



First United Methodist Church

April, 2020 Newsletter

Pastor's Pen

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Peace and Health be with you.

We are living in troubling times as we seek to stop the spread of Covid-19 as we physically separate ourselves and use safe hygiene practices. This creates new challenges with being the beloved body and community of Jesus Christ.

Please keep in contact with one another with phone calls, text messages, cards and letters in the mail, and video conferencing through your smart phone and computer.

One of the ways that we can see and communicate online is through zoom.com. To make it work you first need to go to the website and download the program/app. Once you have this loaded on your device I can send you invitations to meet. This is a wonderful way of doing Bible Study together and any other kind of church group or meeting.

Another way for us to be connected is through email. Would you please send your email address to our church email timethodist@gmail.com so that I can be in contact with you.

I am praying for you, for our community, country, and world that we may overcome covid-19 and come through this as stronger faith filled people, walking with Jesus.

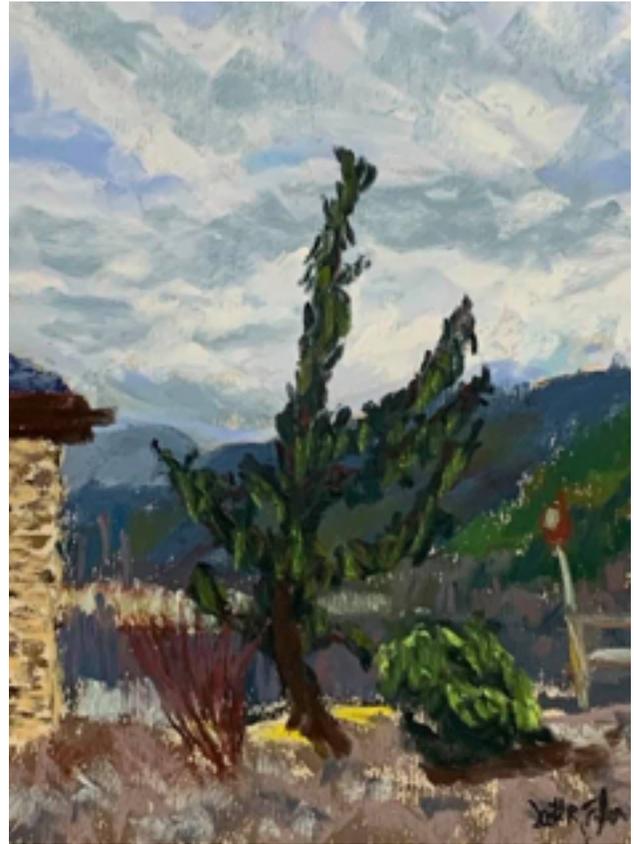
My hope is that you will be connected with me on-line as we approach Holy Week. On Saturday April 4th we will have a container outside of the sanctuary with Palm fronds so you may pick up palms to take home to use to celebrate Palm/Passion Sunday. I will be live streaming a Maundy Thursday service at 6:00 PM on April 9th and a Good Friday Service at Noon on April 10th. We will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday at 9AM.

The livestreams and saved videos will be on our Facebook page located at www.facebook.com/tifumc and our YouTube channel located by going to www.youtube.com then typing in the search bar Ticonderoga First UMC.

Peace, Love, and Blessings,
Pastor Scott Tyler

Sunday Services
are still at 9:00.

Computer users:
please go to zoom.com and download
the Zoom app, so Pastor Scott can
invite you to watch services.



Greetings- If you have access to email, *please* use that as the best way to be in touch, although calling the church office is ok if there is not a rush. . . and you may call the Parsonage if you have an immediate concern- the number is 585-7056.

I am working as best I can from home, checking FUMC email often. If you have an emergency and need a second way to get in touch with Pastor Scott, you may use my personal email: bmmsimpson@mac.com as I get alerts about my email via my email utility, unlike the FUMC email. -Bridget

Now That's A Bright Idea



Construction is halted.

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

Happy Anniversary

John & Margot Anello April 10
Barb & Dennis Stowell April 29

Social Distance like a Wesley

Avoid all the people you can,
by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can,
at all the times you can,
as long as you ever can

Dear church friends,

Thank you for your cards and prayers after my serious SUV-Chip Truck accident on February 17. I am recuperating by myself at home now. My sister left at the end of March. One thing that helped me immediately after the accident when I was feeling so overwhelmed was the use of a simple breath prayer -- breathing in on while thinking the word "Holy" and breathing out on the word "Spirit." I continue to use this breath prayer to help me go to sleep at night.

—Nancy A Carter

Thrift Shop News-

As with most businesses, the Thrift Shop is currently closed to protect volunteers and customers alike. We miss our friends and our routines, but know that we must take care of ourselves and others during these unprecedented times.

We will be open as soon as possible. Until then, we wish you good health,
Happy Easter, and Happy Spring.

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

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.

Financial Donations may be mailed to the FUMC address- 1045 Wicker Street, Ticonderoga, NY 12883. Dollar for dollar, the Pantry can get more food than we can from their suppliers. If you wish to donate items, please email FUMC ahead of time to confirm the latest way to get things to the Food Pantry- coming during open hours may be good. They need toiletries, crackers, Lysol spray, and a few other things. I will monitor email from the Food Pantry and post a wish list on the FUMC Facebook page periodically. THANK YOU.

Timethodist@gmail.com

Free Community Dinner & Champlain Valley Chorale & possibly Adult Fellowship Potluck-

Canceled until further notice

In Lieu of the dinners, we may post a thread on Facebook, so you can post a photo of what you are having, and who you are with, and who you wish to extend a greeting to.

Book Club may want to consider "meeting" on-line in a Facebook post- be creative. People seem to be grooving on Zoom for group meetings.

Lenten Bible Study- Online on Tuesdays at 11:00

Sunday Services continue, but ONLINE at 9:00

Check our website: www.tifumc.com for links to Facebook and YouTube and (soon) Zoom. zoom.com

Fellowship

When we get past this crisis, and are able to come together again in person and in prayer on Sundays, we will need people to take on the hospitality task of setting out coffee for Fellowship Time. Everyone loves it, but someone needs to step up to get things going.