

First United Methodist Church

March, 2021

Pastor's Pen

What a joy to experience spring thaw as I write today!

When I was in seminary in Denver Colorado March was when the most snow fell. However, here in the NorthEast we associate March with maple sugaring weather and the beginning of Spring.

This year finds March in the midst of Lent, a blessed season for us to be spending intentional quality time with God. On a day like this with sunshine and blue sky let yourself bask in a sunbeam and feel the warmth of God's love embracing you.

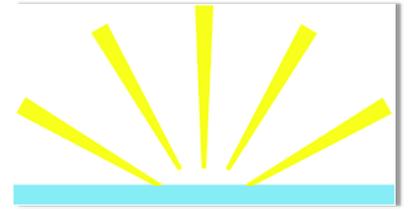
My homework for all of you this Lent is to be intentional in spending time with God each day without agenda. Simply open your heart and mind to God with gratitude, and let God heal and nourish your soul. As we practice being in the intentional presence of God we will find ourselves becoming centered and at home in our souls.

May this be a Holy Lent of healing and wholeness for you!

Peace, Love, and Blessings!
Pastor Scott Tyler



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Now That's A Bright Idea



A deep cleaning of the kitchen continues. Expiration dates of 2016 & 2017 on some packages were found. They were disposed of so no one is in danger of a stomach upset. Excess cooking equipment has been stored in the empty space gained by Donnie having his own Sexton's Room. Everything should be ready to start up in April or May.

We're always looking for new ideas and cooks. Anyone want to use their grandmother's recipe? You know the one that has come down through the family and has to be served at every family gathering. Many of the ideas come from home cooking of old. I use my mother's recipes for the Election Day Dinner, which we hope will be back this year. We just bought a book that will help any first timer: *Cooking for Crowds for Dummies!* It gives hints how to scale up from, "serves 4" up to "serves 100"! If you're interested just see Ann, Joanie or me. After 10 years we're running out of fresh ideas.

Not much other news. While Pastor Scott, Donnie and Roger are serving Communion in the pews, I've taken the time to refinish the Communion rail. Should have it finished by the time you read this. While using several of the electrical outlets in the Sanctuary, I noticed that they all seem to not hold plugs well. I'll see that they are changed soon. It's been so quiet that we skipped the Trustees' meeting for February and if nothing pops up, we will probably forgo March's.

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

Bill Westervelt, Chair

March, 2021

From the Sexton's Broom

Lent is upon us! Can spring be far behind? Now that snow is starting to melt, and we hopefully begin to thaw, my thoughts turn to MUD! Keeping up with it, that is!

With the addition complete, I can now direct my attention to Spring Cleaning. High on my spring To Do list are windows, vacuuming screens & washing glass, inside and out. Bill and I are also thinking about shampooing the main hallway carpet.

By the time this goes to press, my list will probably be longer.

If you can think of any other possible projects, please let me or the Trustees know, and we will look into it.

Donnie Norton,
Sexton



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Family Corner

Happy Birthday

Dylan Manning	March 3
Scott Manning	March 4
Taylor Bolton	March 7
Jim Charboneau	March 8
Carolyn Buckland	March 9
Jerry Cooper	March 13
Kristian Gibbs	March 16
Ann Westervelt	March 16
Joe Michela	March 2
Margot Anello	March 22
Penny Mason	March 22
Joe Sawyer	March 24
Taylor Bolton	March 7
Marjorie Hurlburt	March 29

March 14
Clocks
Spring
Forward!

Ashes are still
available in
the foyer to
the Sanctuary

Palm Sunday
March 28



Easter Flowers

Please remember that if you wish to contribute flowers to the Altar for Easter, you may buy them anywhere, or grow your own. Houseplants welcome.

Messages for the bulletin need to be to the office by Holy Thursday (April 1- no fooling), unless a Flower Committee person updates that another time is better.

Please remember that Lilies are not to be placed on the Altar, as Pastor Scott is allergic to them.

Most years, any flowers left on the altar are shared with the Nursing Home or left on the Altar if they still seem healthy after a week. COVID protocols will determine if any may get to the Nursing Home.

From the office:

I am off to see Emma this weekend (end of February), and we will be decorating a tree at an arboretum we belong to- it's YarnStorming! In March, I get to see her on her 14th Birthday! We will also be together for the weekend of March 26-28. We will be camping that weekend!

