



First United Methodist Church Newsletter

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Pastor's Pen May 2012

As I write, the 2012 General Conference of the United Methodist Church is under way in Tampa Florida. General Conference meets with up to 1,000 delegates representing every Annual Conference throughout the world for 11 days once every 4 years. The General Conference is the official decision making body and voice of the UMC. In the time between General Conferences, the mandates and decisions made during the Conference are published in The Book of Discipline and are administered by The Council of Bishops and the General Boards and Agencies. There are several thousand petitions for various changes that are presented, prayed over, amended, and voted upon during the 11 days. This time the big ones involve restructuring the Council of Bishops, changing the General Boards and Agencies, as well as changes to how clergy are appointed to congregations. Needless to say, much prayer is needed for all levels of our church and denomination. May God's Holy Spirit breathe through the work and deliberations of our delegates!

Towards the end of the month our Upper New York Annual Conference will be meeting for the Laity/Clergy Day on May 19th and Annual Conference May 31 to June 2 in Syracuse, New York. Our congregational Lay representative, Nancy Law, will be attending with me.

I am very excited about our Confirmation Class claiming their faith and joining the church after 16 weeks of learning and growing together. It has been a joy working with Lori Fox, the youth, and their parents!

May you experience God in deep and profound ways this month.

Peace, Love, and Blessings,
 Pastor Scott Tyler

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Now That's A Bright Idea!

Hopefully May will be a busy month around the church. We only had one bid for replacing the windows at the front of the church, and it was way over the preliminary budget. We are still looking for someone interested in doing the project. I hung up my nail gun when we moved up here. and don't want to have to dust it off. Seems that most of the contractors that we would normally get bids from are booked for the summer or seem to think the project is too small. If you know anyone please let Pastor Scott or me know.

Fans should go in sometime in May, just in time to cool us this summer.

Betty has been hard at work in the gardens and with the donation received, has purchased two garden sheds. We also have added the space around the community garden to our lawn mowing contract so that everything should look neater this year.

A freezer was donated to the church this past month. You'll find it in the coat closet next to the kitchen. We'll leave it unplugged until it is needed.

As always, if you have a bright idea for the church building or see something that needs fixing, leave a note in the office and your trustees will do their best to "get 'er done"

Bill Westervelt



*Shed for the Memorial Garden.
See the Community Garden Shed
on page 8*



Oliver with new friend in his new home.

From the Stewardship Committee

Please keep in mind that the Annual Stewardship Drive is coming soon.

Thanks again,

Joyce Barry

UMW

District Spring Meeting

May 12

Watch for news in the bulletins.

Family Corner

Happy Birthday

Michael Powers- May 1st

John Wade - May 1st

Linda Marshall- May 2nd

Ruth DeVall- May 7th

Dave Flack- May 7th

Tara Spaulding- May 7th

Peyton Manning- May 13th

Samantha Montville - May 14th

Gayle Wells- May 14th

Edwin Breed- May 15th

Margaret Carpenter- May 18th

Roger Sawyer- May 18th

Emily Powers- May 19th

Maggie Fox- May 23rd

Carl Thatcher- May 23rd



Happy Anniversary!

Scott & Karen Manning- May 17th

James & Shirley Whitty- May 18th

Harry & Louise Goodwin- May 23rd

Pastor Scott & Polleen Tyler- May 25th

Nancy Law is home after a long stay in the hospital. She thanks her wonderful church family here in Ti for all the good thoughts, prayers, cards and notes you sent her way. The faith family in Saratoga was there giving support and care as well. How wonderful to be doubly blessed. Nancy hopes to see you in church soon. Meanwhile, she is working hard on those exercises.



It was really so great to have many talks with my sister Helena before she passed away. We went way back when we were kids growing up. We remembered things we almost forgot, as no doubt we all do. Things like vacations in Maine. I haven't been there since, but will go again when I can. There are so many memories, too numerous to mention.

Helena wanted to become a Methodist when she would be able to be there.

I'm glad I was able and took the time to be with her.

Remember one thing in your life: make sure you put your family before work. I wish I did myself many years ago.

