

First United Methodist Church

March, 2023



From the Pastor



We are in the season of Lent, and as I write a lovely snowstorm of beautiful big snowflakes is falling. As snow obscures and covers the landscape we can only see what is closest to us. It simplifies what we perceive. This is what the season of Lent is designed to do in our relationship with God. As we focus on spiritual disciplines to open our hearts to God we lose the details in the snow of the things and behaviors that have gotten in the way of knowing and loving God.

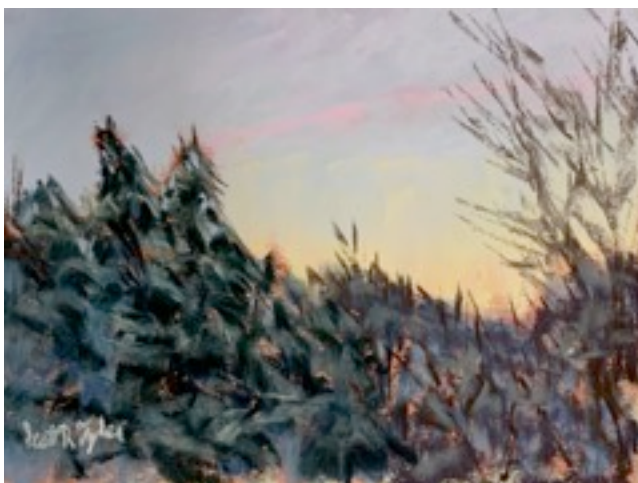
There are many possible paths to reduce the extraneous through meditation and prayer, fasting and sacrificial giving, and scheduling intentional time daily to simply be with God without agenda. When we ask for God's help in making changes, God always responds.

I invite you to join us in our Lenten bible study beginning on Wednesday March 1 at 1PM to explore the gift of Lenten practices.

I include a painting I did of the backyard of the parsonage facing into the dawn following a snowstorm where the light of God's glorious presence transforms the landscape into something wondrous.

Peace, Love, and Blessings,

Pastor Scott Tyler



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Now That's A Bright Idea

Our meeting this month will be on March 13th at 6:30. As always it is an open meeting and if you have ideas or concerns, you are welcome to come.

The bequest from Claire Phillips has been put in a “rainy day” fund for any emergencies that may come up. Ten percent was given to the missions committee to use as they wish.

The new water cooler has been purchased. Mounting and plumbing will happen soon. This is a very nice gift to the church and replaces one that was no longer useable.

We are investigating the area in front of the dumpster. The weight of the truck that picks up the dumpster to unload it has destroyed the blacktop. We are seeing if we can replace the blacktop with concrete that will support the weight.

One of the LED lights outside the main entrance is out. There is a possibility of it being repaired or the light source replaced. When it warms up we will look at it.

The sign at the end of the driveway needs new lamps. This will be only the second time we have had to replace them. Again, this will be a warm weather project that Donnie and I will get to.

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



Artist in Residence. . .
Check out one of Pastor Scott's paintings- it was sold in the recent landscape exhibit at the Ti Arts Gallery!
Stop by the gallery and see more of his paintings and the work of other local artists.

Gardening at the First United Methodist Church

Shhhh. . .
The gardens are resting. . .
Soon. . .

Some gardeners are picking out seeds for the Community Garden. . .

See Betty Rettig or contact the office if you are interested in a garden plot this summer.

Book Club

Monday March 6 at 5:00pm

Joan Vault's house

The Spanish Daughter by Lorena Hughes

Family Corner

Happy Birthday

Dylan Manning	March 3
Scott Manning	March 4
Jim Charboneau	March 8
Carolyn Buckland	March 9
Jim Pulling	March 9
Jerry Cooper	March 13
Kristian Gibbs	March 16
Ann Westervelt	March 16
Pat Trombley	March 17
Joe Michela	March 21
Margot Anello	March 22
Joe Sawyer	March 24
Taylor Bolton	March 27
Marjorie Hurlburt	March 29



Lenten Bible Study

March 1-
April 5

March 19
UMCOR
Sunday

Palm Sunday

April 2

Easter Sunday

April 9

Sunday Volunteers

March	Readers
5	Bill Westervelt
12	Bob Bartlett
19	Louise Goodwin
26	Donnie Norton

Readers are needed during Lent for special reading. Please sign up in the entryway and get a copy of the next readings. Thank you

Clocks change March 12! 2:00am

There are no flowers on the Altar during Lent. . .

Easter Sunday is April 9.

Start thinking about Easter flowers!

Flowers and plants are welcome, your own, or purchased. Please remember, Pastor Scott is very allergic to lilies, so please make other choices for the Sanctuary.

New Member Classes:

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

Fellowship Coffee

The Thrift Shop will be hosting March 12th coffee hour.



Mission Committee will be hosting April coffee hour as a fundraiser for Ukraine April 2.

Community Dinner crew will host coffee hour in May.

Thrift Shop News

Our volunteers have been busy stocking bright, cheery spring items. The shop is decorated and ready for Easter – stop in and maybe you’ll find that special item to help you celebrate!

We have listed the hours our dedicated volunteers worked during 2022. It takes a lot of time to keep our shop well stocked and looking good, as well as to be open every Saturday. The total is 4,890, which equates to 122 1/4 40-hour weeks! WOW!! Betty Messier had a total of 547 hours, and Margot Anello logged 528. We are very grateful for each and every volunteer – you are helping the community and supporting the Church and our missions in a big way.

