

First United Methodist Church

February, 2025

From The Pastor's Pen



As I write it feels like we are inside a lovely snow globe or a Thomas Kinkade painting with the snow squalls and intermittent sunshine. The child in me has always loved snow days and treated them like a loving gift from God.

February is a time when we see hearts, flowers, and chocolate arrangements and valentines. This Sunday the 2nd we will be reading 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, a scripture I often use at weddings to lift up God's love for us and how to better love one another.

I will be working this month with the area clergy to restart church services at the nursing home on Sunday afternoons. I will also be working with Sister Sharon to have monthly memorial services to celebrate the lives of the residents who have died and see God face to face, and to minister to the staff who work so hard to care for everyone.

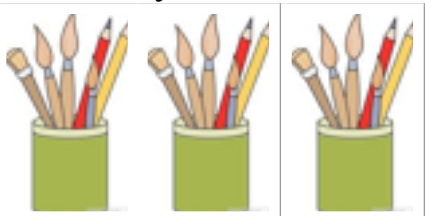
I will be creating weekly video devotions for our website and social media. As well as filming and editing videos of our ministries in action.

Painting with the Pastor begins this month. We will start small and see how the wonderful creativity of the community grows! Bring your project & supplies, and enjoy creative company. You do not have to limit your creativity to painting.

Please keep our congregation in your prayers so we may fully embody God's love through our thoughts, words, and actions.

Peace, Love, and Blessings,

Pastor Scott Tyler



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Now That's A Bright Idea

At our January meeting, officers were elected with no changes. Our budget was presented and approved.

We have installed edging around the steps to the altar. The first week we did not mention it in church, seeing if anyone would comment. You didn't, but they're in place and hopefully will prevent any additional falls. We are in the process of investigating railings. More to come on that subject next month.

With the downturn in the stock market, I have decided to put the repair and replacement of the walls and windows on the lower level on hold. If anyone has questions, I'll be glad to discuss the situation.

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

Book Club

February 5 at 5
at Joan Charbonneau
The Women
By Kristin Hannah

From the Sexton's Broom

February 2024 is here! By the time you read this, that old Groundhog will have made his appearance! Hopefully, he does NOT see his shadow, I am ready for spring.

We have survived the doldrums of January, the year is well underway. So far, not a lot of snow and ice, the less snow and salt to be tracked in the building. I can live with that.

Fellowship Hall has been transformed into its Champlain Valley Chorale Home. I will have to set up different configuration a few times, as we have a couple of different activities going on.

Did everyone notice the new safety strips on the Altar steps? They look great, and more importantly, they make going up and down to the altar a little easier AND safer.

Soon, I will be able to start some spring cleaning. Hopefully sooner, if old Punxsutawney Phil doesn't see his shadow!

I am working on my mental list of what I would like to get accomplished this spring.

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



Donnie.

Sexton extraordinaire.

Happy Birthday

Claire Best February 2
 Sandra Sprague February 2
 Carole Potter February 14
 Nancy Carter February 18
 Joyce Cooper February 21
 Rodger Snelson February 24
 Denise Huestis February 27

Family Corner

Happy Anniversary

Fred & Joan Viault February 20

February 2 Groundhog Day
 February 14 Valentines' Day
 February 17 Presidents' Day

Adirondack Torch Club

Nancy Carter will present:

Who Was Mary Magdalene, Really?

Thursday, Feb 6, 2025,
 5 pm to 8 pm
 (we might be out by 7 though).
 RSVP to Nancy or to Ann Westervelt.
 This is a potluck dinner!

Thursday, Feb 13, 2025,
 5 pm to 8 pm as a snow date.



Painting With The Pastor

February 20, 1:00-3:00
 Fellowship Hall

Join Pastor Scott as he works on his painting as a means of connecting with God

Bring your project to work on and share in the spiritual process of creating.

Don't paint? Bring what you are working on creatively, as long as it is portable enough to bring to the Fellowship Hall and go home with you after.

Draw, paint, stitch, create!

Sunday Volunteers

February	Flowers	Readers
2	Westervelts	Donnie Norton
9		Ann Westervelt
16		Sue Fahey
23	Betty Rettig	Sandra Trepanier

Thrift Shop News

We made it through a strange January, with fairly mild temperatures and not too much snow. Here's hoping we see more of the same this month!

Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day are coming. In addition to clothing and housewares, the Thrift Shop offers decorations and knick-knacks for these fun holidays. Many Valentine's Day items have already found a new home with customers!

Now is the perfect time to pick up another scarf or sweater, because we know that winter is not over yet. Our volunteers have begun getting ready for Spring; putting items aside that will go out on the shelves and racks very soon.

We are praying for the continued good health of all our volunteers and customers; let's all do our part to stay healthy!

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)

1	Jeannine, Pam, Margot
8	Margot, Wanita, Jeanne
15	Judy, Ann, Joan
22	Jeanne, June, Sandy S.

Community Dinner Resumes in March!



Animals may snack in the garden any time they like.

Fellowship Coffee

Groups, committees, families, or individuals are invited to sign up to present Fellowship Coffee on the third Sunday of each month.

The Thrift Shop will present
on February 16
AND again on March 16!

There will be no Coffee hour in April, as Easter is the third Sunday.



The Ticonderoga Food Pantry

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

Hours of operation:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 11am-Noon.

Our year end total of our activities:

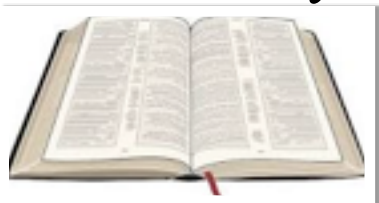
We provided food for 3,165 people in 2024
the break down:

1,587 adults, 1041 Children, 571 seniors,

This is a 25% increase over 2023.

We have been busy, and our dedicated volunteers worked very hard to make sure we can meet the needs of those who visit our pantry. Our faithful donors make this possible, and we appreciate all who help us in whatever way they can.

Bible Study



Wednesdays at 1:00
in the Lounge and on Facebook.
Current study until February 29

Lenten Bible Study is coming next!

New Member Classes:

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

Teen Weekend- a long one!

Emory and I got tickets to go Stand Up Paddleboarding in a mine in Kentucky for Christmas- we made the trip in late January. I put over 2,424 miles on my car, with Emory doing some of the heavy driving- over the Bay Bridge, and on major highways.





The paddleboards were clear and lit up! In one area, trout were stocked and we also saw small bats hibernating



On our way back, we stopped at the National Cathedral. . . Very grand, with this very unassuming side chapel: *The Chapel of the Good Shepherd.*

Back in Maryland, Emory is in the final semester of high school!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>February</h1>						1 9-2 Thrift Shop
2 9:00 Worship, Communion	3	4 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	5 10:00 Worship Committee meeting 1:00 Bible Study  5:00 Book Club	6 5:00 Torch talk and potluck	7	8 9-2 Thrift Shop
9 9:00 Worship, Communion	10 6:30 Trustees	11 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	12 1:00 Bible Study 	13 Torch back up date	14 Valentines' Day (Teen Weekend)	15 9-2 Thrift Shop
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