



First United Methodist Church

April, 2018

Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends,

I write from the Sanctuary of Ticonderoga FUMC, a space saturated in God's Holy presence, listening to the Canticles of Hildegard Von Bingen, a Christian mystic, abbess, composer, and renaissance woman of the 12th century in Germany. Her music is perfect for the midpoint of Holy Week. At the time I write we have yet to experience Jesus' last supper and command to 'love one another as I have loved you' as He demonstrated loving service by the washing of the feet of His disciples. We have not gone through the darkness of Jesus dying on the cross on and the vigil of His three days in the tomb.

As you read this day we have celebrated God's great miracle of the empty tomb, the Alleluia of Jesus risen from dead! We begin together to live into our new lives as Easter people, people of the living Christ. The cross has been reclaimed to be the symbol of life and hope. This

is the season, the fifty days of Easter, to grow in our relationship with God using what we learned in our Lenten journey with Jesus. We are loved and claimed by God, redeemed by Christ to live holy lives that reflect His love for us and all the world.

This is the season to restart as your best self, to take up that dream you've carried with you, to have the courage to listen deeply to God's call in your heart, to live into the passion ignited in your soul. Bloom with the Spring flowers! Alleluia, He is Risen!

Peace, Love, and Blessings,
Pastor Scott Tyler



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Now That's A Bright Idea

March has been interesting if nothing else. A lot is happening with new projects and continued work with those ongoing.

We went to purchase the new garage for the Trustees and the Thrift Shop. We had a quoted price but found when we went in person that the price was to be much higher. We are researching other sources and hope to have all the information by next month.

We are researching changing from our 48" fluorescent lamps in some areas to LED. This technology is now in its 3rd generation and prices have come down to the point where it may make sense to change spaces like the Thrift Shop and the kitchen. They would cut our electric bill for lighting by over half. There is also a rebate program from National Grid that would help cover the cost of the new lamps. I'll have more information by next month.

The parsonage furnace continues to be a problem. Mountain Petroleum came and checked everything again. We were told that the oil tanks are 20 years passed when they should have been replaced and the chimney is in very poor condition and is leaking into the attic. We discussed the possibility of replacement of the furnace and hot water system with a propane furnace that would be a direct vent to an outside wall. They have been asked for a proposal. This will be looked into farther in the coming months and I'll keep everyone up to date with what we find out.

Speaking of finding out, we received a letter from US Trust, Bank of America. They are the trustee for the Moses Fund. The church has been the benefactor, receiving up to \$1,700.00 a year for over 90 years. Horace Moses set up this trust in 1923 with 50 shares of the paper company of which he was president. The bank, following the Mass. Gen. Laws 203E Section 414 is terminating the trust. We will be receiving the funds in the near future. I can provide more information if anyone is interested. (You don't really want to read 5 pages of legal speak, do you?) Your Trustees along with the Ad Council will decide the best use of the money when it becomes available.

A contract has been signed with Vilardo Architects to prepare construction documents for the addition of an ADA compliant entrance to Fellowship Hall. Included with this would be the waterproofing of the basement walls and a sexton's closet across from the kitchen next to the ladies' bathroom. This has been on the drawing boards (see the drawings on the office wall) since 2011 and it is to the point where if we don't do something soon, we may lose some of the walls in the downstairs hallway. As final plans develop we will keep everyone informed. Construction is planned for the summer of 2019.

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



Family Corner

Happy Birthday

Susan Montville	April 7
Marcus Moser	April 7
Wanita Blanchard	April 14
Burly Wells	April 18
Carol Barnwell	April 20
Karen Manning	April 25
Bob Bartlett	April 25
Nate McLaughlin	April 25
Alex Finland	April 30



Happy Anniversary

Richard & Carol Barnwell	April 8
Sandee & Don Thompson	April 20
Barb & Dennis Stowell	April 29



April 9

10:00 Kitchen Cleanup

Come help with Spring Cleaning.
Helpers will be invited to lunch.

United Methodist Women

UMW will meet on April 11 at the church. It will be a noontime meeting. We can go to the prayer service first then eat.

Gardening at the First United Methodist Church

Special thanks to Leona Simpson & Sandy Sprague for helping recently to clean up the Memorial Garden! Sure felt good to do some much needed fall and spring cleaning!

Want to help with tidying and weeding as spring springs? Let Betty know!

