

# First United Methodist Church

## October, 2024

### Pastor's Pen



Enjoy the beauty of this Fall!

As I write Xann, Zyleen, Zoey, and I are driving into the remains of the hurricane. My hope is that by diverting to the east we will miss the heaviest storms. There is 10+ inches of rain forecasted for Western North Carolina. We will drive carefully! Yarr will be following us once work on his car is completed. I will take photos and bring back stories of Mom's celebration of life.

The rain reminds me of camping with my family as a child when it seemed every trip had some rain. I became an expert at tent placement and ditch construction to keep my sleeping bag and clothes dry. My sister and I had fun racing sticks in our moats.

God always provides opportunities for us to find the blessings in every circumstance of our lives and ways to bless others.

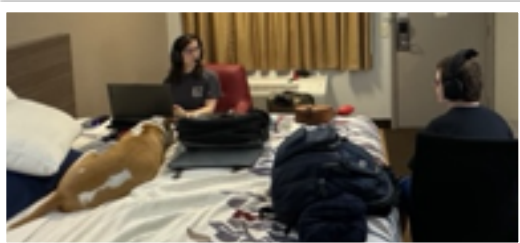
I am excited about our new Bible Study starting on Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup>. It is a joy listening to everyone's experiences of God's transforming and radical love in their lives!

The attached photo is our hotel room last night with the kids making the most of their time together.

I encourage all of to make new memories, enjoy the colors of this fall and have fun with pumpkins and gourds as you enjoy God's abiding Love!

Peace, Love, and Blessings,

Pastor Scott Tyler



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## Now That's A Bright Idea

Cooler nights and warm days make this bear start to think about hibernation. Also makes this trustee think about oil usage along with electric use. With AC's turned off for the winter, we should see a drop in electric usage. Our July electric bill was almost \$700. And August was almost \$400. Please turn lights out and fans off when not using the space.

In good news, the parking lot looks as good as new. We are continuing to look into new lighting for the parking lot, and other ways to save money around the church.

We have approved applying edging to the risers going up to the altar. I was hoping to just buy it and install but Lowe's doesn't carry it. More investigation is in order.

HOGWASH! Well, that's the company's name. They are here now as I write this washing all the outside windows here and at the parsonage. They are an outside building cleaning company out of Glens Falls. I have been very happy with the work that I have seen them do for me and my neighbor. They are fast and I would recommend them to any of you that might need their services.

With Bill Quinn leaving, we now have need of at least one more, (if not 2) Trustees. If you would be interested in helping in this important position, contact Pastor Scott or myself.

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

## From the Sexton's Broom

It is official: Fall is HERE! My favorite season. A season of change, a season of revival after a lazy summer (well, lazy for *some*, maybe).

Things are shaking up here at TFUMC, too! Meetings and committees starting again after the summer vacation, Champlain Valley Chorale is rehearsing again, Bible Study renews this month! The list goes on and on!

Sexton-wise, my battle with leaves, and critters wanting to come in begins. Trying to keep pace with all of the things going on in the building. I still want to shampoo carpets, better to wait until the weather cools. Hogwash cleaned the outside windows: Hooray for them!! As the head of Trustees noticed one sunny day while looking at the Narthex doors, "Wow! Something you don't do well!" I admit, windows are NOT my strong point!

As always, if you see something that requires my attention, please let me know.



Donnie  
Sexton extraordinaire.

## Book Club

Oct. 7 at 5:30

at Leona Simpson's house.

*1,000 White Women*

By Jim Fergus

# Family Corner

## Happy Birthday

Jane Bassett      October 2  
 Amy Quesnel      October 2  
 Grace Ambrus      October 3  
 Jeanne Thatcher      October 9  
 Sally Snelson      October 11  
 Doug Buckland      October 18  
 Ed Flack      October 18  
 Josie Bougor      October 30  
 Bridget      Halloween



## Happy Anniversary

Pam & Walter Thorne      Oct. 12

World Communion  
 Sunday  
 October 6

Reformation  
 Sunday  
 October 27

Reformation Day  
 October 31

*Blessing of Animals*  
 October 5 at 10:00  
 on the circle



Remember your leaders,  
 those who spoke the word of  
 God to you; consider the  
 outcome of their way of life,  
 and imitate their faith.  
*Hebrews 13:7*

PASTOR  
*Appreciation*

October is  
 Pastor Appreciation Month

## 2024 Annual Church Conference

Monday October 21<sup>st</sup>

6:00 PM at the Port Henry Presbyterian  
 Fellowship Center



NOTE the new location- it is  
 across the street from the  
 Stewart's in Port Henry. A  
 sign out front says:

**THE CHURCH IS OPEN**

We will be carpooling from our church. Our DS Rev.  
 Debbie Earthowl will be leading us and asking about what  
 is going well and what is not with our intentional  
 discipleship plan.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

## Sunday Volunteers

October	Readers
6	Bill Westervelt
13	Sandra Trepanier
20	Bob Bartlett
27	Sue Fahey

# Thrift Shop News

Fall has arrived, especially at the Thrift Shop, and our volunteers have been busy putting out decorations, fall items and warmer clothing. We have many cute Halloween decorations as well. If you're into that holiday, come on in and see what you can find!

