



First United Methodist Church

April, 2018

Pastor's Keyboard

What a joy it has been learning with the participants in the Lenten Bible Study. You are welcome to join us on Sunday evenings at 6 PM and Tuesdays at noon. It has also been a joy to learn about our Spiritual Gifts with the participants in the Lay Servant class. We will complete that class on Saturday April 6th.

Holy Week begins on Palm/Passion Sunday April 14th (also the school Spring Break week). We will celebrate Maundy Thursday on the 18th with a light meal at 6:00 PM. During the service we will remember the Last Supper and the washing of the disciple's feet by Jesus, with His command to "Love one another as I have loved you!" The Sanctuary will be open for prayer throughout the day on Good Friday. Easter will begin with the Sunrise Service at Fort Ticonderoga at 6 AM followed by the Easter breakfast at the church. We will have one service at 10 AM in the Sanctuary. I encourage you to participate in all you can as we remember what Jesus gave so that we might have abundant life in God's love!

During the last weekend of April we will be having a Confirmation retreat Friday evening through Sunday.

Annual Conference has been shifted to a week later than normal this year and will happen Wednesday June 5th through Saturday June 8th. Our Lay representative, Lynn Sawyer, will be unable to attend. We need someone else to step up and fill this role. I have to register us soon so hotel space can be secured, please contact me asap if you are interested!!

May God's Love through Jesus Christ fill your heart and life with resurrection joy!

Peace, Love, and Blessings,
Pastor Scott Tyler

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Now That's A Bright Idea

Melting snow, warmer weather, rain and mud, welcome to spring in the North Country!

Not much to report as we wait for our addition to start. We changed one of the spotlight lamps at the front of the church last week. Donnie actually climbed the ladder to change the burned out bulb.

Pastor Scott and I met with a representative from the company that designed and installed our video screens in the sanctuary. We are investigating adding video cameras so that we can record and or live stream our services. As we learn more about this project we will keep everyone informed. If you have any experience with this type of video or wish to learn more about this new ministry, contact Pastor Scott. The project will be funded by monies that were designated for outreach when the Delano estate was accepted.

Also this past month, the new parsonage furnace had a problem which was taken care of. All the animals along with their people have hot water and heat again.

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" or at least put it on the list!

Bill Westervelt
Trustees Chair

From the Mission Committee

Missions Committee is now accepting applications for next Fall for College Scholarships for students working towards a degree. Main requirement applicant must be an active member of our church. Applications available in church office. For those who had one last year, please write a little on back of how last year went for you. We need them back in by June 1st.

Camp Scholarship applications will also be available through the church office. The Missions Committee will try to help with *what we can*. Applications should be in ahead of time that the camp will be coming up.

Sexton's Broom

SPRING IS HERE!! At least, that's what the *calendar* says! With spring comes two of the sexton's favorite things: Pollen and Mud! It's a constant battle to stay on top of it.

Spring also brings Easter Sunday, and Chef Bunny's famous breakfast.

We have recently been blessed with the donation of some additional medical equipment. We now have a new wheelchair, a medical transport chair, and a walker with a seat.

Bridget asked me to be brief this month, so I will leave with: If you see anything that requires my attention, please let me know. I'm not hard to find.

Donnie Norton
Sexton





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 Fingland	April 30

Confirmation
Retreat
April 26-28

Family Corner

Happy Anniversary

Richard & Carol Barnwell	April 8
John & Margot Anello	April 10
Barb & Dennis Stowell	April 29



Holy Week

April 14
Palm Sunday
April 18
Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00
April 19
Good Friday
Sanctuary open for prayer all day
April 21 Easter Sunday
Sunrise Service at 6:00,
Breakfast at FUMC at 7:00
Easter Service at 10:00



Christmas in July

Saturday July 20 from 9 to 2.

Sale areas will include Christmas décor, gifts galore, crafts, small furniture, fabric and yarn, the thrift shop, books, and a bake sale plus a hot dog stand for lunch.

We anticipate some outdoor sale locations as well as a wide variety of goods inside Fellowship Hall. (Remember how hot it was last year?)

For this to be a financial success we need your donations. Small or medium size items may be left on the stage starting in June. Larger items will be accepted in July.

Please think of Christmas in July as you sort the material goods of your home. This is a fund raiser for the church.

Thank you.