We continue to accept donations on Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon. If you’ve been doing some spring cleaning lately, now’s the time to bring in your sale-able clothing and/or housewares.

Thrift Shop Committee Members:

Margot Anello, Committee Chairperson

Jeanne Thatcher, Treasurer

Jeanne B. Thatcher, Trustees Representative

Margot Anello, Wanita Blanchard, Ellen Ellor, Betty Messier,

Leona Simpson, Sandra Sprague, Pam Thorne,

Sandra Trepanier, Jeannine Wright

and Rev. Scott Tyler

Volunteer Hours

January 2022- December 2022

Margot Anello	528
Carol Barnwell	34
Wanita Blanchard	369
Lynn Brigam	114
Joan Charboneau	64
Dorcey Crammond	6
Lee Dane	33
Judy Forgette	96
Stephanie Frasier	103
June Frazier	61
MaryLou Greenough	23
Roxanne Keith	189
Marsha LaPoint	113
Betty Lou Messier	547
Gloria Peters	50
Betty Rettig	32
Leona Simpson	437
Sandy Sprague	188
Jeanne Thatcher	381
Pam Thorne	301
Sandy Trepanier	222
Pat Trombley	152
Ann Westervelt	21
Judy Woodard	437
Jeannine Wright	389
TOTAL	4,890

Thrift Shop Volunteers

Saturday (9-2pm)

4	Pam, Jeannine, Dorcey
11	Joan C., Roxanne, Sandy S.
18	Margot, Wanita, Jeanne
25	June, Gloria, Betty M.

Free Community Dinner

March 5

4:30-6:00pm

Chicken & Biscuits

Come share!

Come set the table, serve, clean up-
or stay for it all!

The Ticonderoga Food Pantry St Mary's School held a Super Bowl food drive, with a lot of yummy soup being donated. Lots of other folks brought groceries, bread, and other good things.

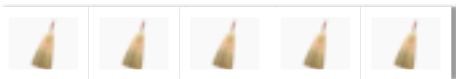
Hours of operation:

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

Anyone in Ti or Putnam needing the pantry should bring a utility bill as proof of residency. Please bring bags for packing food.

Donations may be left in the church foyer, and financial donations may be sent to the Food Pantry via the church office.

From the Sexton's Broom



March is here!

Hopefully, Spring is in the air. Bill W. And I are tempted to put the snow blower away, but we will hold off until April! Don't want to push our luck.

We are into Lent, the Sanctuary and Altar look SO bare with no flowers. Think how wonderful things will look on Easter Sunday next month.

Sylvamo is here for another orientation session, they will be here for most of the month.

Mud season will be upon us soon, the one drawback of spring! I am still working on my Spring Cleaning list. It is still in my head. If you see or know of anything that requires my attention, please let me know.

Donnie Norton
Sexton

UMCOR Sunday:

An Opportunity to Support Mission





When earthquakes, storms, wars, and other crises occur, or chronic needs exist in the United States and around the world, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is there to help. Working in more than 80 countries, UMCOR provides survivors with temporary relief and long-term education, training and support.

UMCOR spends 100 percent of designated gifts on the projects that donors specify. Any operating and administrative costs are funded by the special church offering called UMCOR Sunday. Our gifts to the UMCOR Sunday offering enable UMCOR to keep its promise that 100 percent of your gift to a *specific* UMCOR response, such as the recovery from earthquakes in Turkey and Syria project or relief for the people in Ukraine, goes to that effort. This year, UMCOR Sunday is March 19.

There are several ways to give. Here are a few. Write a check to your First United Methodist Church and write "UMCOR Sunday" in the memo line. If you are in church that day, you can also put the check or cash in the special envelope that will be provided. To give online, go to UMC.org/SSGive and select "UMCOR Sunday." You can specify that your church be credited.

I was working for UMCOR as a web consultant when Turkey suffered a devastating 7.7 earthquake on August 17, 1999, followed by a 7.2 earthquake in November 12, 1999. UMCOR was there for several years in the aftermath of those tragedies. United Methodists gave \$2.2 million dollars for that response.

Nancy A. Carter, chairperson
Mission Committee, FUMC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
In like a lion?			1	2	3	4
<h1>March</h1>				10:00 Worship Meeting	Sexton Appreciation Day	9-2 Thrift Shop
			5	6	7	8
9:00 Worship, Communion 4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner	5:00 Book Club	4:00 Bell Choir	1:00 Bible Study 		Bridget is in Maryland this weekend.	9-2 Thrift Shop Clocks spring forward tonight! Don't be late tomorrow!
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00 Worship, Communion Second Sunday Fellowship Coffee	1:00 Finance 6:30 Trustees	4:00 Bell Choir Bridget away	1:00 Bible Study 		Sexton Appreciation Day	9-2 Thrift Shop
Donnie is away this week.						
19 UMCOR Sunday	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:00 Worship, Communion	1:00 Ad Council	4:00 Bell Choir	1:00 Bible Study 			9-2 Thrift Shop
26	27	28	29	30	31	
9:00 Worship, Communion		4:00 Bell Choir	1:00 Bible Study 	Sexton Appreciation Day		Out like a lamb?