I've started coaching and swimming again, and have racked up almost 100 miles since January 29- this is a huge relief. Long swims have been challenging since Emma went away, but I'm able to settle my mind more during activities like swimming and driving, which are often seen as meditative. Meditative time and sadness don't always mix well.

Hard to believe it has been a year already- thank you all so very much for your support of me and mine.

--Bridget

Thrift Shop News

Our volunteers have begun making room for bright, cheery spring items. Clothing and other items are going out on the racks and shelves continually. We may still have a few winter items for sale, because we know it is not over yet! The shop is decorated and ready for St. Patrick's Day – stop in and maybe you'll find that special item to help you celebrate! We are also putting out Easter items – it's not that far off!

Welcome to Roxanne Keith,
who joined our team!
We have the BEST team!!

We are accepting all donations now – Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon. If you've been holding onto housewares or knick-knacks, now's the time to bring them in!

Thrift Shop Committee Members:

Ellen Ellor, Committee Chairperson

Jeanne Thatcher, Treasurer

Joyce Barry, Assistant Treasurer

Jeanne B. Thatcher, Trustees Representative

Margot Anello, Joyce Barry, Wanita Blanchard,
Stephanie Frazier, Betty Messier, Leona Simpson,

Pam Thorne, Jeannine Wright

and Rev. Scott Tyler

Thrift Shop Volunteers

Saturday (9-2pm)

6	Leona, Pam, Jeannine
13	Margot, Wanita, Pat
20	Carol B., Sandra T., Roxanne
27	June, Lee, Gloria

March, 2021

Thrift Shop History

An Excerpt

By MaryLou Greenough

In 1965-1966 we came to our new church on Wicker Street and with us came some of our old traditions, two Rummage Sales, one in spring and another in fall, a strawberry social in July which was very well attended (Densmore Farm donated all of the strawberries), church suppers, and of course a Christmas Bazaar. Many years later Charlotte changed the name to Christmas Fair. She said that bazaar sounded like something wild. There was always a big auction in the summer time that would draw a big crowd. But as years go by, things change and we no longer did some of our programs. I wonder if this is where Miss Simpkins got her idea to start a Thrift Shop.

She approached the Ad. Council and they agreed she could do this but it was to be independent of the church because if it should fail the church would lose no money. Miss Simpkins agreed to this and said she would donate to the church each month, no set amount just what ever she could afford. So Miss Simpkins, Mary Tobin, Kay Wickes, Ruth Lietzenmeyer and Denise Huestis went to another church to see how they operated their shop. Ruth wanted it to be more like a gift shop and wanted it in the closet in the Narthex, Liz wanted it to be clothing to help the people of Ti and area towns. She thought the down stairs would be best. They finally agreed on the 8th Grade Sunday School room.

. . . To be continued.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 In like a lion?	1	2	3 1:00 SPPRC meeting at FUMC	4 10:00 Worship Meeting	5	6 9-2 Thrift Shop
7 9:00 Worship, Communion In Sanctuary and online	8 1:00 Finance 6:30 Trustees? Watch for updates in the bulletin.	9	10	11	12	13 9-2 Thrift Shop
14 Clocks spring forward! 9:00 Worship, Communion In Sanctuary and online UMCOR Sunday (offering)	15 1:00 Ad Council	16	17	18	19	20 9-2 Thrift Shop
21 9:00 Worship, Communion In Sanctuary and online	22	23	24 Sexton Appreciation Day	25	26 Bridget away. Office closed.	27 9-2 Thrift Shop
28- Palm Sunday 9:00 Worship, Communion In Sanctuary and online	29	30	31	 Out like a lamb? March		



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New Member Classes:

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

Free Community Dinner
Coming soon, in warmer weather!

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.

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.

The Food Pantry can buy more than what we can buy for the same amount of money, so consider cash donations, or donations of items they do not purchase, such as toiletries and such.

Thank you!

Holy Week
March 28
Palm Sunday
April 1
Maundy Thursday
April 2
Good Friday
April 4
Easter Sunday

Sunday Volunteers	
March	Readers
7	Donnie Norton
14	Bill Westervelt
21	Sue Fahey
28	Joyce Barry