy Week we travel with Jesus to Jerusalem, and encounter people whose lives are transformed by meeting him, as well as mounting opposition to him from religious and political authorities. The rollercoaster of Holy Week is essential for us to understand the depth of Jesus' love for each of us as he takes our transgressions upon himself, dying on the cross and being raised from death to new life on Easter.

I encourage all of you to read the following Gospel passages each day of Holy Week.

- Beginning on Palm Sunday~ Luke 23:1-49
- Monday~ John 12:1-11
- Tuesday~ John 20:20-36
- Wednesday~ John 13:21-32
- Thursday~ John 13:1-17, 31b-35
- Friday~ John 18:1-19:42
- Saturday~ Matthew 27:57-66
- Easter Sunday~ Luke 24:1-12.



I know that your faith life will be deeply enriched as you read, explore your feelings, and commune with God!

My hope and prayer for you my friends is that this Lent leads to a transformation of heart, mind, and soul!

Peace, Love, and Blessings!
Pastor Scott Tyler



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Now That's A Bright Idea

February was a month of planning for your Trustees.

We met with LaBarge Masonry and received estimates for replacement of the exit stairs in the front of the Sanctuary, repair of the retaining wall outside fellowship hall, and the replacement of the concrete slab outside the door to fellowship hall. No action was taken as we are looking further into these problems before proceeding.

Penny Mason has obtained a donation of "subway" tile for the kitchen backsplash. It will be installed shortly at no cost to the church. Way to go Penny.

After the replacement of one of the two hot water tanks in the furnace room, everything is up and running as it should be. While the furnace never lost heat to the building, we were changing the water in the system as the pressure activated the safety valves. This flushing of the pipes has had an interesting side effect. The system now responds much faster and heats the building better. Without changing the timing, the Sanctuary was warm for the first service even though the outside temperature was well below 0!

We hope to replace the fans in the Sanctuary shortly. One of the fans is not working at all and both are over 30 years old. Hopefully this project can be accomplished in March or April as the donation of a lift to reach them becomes available.

The Cross and Flame for the front of the church is being powder coated and will be mounted to the right of the front doors this spring. New landscaping and lighting will be included in this project.

At the request of the Ad Council, Pastor Scott and I met with David May, president of DCI Sound. (DCI was the company that installed our sound system) We will be getting a proposal for the addition of video screens and or video cameras for the Sanctuary. As this project develops, you will be kept informed before any decisions are made.

If you have any questions or input about any of our current projects or if you see something that needs attention, let Donnie, Pastor Scott or me know and we do our best to "Get 'er Done".

Bill Westervelt
Chair Trustees



March, 2016

Adult Fellowship Dinner

6:30 in Fellowship Hall.

Bring a dish to share.

Rolls and desserts
are provided.

April 25

Birthday Party



May 23

Bring a family photo and story



June 6

Dinner OUT!

Place and Time TBD

Book Club

March- *In The Unlikely
Event.* . . by Judy Blume

April- *Lucky Life Interrupted* by
Tom Brokaw

May- Personal Choice!! A book,
memoir, or personal writing you
are proud of, or some writing you
appreciate.

June- Discussion of our reading
adventures and plans for next season.

Looking ahead to April

April 2 9-11am Lay Speaking class

April 10 Native American Ministries
Sunday (offering)

April 14 12:30 Thrift Shop
Committee Meeting

April 23-29 Pastor Scott will be
Away on vacation.

Stay tuned!

Family Corner



Dylan Manning	March 3
Scott Manning	March 4
Norma Norton	March 5
Enid Bousfield	March 7
Carolyn Buckland	March 9
Jerry Cooper	March 13
Kristin Gibbs	March 16
Ann Westervelt	March 16
Margot Anello	March 22
Penny Mason	March 22
Joe Sawyer	March 24
Marjorie Hurlburt	March 29

*Shaundra Bartlett and Jonathan Lerman
Were married in Saratoga Springs,
On February 6th.
Congratulations!*

United Methodist Women

Easter Eggs and orders
are due on March 6th.
We will have a meeting on March 9th to
finalize the plans for making the Easter eggs.
The meeting will be preceded by a covered
dish supper at 6:00pm.



Holy Week

March 20- Palm/ Passion Sunday

March 21- Ad. Council at 1:00

March 24- Maundy Thursday dinner at 6:00

March 25- Good Friday

March 27- Easter Sunday!

6:00 Sunrise Service at Fort Ticonderoga,
followed by Breakfast at FUMC with Chef
Bunny at 7:00, and Easter Service here at 10:30.

Free Community Dinner

March 6, from 4:30-6:00pm
Come share!

Homemade Sloppy Joe's on a bun,
Homemade Boston Baked Beans, Coleslaw,
assorted desserts

Bring a friend!