Thank you for listening,

Dan Nadeau

*A Luncheon Reception given by the
United Methodist Women's Group
will be held for:*

James and Shirley Whitty

Sunday, May 20, 2012

At Noon.

First United Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall

*Your attendance at our
65th Wedding Anniversary celebration
will be much appreciated!*

Book Club

Water For Elephants

Meeting the first Monday of the month at Angie Spaulding's home to watch the movie. Call the office for details.

What books are you thinking about for summer? Do you have a list?



Carillon Garden Club News

Are you getting the gardening bug? Perhaps the **Carillon Garden Club** of Ticonderoga can help. Members of the club will be setting up a booth at the Ti Methodist Church Flea Market on May 12th. From 9AM until 2 (ish), you will find many locally grown perennials that will fit nicely into your garden. Do come and check out the assortment that club members are sharing.

Gardening gloves will also be available for sale.



The Tyler Family gives much thanks



*to the many generous anonymous
Easter Bunnies who blessed us!*

May, 2012

Thanks For Your Help

Many of you know I opened my big mouth (what else is new?!) and got myself involved in a big project.

I wanted to make up Prayer Squares for the Board of Trustees, Administration and Faculty of my college in Tennessee. The original count was 100, which I could do, but after running it by the President of the Board, the number grew to over 350. I called on my knitting and crocheting friends and they came through for me. I now have 400 squares and cannot thank these ladies too much. I love how the Methodist Church came through to help me with a project for Tusculum, a Presbyterian college in Greeneville, Tennessee.

Thanks again to everyone,

Ann Westervelt



from *Babies Don't Keep*

By Ruth Hulbert Hamilton

Cleaning and scrubbing
Can wait till tomorrow
For babies grow up
I've learned to my sorrow.
So quiet down cobwebs;
Dust go to sleep!
I'm rocking my baby
and babies don't keep.



Happy Mothers' Day

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Thrift Shop News

Our May 12th Flea Market planning is under way, and as of this printing, about 15 spaces are reserved.

The Girl Scouts, Eastern Star, and the Carillon Garden Club are among those participating. The Thrift Shop will be selling food as well, so anyone interested in donating a dessert, please stop by or call the Thrift Shop at 585-2242.

Are you Spring Cleaning? Treasures you are ready to pass along could be great gifts in the Thrift Shop! Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day are coming, and we want people to know that the Thrift Shop is a great place to find a special gift.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who give so generously of their time! I love you all!

Michelle Wimette
Thrift Shop Manager

Thrift Shop Committee:

Ellen Ellor- Committee Chair

Linda Moore-Treasurer

Bill Westervelt-Trustees Representative

Jeannine Wright- Secretary

Committee Members

Joyce Barry, Marian Lamphere, Betty Messier,

Rev. Scott Tyler

Coming Soon

The July 14th
Yard Sale!

Jeans sale

*Buy one, get one
while supplies last!*

Ellen Ellor is the new

Thrift Shop Committee Chair

Ellen will serve as the liaison between the Thrift Shop and the Church.

Ellen has been the Committee Chair before, and is going to have a great time. She will not schedule any meetings for 1:00am, no matter what gets posted in emails.

We have weekly sales!
Stop in and see what's new for you!

Thrift Shop Volunteers

<i>Wednesday</i> (9-2pm)	<i>Friday</i> (Noon- 5pm)	<i>Saturday</i> (9-2pm)
2 Val		5 Val
9 Beth & Jeanne & Val		12 Val, Steph, & Jeannine Flea Market!
16 Betty & Toot	18 Betty & Toot	19 June F. & Lee D.
23 Val		26 Val
30 Val		June 2 nd !



Home Team!

You probably see a lot of familiar faces at Services and church events, but there is a group of people in the community who are part of what I think of as the Home Team. These members of the community are on our weekly mailing list, receiving supportive reading material, an activity page to pass the time, and the weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters.

Some of the Home Team are able to participate in community activities, and some are less able to be a visible presence. I have heard lovely things from the Home Team about how much they enjoy receiving the materials. It is a wonderful outreach ministry that perhaps isn't as well known as it could be.

