

First United Methodist Church

September, 2021

Pastor's Pen



Every September feels like the beginning of a new year to me. Perhaps it is because I still have school age children or that the United Methodist music planner starts in September. Or maybe it is the change of seasons or the launch of church programs and denominational paperwork. I think God gives us transitions to help us remain in the present connected to God and each other.

I invite you to breath deeply and embrace every moment with God. Enjoy the journey, and celebrate new discoveries and growth.

Coming up quickly is our annual Church Charge Conference on Saturday September 25th at 10 AM in our Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome. Our DS, Rev. Debbie Earthrowl, will be presiding and we will be joined by the Crown Point and Moriah congregations. In the afternoon I will have the joy of officiating a wedding at Skye Farm Camp. It's hard to believe that the bride was a young teen when I was her pastor

I am excited for our new music director Blair Jia to be starting with us on Sunday September 12th. He is a junior at Middlebury College, and will be mentored by Ronnie Romano. We will have him share his bio in the October newsletter.

May we embrace the wonder and awe of God's transforming love!

Peace, Love, and Blessings,
Pastor Scott

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Now That's A Bright Idea

Summer is almost over. A few things have happen around your church during the warm summer months.

Tim TeRiele has finished painting the windows on the front of the church. Next will be the lower and upper levels of Fellowship Hhall. Last will be the garden windows. We're holding off there until the garden is dormant.

The kitchen has started up again but for the time being will only be doing take outs for the community dinners. Also, our ice machine had to be replaced. Seems the PC board was no longer made and getting one from another source would have cost almost as much as a new one. Anyway, a new one in installed and working fine.

That wasn't all. Near the kitchen the drinking-fountain has been put out of service. The compressor has gone bad and can't be replaced due to the age and coolant that was used 50 years ago when it was installed. We will discuss replacement at our September meeting, but don't expect a replacement this year.

That new state mandate about single use bathrooms will be discussed also. Seems like there are several ways to comply. The *Women's Rooms* were easy since the locks were already on the doors. So, all that had to happen was a sign change. Men's rooms have several options. Will let you know when your Trustees decide what to do.

I said when we started the waterproofing and addition two years ago that it would take two years to get everything back to normal. Well, it did. Betty and her crew of elves have the memorial garden looking better than ever and the sod that was put down in front is GREENNNNN! We'll discuss some additions for next year and keep our options open for now. Any ideas, tell me, Donnie or Pastor Scott and we'll add them into the mix.

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

Bible Study

Wednesdays, 11-noon in Fellowship Hall and online.

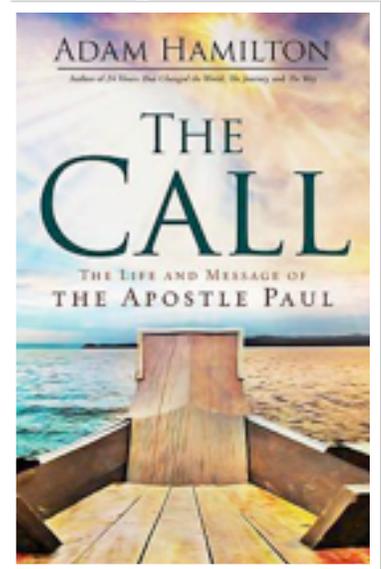
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September 8- October 13

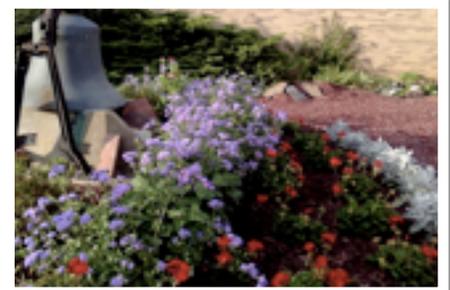
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The Call:

The Life and Message of The Apostle Paul



Gardening at the First United Methodist Church



Come and see how pretty it is!!!!

Bring lunch & a book!

Happy Birthday

Family Corner

Yarr Tyler	September 3
Josie Worley	September 3
Bill Wright	September 6
Betty Heintzeman	September 10
Joan Viault	September 11
Megan Moser	September 13
Joe Liddell	September 15
Nate Norton	September 16
Julie Hurlburt	September 17
Larry Launderville	September 17
Lynn Sawyer	September 22
Margaret Beuerlein	September 22
Bobbie Blaise	September 27

Happy Anniversary

Joe and Kathy Liddell September 16



Thanks to Mickey Fitzgerald for sharing this image on Facebook. Your photos are welcome, also!!!

Looking ahead
 October 2- 10:00
Blessing of the Animals
 on the circle out front.
 Company manners, please!

Free Community Dinner

September 12
 Pasta & Sauce
 Sides & desserts
 4:30-6:00pm



The dinner will again be a drive through pick-up. Donations are not required, but are always welcome.

