

First United Methodist Church

November, 2024

Pastor's Pen

I thank God for all of you.



I have been so blessed the last two years with your amazing support encouraging me in my care of my parents, especially the time you gave me to be fully present with my Mom as she was welcomed home in Jesus' embrace.

I thank God for the love and support of my three children. We will be traveling together back to Hendersonville, NC the second week of November to celebrate Mom's life and to sort out the new tree falling damage to the house.

I thank God for Bridget, Donnie, and Bill managing the life of the church and worship while Zoey and I were in NC. And for all of you keeping the vital ministries of our church vibrant and serving our community so well!

I thank God for the amazing work of our volunteers putting together and serving wonderful meals to the community, and all the work going into the Election Day Dinner.

I thank God for the wonderful and unique gifts you all have and how you share them to increase God's love in the world. There are new opportunities to use your gifts in established ministries and new ones that you wish we had. Do you know people in the community who could be mentored and bring new life and vitality into our ministries? Please talk to me about them and invite them!

May all of us embrace the love God pours into our lives and the world while giving God thanks and praise!

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Scott Tyler



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Now That's A Bright Idea

At the church conference on Oct. 21, yours truly, Bill Gourley and Donnie were re-elected as your trustees for the class of 2027. Also elected to fill out Bill Quinn's term was Keith Holcomb. Welcome Keith.

Keith and Bill Gourley are investigating the fan problem in the Sanctuary. Problem isn't so much the fans themselves. It's getting to them. Good luck guys..

Take a look around the storage barns sometime and the back of the church. Thank Betty next time you see her as she got a large crew out from Deidrick's tree service to clean brush and trees that have been a problem for years. Way to go Betty!

If you haven't been up at church at night lately, it's really dark. All but one of the parking lot lights are burned out. We are investigating new LED fixtures. Deidrick's has said that they will use their boom truck to mount them for us. There are five total, and we should be able to get the project done before winter sets in.

The parsonage was broken into and of all things, Scott's new motorcycle helmet was taken in addition to a change jar. Your trustees are investigating an alarm system. Scott and I met with a rep. from Mahoney's on Oct. 22, and I should have a quote before the next trustees meeting on Nov. 11.

As always, Trustees meeting are open, and anyone interested is welcome to attend.

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



November, 2024

From the Sexton's Broom

November is here! Fall has arrived, in all its' splendor! The colors of the trees, the crispness in the air, as I have said many times, my FAVORITE season.

A busy time for us here at TFUMC! Bible Study is in full swing, we celebrate our saints who have gone on , Election Day Dinner, just to name a few. Also the Christmas Fair is on the horizon.

Hogwash came and washed our outside windows (Something I don't do well), and I am still fighting my battle with leaves and critters wanting to come in! Soon, Bill and I will be putting the hose reel away, and breaking out the snow blower! I also go from setting up Fellowship Hall for Champlain Valley Chorale Rehearsals to Community Dinners.

October was Fire Prevention month, so I changed out the batteries in the downstairs smoke detectors and the CO2 indicators.

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

Sexton extraordinaire.
Donnie



I am so thankful for our Pantry Volunteers! They work extra shifts when needed: take on additional tasks when asked. They just DO IT when they see something that needs doing. All volunteers just to serve our community. Some have been with us for many years and still continue in their effective, efficient ways! They certainly are a true blessing to our area. They MAKE the Pantry!!! -Margaret

Thankful for USA and
Ticonderoga. -Charles Gonyea



Family Corner

Happy Birthday

Betty Rettig November 2
 Marc Cooper November 11
 Olivia Powers November 19
 Judy Woodard November 22
 Deb Endsley November 28

Thankful for
 Family,
 friends,
 health.

Happy Anniversary

Joe & Lynn Sawyer November 11
 Bill & Ann Westervelt November 20
 Carl & Jeanne Thatcher November 26

In Memorial

Ann Dolback October 6, 1932-November 15, 2023
 Hans Rettig February 24, 1942- November 18, 2023
 Douglas E. Morse July 23, 1933-March 29, 2024
 Ellen Ellor August 23, 1933- July 19, 2024
 Mary Gonyo December 30, 1941-August 27, 2024

Christmas Fair

November 16, 9-1:30
 Luncheon (11-1)



Indulge in the Bake Sale!
 Leave Gifts Galore
 donations on stage any time.
 Come see the amazing
 Silent Auction items.
 Bring a friend!

Election Day Dinner November 5

Join us for the annual Turkey
 Dinner Fundraiser.

Take Out Dinners 4:00 PM
 Dining Room Opens at 5:00 PM
 Adults \$15.00 Children \$10.00



Fellowship Coffee
 November 10
 presented by
 Mission Committee
 See page 7 for more!

Advent readers Needed!!
 Please sign up.