Home Team people, please keep in touch and let us know what is going on in your lives. Current events and memories are welcome additions to the newsletter.

“They also serve who only stand and wait.”

-John Milton

From “On His Blindness”



Wednesdays at 5:45 in the Fellowship Hall.

For those of you who we were able to share our ministry of Liturgical Worship Dance at the 10:30 service on April 22nd, we pray you enjoyed it and were truly blessed.

If you missed it, the group will be sharing this ministry again on May 6th at the 8:30 service.

At this time we are not sure if we will be meeting during the summer months, but if you are interested and feel led to become a part of this ministry please contact Gayle Wells at gaylew56@yahoo.com or call 585-2751. There is a place for anyone- male, female, younger, older.

There is great joy in dancing for the Lord. Even if you don't join the group, put in a praise and worship CD at home and let the spirit move you. David danced for the Lord and so can you!!

The dancers are:

Lori Fox, Megan Moser, Pam Moser, Emma Merfeld, Gayle Wells, Sandy Sprague.



*Let them praise His name with dancing. ~
Psalm 149:3*

Notes from 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.

~ Joyce Barry



Range of Motion

Meeting Tuesdays at 11am in the Fellowship Hall.

Take this time to visit with friendly people, and make sure that
you are ready for outside activities as the weather improves!

Make sure you are ready to wave to friends, buckle sandals,
smear sunscreen on your own back, and get in and out of any
lawn chair you come across with a view you want to enjoy.

There will be no Adult
Fellowship Dinner in May.

The June Adult Fellowship
Dinner will be out and about
someplace lovely. Information
to follow. Keep an eye out!

Free Community Dinner

First Sunday Dinner

4:30-6:00pm

Come share!

All are welcome!

*Donations are not
required, but are always
welcome.*

*This is a volunteer effort. Your
participation is welcome.*

*There is a sign up sheet on the main
hall bulletin board.*

Child Friendly Menu Available

Ways to take action in the coming months:

Go for a walk

St. Mary's Nun Run

Montcalm Mile on the 4th of July

Go for a swim-- the lake will warm up eventually.

Memorial Day Remembrance

Once upon a time, there was a man named John Love, and his wife, Louisa. John was from Massachusetts, and went off to war. Like many soldiers, he went with a friend. Louisa asked John's friend to keep an eye on John, and be sure that he was able to report to her of John's condition. Louisa, like all military wives, knew the risks, and wanted to be sure that, at the end of each battle, John was accounted for, one way or another.

Outside of Richmond, I believe, the men engaged in a battle that left John's friend alone. Remembering his promise to Louisa, the friend began a search of the battlefield. At some point, he heard moaning. Underneath the body of another fallen soldier, John lay with a severe head wound. John was taken to a doctor, where, despite the wretched conditions which were the best medicine had to offer, a portion of his skull was removed and replaced with steel. Although this procedure gave him pain for the rest of his life, he was able to return home to Louisa, and they had many children.

One of John and Louisa's children was a little girl named Mary Jane. Mary Jane's daughter, Ina, worked in the Pentagon during World War II. She met a man named Bill Quinn before he shipped out with the Army to North Africa and Europe. After the War, they married and raised their family. When they were in their seventies, they enjoyed going to reunions with Bill's old army unit. Their first great-grandson was born on Memorial Day, 1993.

As we remember those who have fought, let us also especially remember those who were friends. Soldiers are still going off to war, and are still in great need of friends who will go the distance to offer critically needed help when much needed care and medical attention seems to be beyond the reach of so many. When we remember our soldiers, please let us also remember the myriad friends who also made, and continue to make, a great contribution.

Celebration Time In The Community Garden

Spring is a time of celebration and those connected to the Community Garden behind the church are indeed celebrating! It is our third year! The warm temperatures this spring caused great eagerness to get started.

