

First United Methodist Church

September, 2024

Pastor's Pen



Welcome to the transition from summer to fall and a new season of church and community ministries. We pray for college students and the children of our communities starting a new school year. If you are like me, it seems like I blinked in June and now it is Labor Day weekend. I encourage us to step back from our usual routines on Monday, breathe deep, and reflect on where we are in our life journey with God and where the Holy Spirit might guide our next steps.

During September we will be celebrating the Life of Mary Gonyo. I will be attending Clergy meetings, officiating a wedding, celebrating Yarr's 19th birthday, attending a pastel painting workshop, and traveling with my children to North Carolina to celebrate my mother's life. The Champlain Valley Chorale will begin rehearsing. Their organizational meeting to pay dues and pick up music will be on the 3rd and singing will begin on the 10th.

Books for our fall Bible Study should be arriving soon. Tom Berlin is the author and video presenter of *Reckless Love: Jesus' call to love our neighbors*. This fall we will also be focusing on sharing God's love and inviting our neighbors to join us in worship and ministry.

May God's love surround and fill us as we harvest the fruits of our gardens!

Peace, Love, and Blessings,

Pastor Scott Tyler



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Now That's A Bright Idea

Where did the summer go? We're back to our normal meeting schedule with your trustees meeting on the second Monday of the month. We'll meet on September 9th at 6:30 and as always the meetings are open to anyone who wants to attend and know what's going on and give us new ideas.

Two ideas have come up over the summer. The first is looking into replacing the four parking lot lights with LED's. This might become very important as our electric bill went up over 100% to over \$600.00 last month. This of course will impact budget and our ability to do other projects. The lights are now 250 watts each and are on for 6 to 8 hours each night. LED's would use less than 50 watts each.

Second, also concerning electricity, is to revisit the ceiling fans in the Sanctuary. The problem has been that they are over 30 feet in the air and getting to them is challenging.

The parking lot was coated and lined this summer. It had been over 7 years since it was done, and it has turned out quite nicely.

Heating oil has of course gone up again. Let's pray for a warm and short winter.

As always if you see something that needs attention, contact Donnie or myself and we'll do our best to "get 'r' done"! (Or at least put it on the list)

Bill Westervelt
Chair of Trustees

From the Sexton's Broom

September is here!

Although autumn doesn't officially start until September 22nd, there is a feeling of autumn in the air!

September is a month of starting over here at TFUMC! Committees such as Trustees, Ad Council, and Worship will all be resuming this month. Also, we will be starting Bible Study in early October!

On a Sexton note, I LOVE the autumn. It's my favorite season. I love the crispness of the air, apple cider and doughnuts, just to name a few things. The changing of the leaves which provides a tapestry of color and light. What it also provides is dead leaves blowing in every time we open a door, and all of God's critters trying to get inside, as well!

I would like to strip and wax Fellowship Hall. We will have to see if we can work around Champlain Valley Chorale's practice schedule.

My shoulder got a clean bill of health, although there are things I will not be able to do anymore.

Donnie.
Sexton extraordinaire.



Gardening at the First United Methodist Church

It is ALWAYS garden season. . . Let Betty Rettig know if you want to dig about in the dirt.

Anyone wanting to simply enjoy the peace in the garden can bring a book or bag lunch to the Memorial Garden.

Happy Birthday

Yarr Tyler September 3
 Bill Wright September 6
 Joan Viault September 11
 Joe Liddell September 15
 Nate Norton September 16
 Julie Hurlburt September 17
 Larry Lauderville September 17
 Lynn Sawyer September 22
 Margaret Beuerlein September 22
 Bobbie Blaise September 27

Family Corner

Happy Anniversary

Joe and Kathy Liddell September 16

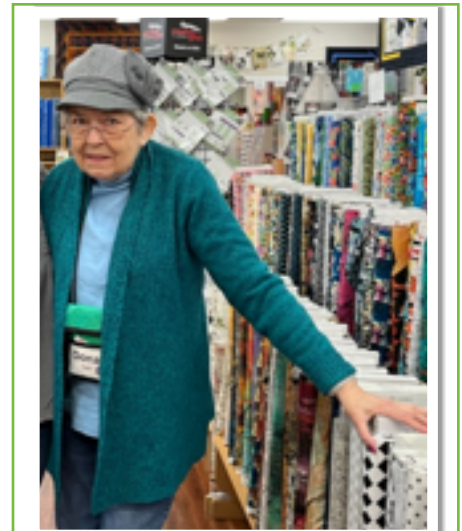


Bible Study Resumes!
 October 2
 Wednesdays at 1:00pm,
 until November 6
 In the FUMC lounge,
 and on Facebook live.

Blessing of Animals
 October 5
 10:00 on the circle



Book Club
 Sept. 11 at 5:30
 at Ann Westervelt's house



Dona Tyler, quilter
 Rest in Pieces & Peace

Sunday Volunteers

Sept.	Readers
1	Bill Westervelt
8	Louise Goodwin
15	Ann Westervelt
22	Bill Quinn
29	Donnie Norton

FORE!!!!
 The Thrift Shop will be sponsoring a hole in a local golf tournament to benefit the NY/VT Nurses Mission to Honduras. The Thrift Shop does a lot-providing quality products locally, and helping people who are far away.



Thrift Shop News

It has been a very busy summer at the Thrift Shop. Sales have been excellent, donations have been plentiful, and our volunteers have been very busy sorting, cleaning and stocking new items each week, as well as helping our many customers on open days. Many summer items are on sale to make room for the next season.