Also: There will be spaces in the Community Garden for those who would like to raise their own veggies and flowers. Please contact Betty as soon as possible. 10' X 10' plot is \$12.50 and a 10' X 20" plot is \$25.00.



The district UMW meeting is in Hudson Falls on April 14, 2018 at 9:00 AM. If interested in attending, let Grace or Carole know and we can make arrangements.

Adult Fellowship Potluck Dinner

April 23 at 6:30

Program:

Pastor Scott will speak
about his trip to The Holy Lands

Rolls: Carol

Dessert: Grace

May- No meeting

June- Dinner out date.

Time and place To Be Determined.

The Ticonderoga Food Pantry

Hours of operation:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 11am-Noon.

Big News!

**The Food Pantry will be CLOSED
from 2 April to 9 April.**

It hasn't been painted in 29 years, so we think it's 'bout time! We have a young man who is working toward his Eagle Scout badge, and is helping us! His grandparents have volunteered at the pantry for 24 years!

We tried to make a plan to be able to serve our clients but we just cannot be open and painting as well. We thought through all angles!

We hope our regular volunteers will come in as they usually do, there will be jobs for them, if they're willing!

We hope to have a clean and fresh looking pantry after next week.



Christmas in July

-- and so much more

Save the date July 21. Christmas in July will be 9-2 that day featuring 8 special sale areas, snacks and lunch.

Donations are encouraged in the following areas:

(Please note we do not have storage room for them until the first of July.)

Christmas décor,

Gifts – like our Nov. Gifts Galore,

Crafts,

Bake sale,

Plants,

Gifts for pets,

Books

(no textbooks, encyclopedias or almanacs)

Small furniture

(no baby equipment)

We hope to draw campers and summer visitors as well as our community friends.

How do you want to be involved?

Jane Bassett

Lynn Sawyer

Easter Word Search

B	M	A	L	M	H	B	B	K	I	N	G	R	N	R
N	O	I	T	C	E	R	R	U	S	E	R	E	O	O
A	P	O	S	T	L	E	S	E	Y	S	C	D	I	O
S	E	C	I	F	I	R	C	A	S	H	J	E	T	S
N	S	N	A	M	O	R	O	O	R	R	E	M	A	T
R	C	D	S	G	T	T	R	I	K	S	P	V	E	
O	Y	R	A	M	B	C	S	S	V	Z	U	T	L	R
H	L	O	V	E	L	T	E	M	M	A	S	I	A	Y
T	C	R	O	W	N	N	Y	L	O	H	S	O	S	Z
X	C	R	U	C	I	F	I	X	I	O	N	N	K	O

APOSTLES
CHRIST
CROSS
CROWN
CRUCIFIXION
HOLY
JESUS
KING
LAMB
LOVE



MARY
REDEMPTION
RESURRECTION
RISEN
ROMANS
ROOSTER
SACRIFICE
SALVATION
SAVIOR
THORNS

April, 2018

Crafters with glue guns needed
decorate straw hats vine wreaths
for July on April 10 in the
Fellowship Hall.



Happy Easter and Happy Spring from the Thrift Shop!

Thrift Shop News

Spring is here – at least according to the calendar. Our dedicated volunteers have been removing winter items, making room for more colorful spring clothing and accessories. Stop in and see if you can find something new to boost your spirits while we wait for warmer weather. You might be surprised at what you find in our little shop!

Our annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon will be held soon, so keep an eye out for your invitation. It is a great time for our volunteers to gather, enjoy a meal and fellowship time together.

Welcome back to Angie Spaulding – we are happy to have her helping out again!

Remember, we can always use help, especially while we are busy putting out new merchandise.

Sorting days

Monday & Thursday, 9-noon

Selling days

Wednesday & Saturday 9-2.

Come and join us –
we really have a good time!

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

Thrift Shop Volunteers

Wednesday (9-2pm)		Saturday (9-2pm)	
4	Ann & Judy	7	Margot & Jeanne
11	Pam & Betty R.	14	Sandy S. & Carol B.
18	Leona & Wanita	21	MaryLou & Joan
25	Jeannine & Pam	27	June, Lee, Gloria



*When you sing,
you pray twice!
Singers needed!*

Free Community Dinner

April 8 at
4:30-6:00pm
Come share!