Sunday Volunteers

Nov.	Flowers	Readers
3	All Saints' Flowers by congregation	Bill Westervelt
10		Louise Goodwin
17		Jeanne Thatcher
24		Ann Westervelt



Thankful for
 the wildlife I
 get to see,
 the kindness
 of others.

I'm thankful for . . .
 Everything- especially
 love of God.

I'm thankful for God,
 family, good weather,
 horses, little children,
 church family, friends,
 Christmas Fair,
 prayers, great secretary.

Thrift Shop News

Fall has been a busy time at the Thrift Shop. We have had so many wonderful decorations and knick-knacks. Sales have been excellent, and our volunteers have been very busy sorting through the myriad donations in order to get new items out as quickly as possible.

Despite the mild fall, we all know that winter is just around the corner. We have sweaters, jackets and coats for sale. Hats, scarves and gloves will be out soon. If you don't find what you're looking for, please ask.

We are looking forward to the upcoming Christmas Fair on November 16. All money collected that day is given to the Church. Remember to visit the shop that day.

We will again be participating in Small Business Saturday with our local chamber and many other businesses on November 30. We will be offering Christmas decor at 50 cents each that day!

Happy Thanksgiving from everyone at 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

I'm thankful for. . . my health.

Book Club

Joan Viault's house at 5.
The book is *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters

Thrift Shop Volunteers

Saturday (9-2pm)

2	Jeannine, Pam, Margot
9	Joan C., Ann, Judy W., Wanita, Jeannine
16	Wanita, Jeannine
23	Margot, Wanita, Roxanne
30	Jeanne, Sandy S, June

The Thrift Shop Committee is very thankful for **all** of our volunteers; the shop would not be successful without each of you!

Thanks to Walter and John Thorne for taking away our cardboard and "blue bags" weekly. Also to Donnie who takes care of our garbage so we don't have to; and last but certainly not least, to Bridget for all her assistance in creating and printing forms, ordering necessities, etc.

I'm thankful for. . . Family and Friends, my belief system, and the beautiful area I live in. -Leona

I'm thankful for. . . my wonderful husband, Emily's college graduation, changes at work that push me to grow, time with friends and family, my Mom, God taking on my worry during a season of change, beauty of the Earth, especially the Adirondacks, and the growth and hard work of my son.

I am thankful for my operation on my knee is over and healing fine I am thankful for all the prayers. I am thankful for our wonderful church.
- Pauline Gonyea

I'm thankful for: Living through it.
-Larry L.

From Fort Ticonderoga:
Betty Rettig of Ticonderoga, NY, received the "Back in the Garden Award." Betty has spent years volunteering her time and talent to create weekly flower arrangements that highlight the beauty of the King's Garden. After an injury kept her down, the entire Fort Ticonderoga team was overjoyed to be able to welcome Betty back this summer!

The Ticonderoga Food Pantry

Hours of operation:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 11am-Noon.

Anyone seeking a food basket should bring a utility bill as proof of residency.

Donations may be left in the shopping cart in the foyer, and financial donations may be sent to the Food Pantry via the church office.

We are quite busy right now but, things are running smoothly. Our volunteers work very hard and are greatly appreciated!

The "coat give away" from the Thrift Shop has been well received. I do not know how many coats have gone out, but I do know our folks who take them really appreciate them.

We are glad to be able to help folks in this way and appreciate the "working together" with the shop!

We are making plans at this time for Thanksgiving, knowing that it is just around the corner.

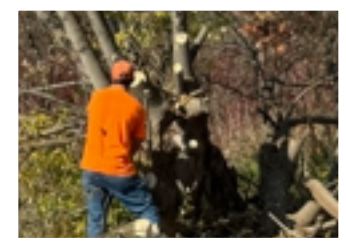
New Member Classes:

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

Gardening at the First United Methodist Church

Special thanks to Sandy Sprague and Joan Pulling for their help in keeping the gardens tidy and watered.

Large brush and small tree removal was also done recently!



I'm thankful for my family, Nate & Bryan, my church family, that my shoulder has healed; for the men & women of our armed forces. -Donnie

I'm thankful for. . . my church family and my children.

I'm thankful for. . . my loving family, for my circle of friends & those yet to become ones. For the glorious outdoors, any day.

Thankful for God's continued watching over us, God's mercy & Grace. For Family and Friends.

Christmas Fair

Luncheon Menu(11-1)

Soups, Hot dogs, Burgers, chips, beverages.

Wreaths

With bows \$30, Without bows \$25

Sign up in the hall, or call the office by Nov. 10



Christmas Fair



November 16, 2024

9:00 -1:30

Luncheon (11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)

Holiday Gifts Silent Auction

Christmas Wreaths Bake Shop

Christmas Decor Gifts Galore

The Thrift Shop will be open

Thank you for the opportunity to support your faith family missions from my front seat in the office. It is a joy. I flex my hours and work remotely to make sure you have what you need during my Teen Weekends.
-Bridget

SILENT AUCTION DONATION FORM

The Fair is an opportunity for all members and friends of First United Methodist Church to work together and/or contribute toward the financial needs of our church. One way in which you can help is to donate an item to the Silent Auction. Appropriate items might include: An antique, a unique handcrafted item, small distinctive furniture, a special Christmas decoration, new or nearly new gift items, jewelry or perhaps even a gift certificate or tickets to a play or game.

