



First United Methodist Church

June, 2020 Newsletter

Pastor's Pen

Friends, I know that we are all wondering about what happens next with the country and our state and communities reopening for business and how will that affect the spread of the coronavirus. There is much conflicting information and supposition circulating about how to keep safe in this time.

Here at the Ticonderoga First United Methodist Church we are going to fully trust in God's loving care and guidance through the power of prayer. Then we will follow the guidelines of the CDC, NY State Health, and the Upper New York Annual Conference as we follow John Wesley's general rules for Methodists to:

Do no harm.
Do all the good we can.
Stay in love with God.

At this time the safety requirements upon us as a church would exclude most of us from participating in worship together, as well as not being allowed to experience community including touch or singing. Our leadership team has decided to continue to do worship from the parsonage through Facebook, Zoom, and YouTube through the month of June and perhaps longer. We now have the capacity to make DVD's of each service that we can mail or leave in a drop box on the bench outside the sanctuary. This is truly challenging for all of us, but I feel that God is inviting us to deepen our faith and our understanding of how to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ even as we are spaced throughout our communities.

I have redone the Zoom codes for Sunday mornings at 9 AM. Here is the link. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86576110638> you can also call 1 929 205 6099 and type in id code 86576110638. We are also setting up two Zoom sessions each week for you to see and talk to one another on Sunday evenings at 7PM and Wednesday evenings at 7PM. Our next Bible study is starting on Tuesday June 2nd at 7PM titled "Half Truths" by Adam Hamilton. Books are in the church office or you can order on-line. We changed to the evening so that we will have a better Zoom connection and hopefully have fewer conflicts in your schedule.

I pray that we all will find new ways to grow and flourish as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Peace, Love, and Blessings,
Pastor Scott Tyler



I have only done one painting in recent months but hope to do many more in the near future.

Sunday Evenings 7PM Social Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88095716070>

Wednesday Evenings 7PM Social Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85371129492>

Tuesday Evening Bible Study beginning June 2 7PM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86126855097>

Now That's A Bright Idea

Donnie is doing a great job of keep the building clean and sanitized. Nothing does a building more damage than not being care for. Great job Donnie.

We were in the building recently for a Thrift Shop meeting. It was great to be back home. As we open up in stages it is important to remember that until the time comes, we have to wear masks.

Donnie hasn't reported any big problems. He told me the other day that one of the hall lights in the downstairs hall is out. He tried changing the bulb, but it didn't help. I'll look at it next week. All in all, that is everything to report.

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, Chair

We can now make a DVD of any of our services that will play in any DVD player. Let us know if you are interested.

Happy Birthday

Pamela Moser June 5th
Donald Norton June 10th
John Wesley- June 12, 1703
founder of Methodism.
Scott Tyler June 13th
Sandee Thompson June 14
Kathy Liddell June 18th
Alexander Moser June 18th
Leona Simpson June 20
Peggy Armstrong June 27th
Laurie Ward June 29th
Olivia Quesnel June 29

Happy Anniversary

Jeannine & Bill Wright June 4
Mike & Kim Powers June 13
Albert & Mary Thompson June 20
John Wade & Deb Endsley June 24
Jerry & Joyce Cooper June 26
Douglas & Carolyn Buckland June 30

Emily Powers
(Kim and Mike's Daughter)
graduated from Castleton State
College with her Bachelor's Degree
and did very well. Emily is an active
member of the church, and her family
is very proud of her. She is going on
to St. Rose College for her Master's in
the Psychology Field.

Congratulations Ronnie,
on your graduation from
Middlebury College!

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,

Thrift Shop Volunteers & Their Hours, 2019

Name	Hours	Name	Hours
Carol Barnwell	59.5	Betty Lou Messier	448
Joyce Barry	16.75	Gloria Peters	58.75
Margot Anello	411.25	Carole Potter	10.75
Wanita Blanchard	299.75	Betty Rettig	206
Joan Charboneau	86.25	Leona Simpson	494
Crammond Dorcey	17	Theresa Sharkey	14.75
Lee Dame	58.75	Sandy Sprague	124.5
Ellen Ellor	111.5	Angie Spaulding	11
June Frasier	64.25	Jeanne Thatcher	227
Stephanie Frazier	64.5	Pam Thorne	353.75
Judy Gourley	10.75	Debbie Thompson	33.75
MaryLou Greenough	67.75	Sandra Trepanier	283.75
Candy Harrington	24.5	Pat Trombley	85.75
Mary Hunsdon	12.5	LaurieWard	15.75
Marsha LaPointe	132.75	AnnWestervelt	51.75
Karen Manning	253	Jeannine Wright	397

Ticonderoga, NY 12883. Dollar for dollar, the Pantry can get more food than we can from their suppliers. If you wish to donated 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

Thrift Shop News

At present, the Thrift Shop remains closed to protect both volunteers and customers. However, the committee which oversees the running of the shop will be meeting very soon to plan when and how to reopen. There is much to consider.

Once we do open, we will transition into summer clothing – capris, shorts, bathing suits and other items for the warmer weather ahead.

We look forward to reopening (as we know the community does) and seeing all our customers again, while still being mindful of everyone’s safety. Until we do, stay safe and stay healthy.

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

From the Sexton’s Broom-

Greetings from a quiet but still busy church building! As we have all worked hard to maintain our lives, both physically and spiritually through these trying times, Bridget and I have been *Holding the Fort* until we can all return!

I have taken advantage of this quiet time to strip and wax the floor in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Scott and I also got the drum set back on the stage and out of the Parsonage!

When the time comes when we can worship together again, the church will be ready!
Let’s hope it’s SOON!

-Donnie

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.

Greetings- If you have access to email, it is 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 mainly working 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

ADDITION CONNECTION

As things slowly open up in the construction field, we should see some progress soon. Scott talked to the cement contractor and was told he was going to pour the first week in June. As to when construction begins, I would expect we will not be done now till fall. Good things come to those who wait.

Betty is doing great getting the garden put back together, but as with everything else we have to wait for a contractor to put down the walkway and build a small retaining wall for “the tree”.

If you have any questions, please let Pastor Scott or myself know and we will try to answer or get the answer for you.

Bill Westervelt, Chair Trustees.