Pasta, Meatballs,
Salad, Desserts
All are welcome!

Donations are not
required, but are always
welcome.

AUTHORIZATION FORM



Name of the organization: **Ticonderoga First United Methodist Church**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	ENVELOPE/DONOR #	DATE
Effective date of authorization: ____/____/____		
Type of authorization: <input type="checkbox"/> New authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation amount <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation date <input type="checkbox"/> Change banking information <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue electronic donation		
Last Name		First Name
Address		
City		State Zip
Email Address		
Date of first donation: ____/____/____	Frequency of donation: (please check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 15 th <input type="checkbox"/> Bi-Weekly (every other week) <input type="checkbox"/> One Time	Amount of first donation: \$ _____ Amount of last donation (optional): \$ _____
CHECKING / SAVINGS	Please debit my donation from my (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account (contact your financial institution for Routing #) <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Account (attach a voided check below)	Routing Number: _____ Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3 Account Number: _____
	I authorize the above organization to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.	
Authorized Signature: _____		Date: _____

If using a checking account, please attach a voided check at the bottom of this page.

New Ways of Giving to the Church

We have new ways of giving to the church so that you do not have to remember to write checks or get cash from the bank to drop into the offering plate. You can fill out the enclosed form to set up recurring giving from a checking or savings account. You can specify how much you want to give, how often, weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly. The Finance team will set everything up for you keeping your information totally confidential and safe.

If you are handy with a computer you can set up your giving yourself by going to our church website

www.tifumc.com clicking on the E-Giving tab and clicking the link to be taken to our special secure giving site. Then follow the directions filling in the requested information. You can also get to our secure giving site by using the camera on a smartphone and focusing it on our special QR Code.

We hope you will try these new ways of giving to the ministry of our church and discover for yourself how convenient and safe it is. You also can use it for making one time donations. As with traditional giving, you can make changes or cancel at any time.

Your Finance Committee



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter Sunday! 6:00 Sunrise Service at Ft. Ti 7:00 Breakfast with Chef Bunny 10:00 Worship, Communion	2 5:00 Book Club	3 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	4 9-2 Thrift Shop 7:30 Recovery, Int.	5 10:00 Worship Committee 7:30 Chancel Choir	6 7:30 Men's & Women's Prayer Breakfasts in Silver Bay	7 9-2 Thrift Shop
Pastor Scott out of the office						
8 8:30 Worship, Communion 10:30 Worship, Sunday School, Coffee 4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner	9 10:00 Kitchen Cleanup 1:00 Finance 6:30 Trustees	10 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale 9:30 Crafters-bring glue guns!	11 9-2 Thrift Shop UMW Lunch	12 Thrift Shop Meeting 7:30 Chancel Choir	13 <i>Sexton Appreciation Day!</i>	14 9-2 Thrift Shop
15 Native Americans' Ministries Sunday 8:30 Worship, Communion 10:30 Worship, Sunday School, Coffee	16 1:00 Ad Council	17 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	18 9-2 Thrift Shop 7:30 Recovery, Int.	19 7:30 Chancel Choir	20	21 9-2 Thrift Shop
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Sunday Volunteers

Book Club
Monday, April 9
5:00pm
 The book we are reading this month is *Rosemary- The Hidden Kennedy Daughter* by Kate Larson.
 The meeting is at Sandy Sprague's house.

Lay Reader's Schedule		
April	8:30	10:30
1	Easter- Jeanne Thatcher	
8	Louise Goodwin	Betty Rettig
15	Donnie Norton	Penny Mason
22	Sue Fahey	Scott Manning
29	Sandra Trepanier	Bill Westervelt

April	Acolytes	Coffee Time	Flowers	Ushers and Greeters
1	Roger Sawyer Yarr Tyler	Chef Bunny before service	Easter Flowers from everyone!	Béla Ambrus, Betty Rettig, Lynn Sawyer, & Ann Westervelt
8	Taylor Bolton Xann Tyler	Ann		Taylor Bolton & Victoria Sawyer
15	Victoria Sawyer Zyleen Tyler			Kristian Gibbs & Ann Westervelt
22	Roger Sawyer Yarr Tyler			Pam & Walter Thorne
29	Victoria Sawyer Xann Tyler	Family Coffee		Betty Rettig & Lynn Sawyer

New Member Classes:

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