

# First United Methodist Church

## March, 2018

Dear Friends,

I pray that your Lenten practices are drawing you closer to God. It is not too late to begin if you have had a slow start. This time is for you, try something new, fast from an activity and repurpose your time to spend it with God...talk to me if you need ideas or inspiration.

I am finding this Lent especially moving because of my memories of the Holy Land and how being there has made the Scriptures come alive in powerful new ways.

We are half way through Lent. Holy week is coming at the end of March culminating in Easter on Sunday April 1st. We will celebrate Palm Sunday on March 25th and Maundy Thursday on March 29th with a dinner together in our Upper Room (Fellowship Hall), hand washing, and celebrating Holy Communion together. This then prepares us for praying in Gethsemane, Jesus' betrayal, arrest, trials, and his last heartbreaking journey through Jerusalem to the cross on Calvary, and the vigil while he is in the tomb. Remembering throughout, He did it all for us!

Sunday the 11th is UMCOR Sunday, the special offering that underwrites the administrative expenses for the amazing work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Because of this offering any donation given to UMCOR for disaster relief will be 100% used to alleviate suffering where designated. I hope you join me in giving generously to this worthy mission!

On Sunday the 18th I have the joy of working with Lee Ackley, the new pastor of the Crown Point Methodist Church, to baptize a baby at a special church celebration at 1PM.

I will be out of town March 13th to 15th for the second retreat of Tending the Fire, a course that teaches me to be an non-anxious presence in the midst of change in the life of the parish. I will also take a few days away with my children during their Spring break the week following Easter.

I pray that your life will be transformed by this Holy Lent!

Peace, Love, and Blessings,  
Pastor Scott Tyler

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## Now That's A Bright Idea

As snow is on the ground, all is quiet. God paints a wonderful picture but it would be nice if he didn't use so much white paint. February has been quiet with not much happening. Donnie is hard at work and keeping the church wonderfully clean and sparkling. Nothing has broken, burned out or needed repair. Oh wait, one oven went out the day of the community dinner! Even quiet does have some sound. It was an easy fix, as we had prepared and had the part on hand.

Another bit of noise was the furnace at the parsonage again. Scott and the kids were without heat and hot water for a day. The oil company is still trying to figure out why. I'll let you know next month what the final outcome is.

At our meeting, we discussed projects for this year and next. We are waiting on a final price for the new storage barn, looking for contractors to seal and paint the parking lot, waiting for our architect to start the final design for the fellowship entry addition and water proofing the lower level. As the cold continues, we are quiet and waiting for the warmth of spring to start on projects.

Also at the meeting we received Scott Manning's resignation from the board for health reasons. We thank him for his service. Lynn Sawyer has been asked to join the board to fill out Scott's term and was elected at the Administrative Council meeting.

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



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Adult Fellowship  
Potluck Dinner  
March 26 at 6:30  
Program:  
Bill on trip to Alaska  
Rolls: Grace  
Dessert: Carol

Book Club  
5:30, first Monday!  
Somewhere. . .

# Family Corner

## *Happy Birthday*

Dylan Manning	March 3
Scott Manning	March 4
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

## *United Methodist Women*

The UMW meeting will be March 14 at noontime, so we may attend the prayer service, followed by our covered dish lunch and meeting.

All ladies are welcome.

**Clocks spring forward on  
March 11!**

## **Holy Week**

March 25- Palm Sunday  
March 29- Maundy Thursday  
March 30- Good Friday

April 1- Easter Sunday- No fooling.  
Sunrise service at Fort Ti, Chef  
Bunny Breakfast at FUMC, 10am  
service at FUMC.

## **Special thanks!**

I would like to thank you all for the many donations of hygiene products and money that I have received for the trip to Honduras this year. It is greatly appreciated and will certainly be put to good use.

Sandy Sprague

## **Christmas in July**

At a recent meeting of last year's church fair chairmen the idea of having a Christmas in July event was brought up. A number of ideas were discussed and help in specific areas volunteered. The meeting ended with a unanimous vote to have:

**Christmas in July outdoors  
Saturday, July 21 from 9 to 2  
Save the date!**

Plans include a fabric and yarn sale, crafts, Christmas décor, and a gift shop. Contributions for these areas are encouraged and welcome. (Save to bring to church in the summer.) Food and other good things are being planned. We hope this community event will be a fun time for everyone.

All proceeds will support the church.

Jane Bassett  
Lynn Sawyer

# Thrift Shop News

The February sales are over, and our volunteers have worked very hard to make room for bright, cheery spring items. Clothing and other things are going out on the racks and shelves continually. We still have some winter items on sale, because we know it is not over yet! The shop is decorated and ready for St. Patrick's Day – stop in and maybe you'll find that special item to help you celebrate!

Easter is early this year (April 1<sup>st</sup>), and we have begun putting out Easter items. Are you planning a special celebration? We have baskets, decorations and stuffed bunnies to get you ready for the holiday and springtime.

If you want to get out of the house for a few hours, remember that sorting days are Monday and Thursday, 9-noon; selling days are Wednesday and Saturday 9-2. Keeping the shop neat and organized is a constant task. We have a wonderful group of volunteer

## 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

March 4  
4:30-6:00pm

Come share!

Chicken, Mashed Potatoes,  
Carrots, Desserts

All are welcome!

Donations are not required,  
but are always welcome.

This is a volunteer effort. Your participation is welcome.

*March seems to be in like a Lion.*

*Will it go out like a lamb?*

## 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.

## Thrift Shop Volunteers5

Wednesday (9-2pm)		Saturday (9-2pm)	
		3	MaryLou & Dorcey
7	Ann & Angie	10	Margot & Wanita
14	MaryLou & Joan	17	Margot & Jeanne
21	Jeannine & Pam	24	Betty R. Angie
28	Betty R. & Leona	31	June, Lee, Gloria

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>March</h1>				1	2	3
				Bridget Out of the Office 7:30 Chancel Choir	7:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast in Silver Bay	9-2 Thrift Shop
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:30 Worship, Communion 10:30 Worship, Communion, Sunday School, Coffee <b>4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner</b>	5:30 Book Club	7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	9-2 Thrift Shop  Noon Prayer Service  7:30 Recovery, Int.	Bridget Out of the Office 7:30 Chancel Choir		9-2 Thrift Shop
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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## Sunday Volunteers

Lay Reader's Schedule		
March	8:30	10:30
4	Sandra Trepanier	Bob Bartlett
11	Bill Westervelt	Donnie Norton
18	Ann Westervelt	Louise Goodwin
29	Denise Huestis	Joyce Barry

### New Member Classes:



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

### Easter Flowers on the Altar

Special Request- although lilies are traditional symbols of Easter, Pastor Scott has a problematic allergic reaction to them.

Please consider other flowers when selecting your Easter offering.

If you wish to have a message in the bulletin regarding your flowers, please let Bridget know by March 28.

March	 ACOLYTES	 Coffee Time
4	Victoria Sawyer Zyleen Tyler	Sandy Sprague Joan Vault
11	Roger Sawyer Yarr Tyler	Ann
18	Victoria Sawyer Xann Tyler	
25	Taylor Bolton Zyleen Tyler	Family Coffee