Jane Bassett & Lynn Sawyer, co-chairs



Easter Flowers

Please remember that if you wish to contribute flowers to the Altar for Easter, you may buy them anywhere, or grow your own. Messages for the bulletin need to be to the office by Holy Thursday, unless a Flower Committee person updates that another time is better.

Please remember that Lilies are not to be placed on the Altar, as Pastor Scott is allergic to them.

General Conference 2019 Decisions

Friends, we have all been experiencing the uncertainty and turmoil of the United Methodist Church in the news and wondering exactly what do the actions of General Conference mean for us in our church and how we do ministry in the community.

We have printed Bishop Webb's presentation on General Conference 2019 in a separate packet as a companion to the newsletter. It contains the Bishop's analysis of each piece of legislation and the likelihood of the UMC Judicial Council to approve or disallow their constitutionality. Those pieces that are deemed constitutional will become part of the official Book of Discipline on January 1, 2020.

I felt it was important for each of you to experience Bishop Webb's message and analysis without being filtered through my personal bias. I am interested in being in conversation with you about these decisions and what they mean for all of us!

Peace, Love, and Blessings,
Pastor Scott

Community Garden News

For those who are interested, plots are available in the community garden behind the church.

Full plots- 10 x 20 feet/ \$25

Half plots- 10 x 10 feet/ \$12.50

Water available, soil will be tilled for planting, and organic methods required.

The Food Pantry welcomes harvest over-abundance.

Guidelines and Agreement available in the office.

Please contact Betty Rettig via the office.

Also contact Betty if you are interested in helping to care for the Memorial Gardens.



ADDITION CONNECTION

I just got off the phone with our architect Joe Vilardo. We are on track for starting the end of July.

The floor tile presented at both services on March 16 was well received and enough people came forward so that the entire floor is covered. (Sorry couldn't resist).

This month, along with Joe, I'm working on designing the lighting. Although it will be a small package, (it's really a small addition) we'll try to do something interesting that will look nice, give us light where it's needed. All fixtures will be LED so we wouldn't have to change lamps for a very long time. The new wall will have lights built into it to light the walk into the building. The photo shows the fixture. We will need four or five. Price for these in a finish to match the new doors will be \$90.00 each. Hopefully later this month I will have more sample fixtures to show with additional pricing.



Thrift Shop News

Spring is here – and warmer weather is on the horizon! Our dedicated volunteers have been removing winter items, making room for more colorful and lighter spring clothing and accessories. Easter items have been flying off the shelves as well. Why not stop in and see if you can find something new to boost your spirits after the long winter months. 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.

The Thrift Shop continues to support the Clergy Association with a monthly donation of at least \$500, as well \$2,500 to the Church’s general fund. By supporting the shop, you support the community as well as our Church.

Several volunteers are still out of commission following surgeries. We can always use help, especially while we are busy putting out new merchandise. Sorting days are Monday and Thursday, 9-noon; selling days are Wednesday and Saturday 9-2. Come and join us – it feels great to know we are helping so many people in the community, and supporting our church. Besides, we have a great time!

Happy Easter and Happy Spring from the Thrift Shop!

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, Betty Messier,
 Leona Simpson, Pam Thorne, Jeannine Wright
 and Rev. Scott Tyler

No Clothing Donations until April 13. Thank you.

Educators from CVPH will come to the shop periodically with information on **breast and prostate cancer prevention.**

The first date will be **Wednesday, April 3.** We look forward to partnering with CVPH on this important outreach service.

Thrift Shop Volunteers			
Wednesday (9-2pm)		Saturday (9-2pm)	
3	Margot & Wanita	6	Carol B & Sandy S.
10	Joan & MaryLou	13	Margot & Jeannine
17	Joan & MaryLou	20	Betty R. & Pam
24	Leona & Jeannine	27	June, Lee, & Gloria

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.

We have a Certificate of Appreciation from the regional office:

We have received 24,154 pounds of food from the Retail Store Donation Program in 2018. This amounts to helping with 20,128 meals!

There are 224 stores involved in this program which saved nearly 13.0 million pounds of food. The regional office/warehouse covers a wide area of eastern NY state! (What a GREAT savings from waste] Some things are slightly out of sell by date, but are perfectly good items, stores are unable to sell, per law.

We have also received nearly 5,000 pounds through the USDA program.