We celebrate the fact that we have a wonderful garden area complete with running water and fertile soil, thanks to the efforts of Kevin and Gray Densmore. Just recently, Bill Wright roto-tilled the long beds into beautiful, loamy and loose growing medium. We are blessed, Bill, with your generous help! Thank you!

We are also celebrating the arrival of a beautiful new shed, a gift from a special parishioner. What a blessing to have a place to put our tools and equipment! Thank you!



We celebrate, too, that all but 2 plots have been spoken for. If you have been thinking about getting your hands into the soil to grow vegetables and flowers, let me know. There is one 10' X 10' plot (\$12.50) and one 10' X 20' plot (\$25.00) still available just waiting to be cared for.

Come visit and celebrate this outreach ministry.

Betty Rettig
(585-7247)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>May</h1>		1 9:30 Craft Workshop 11am Range of Motion class 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	2 9-2:00 Thrift Shop 5:45 Liturgical Dance UMW 7:30 Recovery, Int. 7-8:30pm Boy Scouts	3 10am Worship Committee	4 WIC 9-2:30pm 7:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast at Silver Bay	5 9-2:00 Thrift Shop Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Baby Jose. American Legion 4-7pm
6 8:30 Worship, Communion, Liturgical Dance 10:30 Worship, Nursery, Children's Bell Choir, Sunday School, Coffee 4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner 6-7:30 Confirmation class	7 1:30-7pm WIC 5:30 Book Club	8 9:30 Craft Workshop Range of Motion class to be rescheduled this week. Sorry. 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	9 9-2:00 Thrift Shop 5:45 Liturgical Dance UMW 7:30 Recovery, Int. 7-8:30pm Boy Scouts	10 7:30 Chancel Choir 4:30- 7:30 Kiwanis Dinner in Fellowship Hall	11 Fabulous Friday What are you going to do with your day?	12 9-2:00 Thrift Shop UMW District Spring Meeting Church Flea Market!! 9am-3pm, rain or shine.
13 Mothers' Day	14	15	16	17 Ascension of the Lord	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8:30 Worship, Communion 10:30 Worship, Nursery, Sunday School, Coffee Confirmation Youth Joining Church	9-2:30 WIC 7:00pm Ad Council	11am Range of Motion class 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	9-2:00 Thrift Shop 5:45 Liturgical Dance Bell Choirs 6:30 Children 7:30 Adults 7:30 Recovery, Int. 7-8:30pm Boy Scouts	7:30 Chancel Choir	Last second printing of the June Newsletter (if it wasn't done yesterday)	9-2:00 Thrift Shop
27 Pentecost	28	29	30	31		
8:30 Worship, Communion 10:30 Worship, Nursery, Sunday School, Coffee	Memorial Day Office closed. Thank you to all who have served our country.	9:30 Craft Workshop 11am Range of Motion class 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	9-2:00 Thrift Shop 5:45 Liturgical Dance Bell Choirs 6:30 Children 7:30 Adults 7:30 Recovery, Int. 7-8:30pm Boy Scouts	Annual Conference starts 7:30 Chancel Choir		



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Bell Choirs
 Last Rehearsal is May 2nd

The Children's Bell Choir
 will play on May 6th
 at the 10:30am Service.

The Adults' Bell Choir
 will play on May 13th
 at the 10:30am Service.

Africa University
Offering on
Mothers' Day

Support education
around the world.

New Member
Classes:

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

May, 2012

<i>Lay Reader's Schedule</i>		
6	Jeanne Thatcher	Bill Westervelt
13	Bob Bartlett	Enid Bousfield
20	Sandra Trepanier	Jan Putnam
27	Lori Fox	Linda Moore

Sunday Volunteers

	 ACOLYTES	 Coffee Time	 FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR
6	Victoria Sawyer Zyleen Tyler	Thrift Shop	
13	Kelly Bright Yarr Tyler		
20	Xann Tyler Maggie Fox	Shirley & Jim Whitty 65 th Anniversary	
27	Roger Sawyer Zyleen Tyler		

Summer is coming!

As we head into the season of family picnics and summer fun, remember our service members, both now and past.

And with summer: Vacation Bible School! More information will be heading your way soon.

