

First United Methodist Church

January, 2023



Blessings for this New Year, may we be renewed in health, spirit, and vitality!

Thank you for your generous prayers, gifts, love, and support. You are amazing people who daily inspire me with your ministries!

Our new bell choir did a wonderful job playing for us on Christmas Eve and they will continue to contribute to our worship life. Everyone is welcome to participate. Currently we have many more bells than hands to ring them. Our practices will be on Tuesday afternoons at 4:00 PM. The first one will be on Tuesday January 3rd.

We have an exciting six week Bible Study starting on Wednesday January 4th at 1PM that will explore Jesus' miracles, it is called "Signs & Wonders" written by Professor AJ Levine. Please join us! Books are in the Narthex, please read the introduction and first chapter before the first class.

I will be leaving after church on the 15th to take Zyleen back to college and will continue south to my Mother's house in North Carolina. Please keep Mom in your prayers as we will be going to the oncologist. I anticipate returning on the 23rd.

As we keep warm amidst the grey and snowy clouds of January I encourage you to nurture the light of Christ and follow through your New Year resolutions.

The watercolor sketch on the next page is in celebration of Epiphany.

May Peace, Love, and Joy overflow in our lives, today and always!

Pastor Scott Tyler

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Now That's A Bright Idea

Our meeting this month will be on January 9th at 6:30. As always it is an open meeting and if you have ideas or concerns, you are welcome to come.

Your church building has been worry-free so far this past month. In fact, outside of an electrical outlet in the food pantry that needed to be replaced, there have been no problems.

We have had to be plowed three times so far this year. Pat Armstrong Inc. is doing a great job. Donnie and yours truly have been taking care of the sidewalks.

At our meeting officers will be elected for the coming year and the budget will be reviewed and voted on.

Also at the meeting will be the acceptance of a gift to the church of a new water cooler for Fellowship Hall. Research is being done and a proposal prepared for the replacement of the cooler that has been offline for several years. Who says there is no Santa? Thank you, Santa!

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

From the Sexton's Broom



Happy New Year!

Hard to believe that we re starting a new year.

January, the month of the January Thaw, which just means MORE mud, along with sub-zero temperatures, snow removal, ICE (lots of salt throwing going on), to name a few things. . .

Add to this the regular cleaning, the Mill returning on the 16th, and the start up of many committees and boards, and we will be busy again!

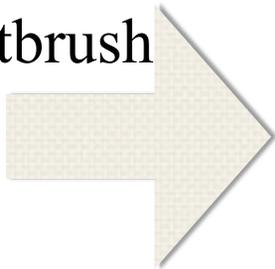
I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas! It is a wonderful and joyous time, but you know a part of me is glad it is over!! Now we start a new year, a year full of hope and expectations for a better year.

I will be in Albany the weekend of the 20th, but I will be around the rest of the time. If you see anything that requires my attention, please let me know.

Donnie.

Sexton extraordinaire.

From the
Pastor's
Paintbrush



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Happy Birthday

Family Corner

Jeannine Wright	January 4
Mary Thompson	January 4
MaryLou Greenough	January 11
Pam Thorne	January 11
Marsha LaPointe	January 18
Leslie Anderson	January 23
Bill Westervelt	January 24
Beverly Sann	January 29

Happy Anniversary

Mike & Hilda Forand	January 1
Burley & Gayle Wells	January 14
Glen & MaryLou Greenough	January 15, 1955
Bob & Claire Bartlett	January 26

Many thanks to the friendly FUMC "Elves" who delivered a wonderful container of goodies for our enjoyment. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and good cheer during this special time of year. Happy New Year to ALL of our FUMC family.

Blessings and Love,
Betty and Hans Rettig.

From the office:

Blair, Bridget, and Donnie wish to thank everyone for their lovely gift of our Holiday Dream Funds. :) We all greatly enjoy working for this fine faith family, and will bring you all to mind when we are on our various road trips through the year, so that wherever we stop to rest a minute, we will feel at home. And wherever our roads lead us, we will look forward to finding our ways back throughout the New Year.

Thank you all.

Sunday Volunteers

January	Flowers	Readers
1		Donnie Norton
8		Bill Westervelt
15		Louise Goodwin
22		Ann Westervelt
29		Bob Bartlett

A note from Sylvamo:

You have provided outstanding facilities for our training. I sincerely appreciate how accommodating you, Donnie, and Pastor Scott have been. We look forward to returning on January 16.