Book Club
April 1 (no fooling)
5:00 at Joan Charboneau's house
The book is
A Piece of the World.

April, 2019

Mary Lou Greenough will be offering a Furniture Upholstery class- Let her know you are interested, and keep an eye out for details.
Have a seat?

Do you need a walker, crutches, or other supplies to help you recover from a procedure or injury?

We have a list of items to loan out. Talk to Donnie or call the office to see if we have what you need.



Singers needed in Chancel Choir

Free Community Dinner

April 7 4:30-6:00pm
Breakfast for Dinner

All are welcome!

Your participation is welcome.

Adult Fellowship Potluck Dinners

April 29

Rolls- Ann
Dessert- Ann

Program Easter Customs

May- skip
June 24

Dinner Out place TBD

What's Cooking?

Food- not only does it nourish our bodies, it also puts a smile on our lips, zings in our hearts, and gives us a sense of well-being. . . But I digress! It has always been my wish for us as a congregation to create a cookbook!

Within the hallowed walls of our church kitchen, have we not fed so many with our culinary delights? So lets bring those favorite new and old recipes into a collection that we all could share!!

Please let me know how you feel about this- it could be fun!! Email me at angela.spaulding@hotmail.com or leave a message in the office.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:30 Book Club	2 Noon- Lenten Bible Study 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	3 9-2 Thrift Shop Noon Prayer Service 6:30 Bell Choir	4 10:00 Worship Meeting 7:30 Chancel Choir	5 8:00 Men's & Women's Prayer Breakfasts in Silver Bay	6 9-2 Thrift Shop
7 8:30 Worship, Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship, Sunday School, Coffee 4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner 7- Lenten Bible Study	8 1:00 Finance 6:30 Trustees	9 Noon- Lenten Bible Study Alzheimer's workshop: Dementia 6:00 SPPRC 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	10 9-2 Thrift Shop UMW Noon Prayer Service 7:00 Living stations at St. Mary's Church	11 7:30 Chancel Choir	12 Sexton Appreciation Day	13 9-2 Thrift Shop
14 Palm Sunday	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:30 Worship, Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship, Sunday School, Coffee	1:00 Ad Council	Noon- Lenten Bible Study 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	9-2 Thrift Shop Noon Prayer Service	6:00 Maundy Thursday Service	Good Friday Sanctuary open for prayer all day.	9-2 Thrift Shop
21 Easter 6:00 Sunrise Service at Fort Ti. 7:00 Breakfast with Chef Bunny at FUMC 10:00 Easter Sunday Service	22	23 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	24 9-2 Thrift Shop Noon Prayer Service 6:30 Bell Choir	25 7:30 Chancel Choir	26 Confirmation Retreat	27 9-2 Thrift Shop 1:00 Service for Toot.
28 8:30 Worship, Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship, Sunday School, Family Coffee Confirmation Retreat ends	29 6:30 Adult Fellowship Potluck Easter Customs	30 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	<h1>April</h1>			



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Sunday Volunteers

This year's Mission U
 Silver Bay
 September 6 - September 8

May 11, 2019
 In Fellowship Hall
 8:30-noon
Life Changes and Transitions
 A workshop with
 Rev. Bruce Tamlyn
 A faith based look at ways to deal with changes in your life.
 Watch for more information.

Lay Reader's Schedule		
April	8:30	10:30
7	Donnie Norton	Jeanne Thatcher
14	Sue Fahey	Carole Potter
18	Maundy Thursday at 6:00pm	
21	Easter Sunday	Donnie Norton
28	Sandra Trepanier	Betty Rettig
Please read both parts of the Responsive Readings so that both parts may be heard on the recordings.		

April	Acolytes	 Coffee Time	 FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR	Ushers and Greeters	Sunday School Teachers
7	Victoria Sawyer Taylor Bolton	Jane Bassett, Lynn Sawyer, Louise Goodwin	No flowers in Lent, but Easter flowers are welcome- notes for the bulletin are welcome any time.		Sunday School Teachers Needed
14	Xann Tyler Zyleen Tyler				
21	Roger Sawyer Victoria Sawyer	Breakfast with Chef Bunny- 7:00	Everyone		Please sign up for a week of Sunday School on the bulletin board, or speak to Marsha.
28	Roger Sawyer Victoria Sawyer	Family Coffee			

New Member Classes:

April, 2019

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