The shop is getting ready for fall! Clothing with long sleeves and items in fall colors are going out on the racks and shelves. Fall décor items abound. Stop in and see what we have; you never know what you might find.

We couldn't be successful without the help of our dedicated volunteers, and we are so grateful for them. We are in need of volunteers on Saturdays. If you are looking for something to do and interested in helping out, talk with any of our volunteers.

As always, thank you for supporting the Thrift Shop.

Thrift Shop Committee Members:

Margot Anello, Committee Chairperson

Jeanne Thatcher, Treasurer

Jeanne B. Thatcher, Trustees Representative

Margot Anello, Wanita Blanchard, Lynn Brigan,

Marsha LaPointe, Betty Messier, Leona Simpson,

Sandra Sprague, Pam Thorne, Sandra Trepanier, Jeannine Wright and Rev. Scott Tyler

Thrift Shop Volunteers

Saturday (9-2pm)

7	Margot, Jeanne, Wanita
14	Pam, Jeannine
21	Roxanne, Sandy S., Sandra T., Joan C.
28	Ann, Judy W., June

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A Nation Remembers

September 11, 2001

. . . In the rubble and stone, alone,
We remember the time of loss, of
such madness,

And with time, healing; and a
feeling that life will go on. The
way is clear. . .

With God near to comfort all who
suffer and bear the scars of terror
and strife,

For life goes on for ever and a day,
Always, the way is clear. . .

For He is near, comforting those
lost who were dear.

The year was 2001, a September
never to forget.

Innocent lives, husbands and
wives, men and women; bravely
lost.

The cost to all who are left, bereft,
with nothing But rubble and stone,
alone . . .

The year is now 2013, and we will
pray for peace to Thee, For the
scars of war loom ever before us.

Our faith is in Thee,

To shield us from above, with love,
that we may abide in Thee forever,
And never be afraid.

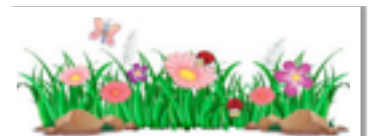
For you have made us in your
image, to live and give life. . . Not
to take it away.

Be strong and giving to those
living, so that peace will come.

And save the brave who are dying;
and children who are crying. . .

In the rubble and stone, alone. . .

-- Enid Bousfield



The Ticonderoga Food Pantry

Thank you all for your continued support of the Ticonderoga Food Pantry.

Hours of operation:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday:
11am-Noon.

This summer has continued to be busy for the Ticonderoga Food Pantry. Usage is up 50% over two years ago, presumably because grocery prices have gone up so much.

This summer, the pantry gained recognition from articles in the Sun. Food was collected at the Farmers' Market. And right now, Snug Harbor Marina is collecting food and money for us, and will MATCH the financial donations!! If you are looking for an opportunity to help, this is a really good one.

We appreciate our supporters, our volunteers, and our customers. The Food Pantry is an important part of the Ticonderoga/Putnam/Hague community, filling a vital role in helping those who, for whatever reason, find themselves in need. We thank all of you!!

Free Community Dinner

Chicken Cacciatore

September 8

4:30-6:00

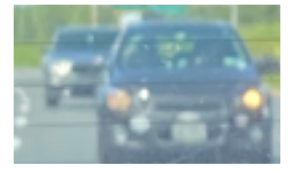
Dine in, take out

Volunteers welcome!

Come early to set up, stay late to clean up. Group effort!

From the office, after a summer often spent on the road. . .

Yes, that is my car, with me and Emory heading south—seen by friends who were also on their way to Maryland!! I had no idea they were there. My stickers do make my car stand out.



Emory has paddled for races I've entered quite a few times in recent years. What a sport! And what a relief to be able to enter 1, 2, and 3 mile races again! Still healing. . .

For a few weeks, as Emory settles into Senior Year (!), I'll be continuing to sort my gardens (need anything?). This is one of many shipments I've sent of into the world to grow in other gardens. I am hoping to organize my house, and get some swimming in. A few car-free days would be welcome.



I greatly appreciate being able to flex my time a bit when needed, so I can set aside time to drive safely, and still get done what you need done. I never expected to be a faraway mother, but here I am. My teen is 17, and any time we can share is priceless, so I'm happy to duck in at odd hours as I go to and from lessons in Middlebury.

-- Bridget



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 Worship, Communion	2 Sexton Appreciation Day	3 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	4	5 10:00 Worship Meeting	6 8:00 Men's & Women's Prayer Breakfasts in Silver Bay	7 9-2 Thrift Shop
8 9:00 Worship, Communion 4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner	9 6:30 Trustees	10 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	11 5:30 Book Club at Ann Westervelt's house	12 Sexton Appreciation Day	13 Bridget is away for Teen Weekend	14 9-2 Thrift Shop
15 9:00 Worship, Communion Fellowship Coffee by Thrift Shop	16 6:30 Ad Council	17 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	18	19 Thrift Shop Committee Meeting	20	21 9-2 Thrift Shop
22 9:00 Worship, Communion	23	24 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	25 Sexton Appreciation Day	26 October Newsletter being finalized!!!	27	28 9-2 Thrift Shop Dona Tyler's memorial service in NC.
29 9:00 Worship, Communion	30	31 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	<h1>September</h1>			

New Member Classes:

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

Champlain Valley Chorale

Chorale resumes on September 3, at 7:00pm here at FUMC. Join in, sing with gusto, and we will all be ready for the Christmas concerts!

Dec.13 at Our Lady of Lourdes at 7pm

Dec. 15 at FUMC at 3pm