Please fill-in the following form and attach it to the item/s to be donated or give it to Betty Rettig or Sandy Sprague. Your participation is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

..... Clip Here

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

ITEM/S TO BE DONATED: _____

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ITEM OR SERVICE: _____

VALUE OF DONATION: _____

SUGGESTED OPENING BID: _____

Do you want your item back if the minimum bid is not met?

__ Yes __ No

It Takes A Village

This time last year, I told you that *The Tiny Tim Program* was changing to *It Takes A Village*. *The Tiny Tim Program* was most active at Christmas Time. Children have needs all year long, so it is now called *It Takes A Village*. Instead of buying toys for children, it is requested that you make a donation to the Fund. This can be given in the office in an an envelope marked with the name and the check written to *It Takes A Village*, or given to Ann Westervelt.

Please be generous in your giving, since there is such a desperate need in this area. There is a need for winter clothing and toys. Thank you for your past generosity, and I know you will keep this in mind as you make your donation for this year.

Ann Westervelt

November, 2024

Community Dinner

There is no Free Community Dinner in November. The dedicated Kitchen Committee volunteers will prepare the Election Day Dinner- an important fundraiser for the church. More volunteers are always welcome.

Community Dinner Mission Statement

To open our doors in a spirit of hospitality, compassion, fellowship and community to provide a free and nutritional meal to all who enter.

*“In the breaking of bread
we receive and give, growing together.”*

Our 2010 Youth Group was challenged to develop a Community Outreach Mission. They enthusiastically came up with the idea of preparing and serving a meal, for free, to the community once a month. Our Mission Committee approved a startup fund of \$500. A core group of adults in the congregation helped the youth organize, advertise, and prepare the menu and meal. Coming up on 15 years, it is likely that at least 10,000 dinners have been enjoyed by all who dine in or take out.

While not primarily a fundraiser, the dinner is normally self-funded by donations. We have been able to cover most of the costs of kitchen supplies, equipment, and food. This is because all of you have been here to make it happen. This has allowed us to support local needs, including the Ti Area Clergy Association, St Mary's School, Hague Baptist Roof Fund, Ambulance Squad, NY/VT Nurses fund, THS Gov't Club, UMCOR, and other church missions.

The Free Community Dinner will return on December 8 with a Lasagna dinner, antipasto salad, garlic bread, sides, and desserts. To thank you for your support all year, this dinner is free to all and donations are not requested.

We celebrate you! Thank you!

Fellowship Coffee

November 10

presented by Mission Committee

MISSION GIVING MATCH:
Hurricanes Recovery Fund Raiser for
UMCOR

Double the impact of your mission-giving dollar! On November 10, the mission committee will sponsor the church coffee hour, which also will be a fundraiser for the United Methodist Committee on Relief's response to the recent hurricanes in the southeastern United States. The committee will match the total gifts made to UMCOR's response up to \$1000.

So far, UMCOR has awarded solidarity grants to the North Georgia, South Georgia, Western North Carolina and Holston United Methodist annual conferences. Additionally, UMCOR-trained Early Response Teams (ERTs) are coordinating efforts to remove debris, tarp roofs, and clean out homes in hard-hit areas. UMCOR will continue to support those recovering from these disasters for months and, more likely, years to come.

Can't attend the coffee hour? Drop your gift into the offering plate or send it to the church office by November 10. Write checks to First United Methodist Church and note that it is for MISSION GIVING MATCH: UMCOR Hurricanes.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity to mission.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November</h1> 					1 8:00 Men's & Women's Prayer Breakfasts in Silver Bay	2 9-2 Thrift Shop
3 All Saints' Day 9:00 Worship, Communion	4	5 Election Day Dinner 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	6 1:00 Bible Study in Lounge and on Facebook 5:00 Book Club	7 10:00 Worship Meeting	8 Sexton Appreciation Day	9 9-2 Thrift Shop Dona Tyler's memorial service
10 9:00 Worship, Fellowship Coffee by Missions. Mission meets afterward Wreath orders DUE	11 6:30 Trustees	12 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	13 1:00 Last Bible Study meeting	14	15	16 9-2 Thrift Shop 9-1:30 Church Fair
17 9:00 Worship, Communion	18 6:30 Ad Council	19 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	20 Sexton Appreciation Day	21	22	23 9-2 Thrift Shop
24 9:00 Worship, Communion	25	26 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30 9-2 Thrift Shop Small Business Saturday

I'm thankful for my family.
My health. The beauty around us every day. Friends. Coffee.

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Thankful for Jesus in my life, and my church family.