Sunday Volunteers		
September	Flowers	Readers
5		Denise Huestis
12		Bill Westervelt
19		Sandra Trepanier
26		Louise Goodwin

Thrift Shop News

It has been a very busy summer at the Thrift Shop. Sales have been excellent, donations have been plentiful, and our volunteers have been very busy sorting, cleaning and stocking new items each week, as well as helping our many customers on open days. We had sales in August to help move out our summer stock and make room for new fall clothing.

Our shop is decorated and ready for fall! Stop in and see what we have; you never know what you might find. Long sleeves and items in fall colors are going out after each week to restock our shelves and racks. Fall décor items abound.

We couldn't be successful without the help of our dedicated volunteers, and we are grateful for them. Welcome to Judy Woodard, who has joined our group.

As always, thank you for supporting the Thrift Shop.

Thrift Shop Committee Members:

Ellen Ellor, Committee Chairperson

Jeanne Thatcher, Treasurer

Joyce Barry, Assistant Treasurer

Jeanne B. Thatcher, Trustees Representative

Margot Anello, Wanita Blanchard, Stephanie Frazier, Betty

Messier, Leona Simpson, Sandra Sprague, Pam Thorne,

Sandra Trepanier, Jeannine Wright

and Rev. Scott Tyler



Sexton's Broom

September is here, Summer is almost over, fall is almost here. It has been a busy time up here at TFUMC, with many things happening. Our new lawn was installed, and it needed a LOT of watering, but it looks great!

As I write this, our windows are being painted to give us a fresh look for fall. The *Christmas in July* event was a big success, a lot of tables coming up & Down stairs, but it was worth it! My window project kept getting put on hold, in the Navy, we called it *Overtaken By Events* (OBE) but I will continue to work on it into the fall.

Soon, it will be time to prepare for falling leaves, then falling SNOW! A Sexton's work is never done!

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

Donnie Norton, Sexton



Thrift Shop Volunteers	
Saturday (9-2pm)	
4	Margot, Wanita, Pam/Jeannine
11	Pam, Roxanne, Jeannine
18	Joan, MaryLou, Sandra T.
25	June, Lee, Gloria

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.

Special Thanks!
The Food Pantry and their customers greatly appreciate all of the generous garden harvest donations!

Book Club

Sisters In Arms by
Kaia Alderson.
Sept 7 at 5 pm at
Marsha LaPointe's
house

History of the Thrift Shop continues. . .

At this time the cosigners would come in with their big bags of "stuff" they would have their bags tagged with their name and number. Jane Doe #52, we sorted on Monday and Thursdays, only one bag at a time as we had to be careful not to mix numbers up. You took 2' square of paper and put the number on it and straight pinned to the garment and Clayt would take it and hang it on the proper rack. If it was off season it would be tagged, folded and put in a xerox box that Nipper Mero from IP supplied us with.

It became apparent that Ruth was not going to return and here comes Clayt's family again to see if I would take over the shop and they were scared that he would turn back to the bottle out of boredom. I said yes and told Paul Dufford I was asked to take the shop over and he said okay, that was it. I asked Dorcey if she do the White elephant room and the book keeping, she said yes. Our work crew was Joan and Jim Charboneau, Clayt, Joyce Forgette, Bev Jones, Beth Hanley, Mrs Putnam like to help (she was bossy), and Charlotte Stevens. Dorcey would come in and work nights. And there were others that would come and go, we started sorting at 7 a.m. on work days and rarely worked past 12 Noon.

We continued to work under Liz and Ruth's rules and emptied the whole shop out in the spring and fall right to the bare walls We always closed for a week and did the floors, windows and every crack and corner. We had told Sue Tubs (custodian) that we would take care of our end of the hall. We hired a man from Lake George to come and strip the floors and wax them, it was many years of stuff in the corners he did such a good job we had him come back and do the Sunday School rooms. Boy did we shine. Art Secor thought he did a grand job and hired him to do the Social Hall.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September</h1>			1	2	3 Sexton Appreciation Day	4 9-2 Thrift Shop
5 9:00 Worship, Communion Fellowship	6 Labor Day Sexton Appreciation Day	7 5:00 Book Club at Marsha LaPointe's house.	8 11-noon Bible Study in Fellowship Hall & online 1:00 SPPRC	9 10:00 Worship Meeting Bridget working remotely today.	10 Office closed	11 9-2 Thrift Shop
12 9:00 Worship, Communion Fellowship 4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner	13 1:00 Finance 6:30 Trustees	14	15 11-noon Bible Study in Fellowship Hall & online	16 Sexton Appreciation Day	17	18 9-2 Thrift Shop
19 9:00 Worship, Communion Fellowship	20 1:00 Ad Council 5:30 Book Club??	21	22 11-noon Bible Study in Fellowship Hall & online	23 11:00 Thrift Shop Committee Meeting	24 Sexton Appreciation Day	25 9-2 Thrift Shop
26 9:00 Worship, Communion Family Fellowship	27 Sexton Appreciation Day	28	29 11-noon Bible Study in Fellowship Hall & online	30	New Member Classes: Please contact Pastor Scott Tyler at 585-7995 if you are interested in joining the church as a new member.	