Take-outs available.

Donations are not required,
but are always welcome.

Your participation is welcome.

There is a sign up sheet on the main hall
bulletin board.

Thrift Shop News

Now that the February sales are over, we have room for bright, cheery spring items.

Clothing and other things are going out on the racks and shelves continually. The shop is decorated for St. Patrick's Day – stop in and maybe you'll find that special item to help you celebrate! We will have a one-day sale on Wednesday, March 16th. Anything green will be half-price.

Our annual Volunteer Recognition luncheon will be held on Saturday, March 12, at 1:00 p.m in Fellowship Hall. All volunteers and spouses are invited. The shop will close at 12:30 to allow everyone to attend and enjoy the festivities. We could not be successful without our wonderful group of volunteers, and we look forward to this event.

Betty Rettig has graciously agreed to serve as Interim Manager while the committee regroups and plans for the future.

We are delighted that several *new* folks have signed up to volunteer in the shop. Come and join us:

Sorting days

Monday and Thursday, 9-noon;

Selling days

Wednesday and Saturday 9-2.

Thrift Shop Co-Managers:

Stephanie Frazier

Jeannine Wright

Thrift Shop Committee Members:

Ellen Ellor, Committee Chairperson

Jeanne Thatcher, Treasurer

Joyce Barry, Assistant Treasurer

Jeanne B. Thatcher, Trustees Representative

Joyce Barry, Leona S. Simpson,

Beth Hanley, Betty Messier,

and Rev. Scott Tyler

Notes from 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.

Donations welcome in the foyer shopping cart!

Special Hours on March 12th 9-12:30
To allow all of our fabulous volunteers to
gather at 1:00pm for a
Volunteer Luncheon!



What would we ever do without them?

Easter is just around the corner, and we have begun putting out Easter items. Are you planning a special celebration? We will have baskets, decorations and stuffed bunnies to get you ready for the holiday and springtime.



Thrift Shop Volunteers

Wednesday (9-2pm)		Saturday (9-2pm)	
2	Jeannine & Steph	5	Betty R. & Judy
9	MaryLou & Dorcey	12	Kerry & Betty R. Luncheon day!!
16	Carolyn, Pam, & Beth	19	Jeanne & Pam
23	Carolyn & Ellen	26	Lee, June, Gloria
30	Jeannine & Leona		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>March</h1>		1 10:30 Range of Motion 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	2 9-2 Thrift Shop 6:30 Children's Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Bell Choir 7:30 Recovery, Int.	3 10:00 Worship Committee Meeting 1-2:30 Stitching at Black Watch 7:30 Chancel Choir	4 7:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast in Silver Bay	5 9-2 Thrift Shop
		6 8:30 Worship, Communion 10:30 Worship, Communion, Sunday School, Coffee UMW Chocolate Egg orders due! 4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner	7 5:30 Book Club	8 10:30 Range of Motion 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	9 9-2 Thrift Shop 6:00 UMW Potluck and meeting 7:30 Recovery, Int.	10 1-2:30 Stitching at Black Watch 7:30 Chancel Choir
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27 Easter! 6:00 Sunrise Service at Ft. Ticonderoga 7:00 Breakfast with Chef Bunny 10:30 Worship, Communion	28	29 10:30 Range of Motion 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	30 9-2 Thrift Shop 6:30 Children's Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Bell Choir 7:30 Recovery, Int.	31 1-2:30 Stitching at Black Watch 7:30 Chancel Choir	In like a lion, out like a  	



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Sunday Volunteers



Wednesdays
 6:30 Children's Bells
 7:30 Adult Bells

Thursdays
 7:30 Chancel Choir

Ringers & Singers are
 always welcome to join in!

Lay Reader's Schedule		
March	8:30	10:30
6	Sue Fahey	Carole Potter
13	Scott Manning	Penny Mason
20	Denise Huestis	Louise Goodwin
27- Easter	Bill Westervelt	

Stitching of all kinds at
 the Black Watch Library
 on Thursdays- 1-2:30pm.
 All are welcome!

New Member Classes:

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

March	Acolytes	Fellowship Coffee
6	Victoria Sawyer Zyleen Tyler	
13	Yarr Tyler Roger Sawyer	
20	Zyleen Tyler Alex Fingland	
27- Easter	Roger Sawyer Xann Tyler	Join Chef Bunny before the service.



Easter Flowers



Please have your flowers to the office by Good Friday, so they may be placed on the altar on Saturday, March 26. You may order, purchase, or grow your favorites. If you wish to have a note placed in the bulletin, please let Bridget know by March 23. Thank you! Flowers left on the altar after Easter may be re-used or donated to the Nursing home.