Happy holidays!

Thank you very much!

Eugene Fox, Jr.
Mill Learning Leader
Ticonderoga Mill

Thrift Shop News

The “holiday rush” was very evident at the Thrift Shop in December. Sales were very good, and customers were pleased with the many Christmas items we had this year. We will not have any after-Christmas sales. Our volunteers have packed away the holiday items and are putting out new things for the new year when we open again on January 7th.

The shop has been closed for the last two Saturdays for the holidays. This has given us time to spend with family, but also to clean and reorganize. We are still sorting on Tuesday and Thursday mornings to keep up with the donations we have received, and to put out more winter items.

As we look back over the past year, we feel a great sense of satisfaction. We were able to safely stay open all year. The shop is thriving, and continues to support the Church, Clergy Association, the Ticonderoga backpack and school lunch programs, the Homeless Fund, among others with monthly contributions. In addition, our customers continue to praise our shop, its contents, and our dedicated volunteers.

Thrift Shop Committee Members:

Margot Anello, Committee Chairperson
Jeanne Thatcher, Treasurer
Joyce Barry, Assistant Treasurer
Jeanne B. Thatcher, Trustees Representative
Margot Anello, Wanita Blanchard, Ellen Ellor,
Stephanie Frazier, Betty Messier, Leona Simpson,
Sandra Sprague, Pam Thorne, Sandra Trepanier,
Jeannine Wright
and Rev. Scott Tyler

Thrift Shop Volunteers

Saturday (9-2pm)

7	Margot, Wanita, Jeanne
14	Jeannine, Pam, Roxanne
21	Judy, W., Marsha, Ann
28	June, Gloria, Sandy S.

*The Thrift Shop
thanks you for your
continued support,
and wishes you many
blessings in the
coming year.*

The Ticonderoga Food Pantry

Hours of operation:

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 11am-
Noon.**

December was a month when a lot of people donated food to the pantry, either as individuals, or as a group, such as Stuff-the-Bus, where students from Ticonderoga High School were teamed up and let loose to shop at Walmart for the pantry. They brought the pantry a lot of wonderful food !!

2022 was a year when use of the pantry got back up to pre-pandemic levels, with 60 to 70 households partaking each month. The pantry is a great resource for those in our town who find themselves in need.

If you want to donate food, either leave it in the cart in the vestibule, or bring it by the pantry when we are open. If you wish to contribute funds, please come by or send them to the pantry, or via the church (marked for the pantry).

Residents of Ticonderoga and Putnam who are in need of food are welcome to come by (if it's your first time, please bring a utility bill to prove residency). If you have some cloth bags, please bring them for us to pack your food in.

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

First Sunday Dinner

4:30-6:00pm

Shepherd's Pie

Sides & Desserts

All are welcome!

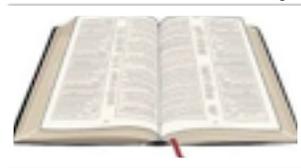
Book Club

January 4 at 5:00

Movie Night

at Jeanne Thatcher's house

Bible Study



January 4- February 8

Wednesdays at 1:00pm at FUMC and
on Facebook

Signs and Wonders

Bell Choir



Tuesdays at 4:00 in the Sanctuary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Epiphany Sunday 9:00 Worship, Communion	2	3 4:00 Bell Choir	4 1:00 Bible Study  5:00 Book Club	5 10:00 Worship Meeting	6	7 9-2 Thrift Shop
Bridget away						
8 9:00 Worship, Communion Monthly Coffee follows Service 4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner	9 1:00 Finance 6:30 Trustees	10 4:00 Bell Choir	11 1:00 Bible Study 	12	13	14 9-2 Thrift Shop
15 9:00 Worship, Communion	16 Martin Luther King, Jr. 1:00 Ad Council	17 NO Bell Choir	18 1:00 Bible Study 	19 Noon- Thrift Shop Committee Meeting	20	21 9-2 Thrift Shop
Pastor Scott away from January 15 until. . .?						
22 9:00 Worship, Communion	23	24 4:00 Bell Choir	25 1:00 Bible Study 	26	27	28 9-2 Thrift Shop
Pastor Scott home at some point, depending on weather. . .						
29 9:00 Worship, Communion	30	31 4:00 Bell Choir	<h1>January</h1>			