The Thrift Shop continues to support the Church's General Fund, the local Clergy Association, the Ticonderoga school backpack program, the Food Pantry, and the Homeless Fund with monthly donations. Our newest mission is to support women in crisis with clothing and baby needs. When you support the Thrift Shop, you are also supporting these worthy causes.

The Women's Center will be outside the shop on Saturday, October 5 beginning at 9 am with FREE clothing and baby items. This group is a wonderful addition to our community. If you know someone who can use their services, spread the word!

If you haven't been in lately, come in and check us out! Our volunteers work hard to have new items on the shelves and racks every week. We always have a great selection of books and puzzles as well.

Enjoy the beauty of this season.

## **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)

5	Jeannine, Pam, Deb
12	Jeanne, Sandy, Sandra
19	Wanita, Roxanne, Judy F./Betty R.
26	Joan C., Jeanne, June

## The Women's Center Fall Fill-A-Bag Event

October 5th

9:00 am - 12:00 pm at the  
First United Methodist Church in Ti,  
by the Thrift Shop entrance.  
Free fall/ winter infant and toddler  
clothing.

Individuals can fill a bag with  
whatever they need.

All are welcome to participate.

## Bible Study



October 9- November 9

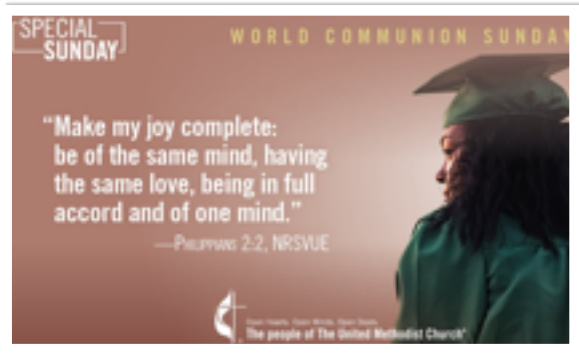
Wednesdays

1:00 in Lounge & on

Facebook

# World Communion Sunday

October 6



The first Sunday in October is a special day. People in churches around the world receive Holy Communion as an expression of unity in Christ.

In the United Methodist Church, we also take a special offering. Our World Communion Sunday offering provides scholarships and leadership development opportunities for international and U.S. racial-ethnic students pursuing advanced degrees. Gifts not only make an impact in the students' lives but also in the communities they serve.

Last year, our congregations raised \$443,000 to enable undergraduate and graduate studies for those who could not afford an education. Thank you for your generosity and helping to shape the future leaders of The United Methodist Church.

Nancy A. Carter,  
Chairperson of the Mission Committee of  
FUMC

**Mission Committee:  
October 9 at 10:00 am**

# The Ticonderoga Food Pantry

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

## **Hours of operation:**

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday:  
11am-Noon.**

Financial donations may be mailed to the church office.

Non-perishables may be left in the shopping cart in the Narthex.

## **Free Community Dinner**

**October 6, 4:30-6:00**

**Dine in or take out  
Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Sides,  
Desserts**

Volunteers are invited to prepare food, set tables, clean up.

## **Gardening at the First United Methodist Church**

**Help Wanted!**

**Free Weeds!**

Help free the gardens from weeds!

## **New Member Classes:**

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	2	3 10:00 Worship	4 Bridget out of the office: Teen Weekend!	5 9-2 Thrift Shop  10:00 Blessing of Animals
6 World Communion Sunday (offering)  9:00 Worship, Communion  4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner	7  5:30 Book Club	8 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	9 10:00 Mission Committee  Bible Study 1:00 in Lounge & on Facebook	10	11	12  9-2 Thrift Shop
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20  9:00 Worship, Communion  Fellowship Coffee after service	21  6:00 2024 Annual Church Conference Port Henry Presbyterian	22 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	23 Bible Study 1:00 in Lounge and on Facebook	24	25  Sexton Appreciation Day	26  9-2 Thrift Shop
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