

First United Methodist Church

May, 2023

Friends, I return after another whirlwind journey to Hendersonville, NC to care for my Mom and my Dad. It is only with your loving support and prayers that I am pastoring with you in the community, parenting Yarr and Zyleen, and caring for both of my parents in North Carolina!

I will be busy in the coming two weeks celebrating the lives of several saints who have recently passed into Jesus' arms. I will also be blessed to officiate a small wedding at the Crown Point church after services on Sunday the 7th.

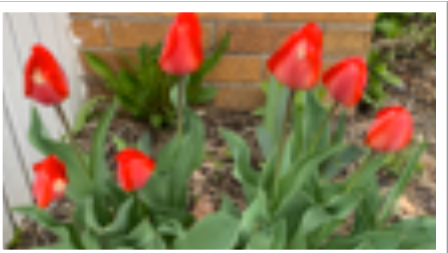
We will be resuming our interrupted Bible Study on Wednesday the 3rd at 1pm with chapter 4. We will take a summer hiatus after the Bible Study is completed on Wednesday the 17th.

My hope is that you will savor Spring in the Adirondacks and soak in God's loving presence greening the earth and the trees and the colorful blooms of tulips and dandelions!

God's presence and love lifts us and sustains us in all the seasons of our lives. The more we trust in God the more we are able to open our eyes to see and feel God.

I share with you two images from this last week of April, the rose after a storm in Mom's front yard and the tulips that greeted me when I arrived at the parsonage. Now it's time to weed and mow and celebrate God's goodness!

Peace, Love, and Blessings,
Pastor Scott



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Now That's A Bright Idea

Our meeting this month will be on May 8th at 6:30. As always it is an open meeting and if you have ideas or concerns, you are welcome to come.

New lamps were installed in the sign at the end of the drive. It's much brighter now. The lamps seem to last about 2 years. This time we bought a case (12) so we should be good for the next 6 years or so.

We are again look at changing the heating system to propane. We did not receive enough bids last year to proceed so are looking at different companies to obtain bids.

The water supply for the Community Garden will need to have the drain valve replaced as soon as it gets warmer. It has rusted to the point where it is much too hard to turn on and off. Work will be done in-house so only cost will be parts.

Still trying to get more information on a pad in-front of the dumpster. At this point this project may not happen until late fall or next year.

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



Book Club

May 3 at 5:00 at Jeanne Thatcher
The Book of Longings
by Sue Monk Kidd

May in the office

For the first weekend of May, M & I will be traveling to NYC for the International Marathon Swimmers Hall of Fame inductions ceremony. Diane Struble is being inducted! I am so excited. I hope to swim with some of the other cool swimmers gathering for a dip at Brighton Beach on May 6. My arms are swimming better all the time- it has been a long recovery.

M has a dance recital on May 8, so I will delay my return north until after the show. I will arrive home sometimes Tuesday morning, and will be in the office as soon as I am again conscious.

After a few days in my own house and this office, doing laundry, and sleeping in a real bed a few times, I'll be back to Maryland to spend Mothers' Day weekend with M. That will be it for my road tripping until June. Thank you for your patience and encouragement! The FUMC faith family has been such a blessing to me and my family. I could not navigate this new way of parenting without your support. Thank you!!

Pastor Scott will be heading out to see his mother, and Donnie will have a weekend away. Someone will be here! Keep in touch. Phone, email, Facebook. . . And enjoy the month of May!!

- Bridget

Happy Birthday

Michael Powers- May 1st
Dave Flack- May 7th
Tara Spaulding- May 7th
Gayle Wells- May 14th
Margaret Carpenter- May 18th
Roger Sawyer- May 18th
Emily Powers- May 19th
Carl Thatcher- May 23rd
Harold Whitford- May 30



Bible Study Resumes

May 3- Chapter 4
May 10- Chapter 5
May 17- Final meeting
Donnie will lead the final meeting
in Pastor Scott's Absence.

Sunday Volunteers

May	Flowers	Readers
7		Donnie Norton
14		Bill Westervelt
21		Bob Bartlett
28		Louise Goodwin

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Family Corner

Happy Anniversary

Scott & Karen Manning- May 17th
Harry & Louise Goodwin- May 23rd



The Pastor's Pet is a fine co-pilot.
Keep it up, Zoey!

May 14 Mothers' Day

May 21 Ascension Sunday

Also May 21 Coffee hour after
Service! By Sue Landers, Joan C,
Peggy Armstrong & Sandy Sprague

May 28 Pentecost (**Wear red!**)

May 29 Memorial Day

Coming in June:

June 4 Peace with Justice Sunday

June 18 Fathers' Day



Thrift Shop News

Spring is finally here – flowers and trees are budding, the grass is green, and our volunteers have been working hard to get out as many lightweight, warm-weather items as possible. We have racks of capris and shorts for sale. Donations are coming in again, and you'll find many new items every week.

The Thrift Shop would not be successful without our wonderful volunteers, and we sincerely appreciate every one of them. We need volunteers who could spare a Saturday once a month or even once in awhile. Please contact the shop at 585-2242, or come in and chat with us on Tuesday or Thursday between 9 and noon. By volunteering, you will be helping the Church, the community, and the many organizations the shop supports.

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

Thrift Shop Volunteers

Saturday (9-2pm)

6	Wanita, Maregot, Jeannine
13	MaryLou, Joan, Jeanne
20	June, Betty M., Pam
27	CLOSED: Memorial Day weekend!!!

Remember Mother's Day is May 14

you might find that perfect item to please someone special, or even something for yourself!



From the Sexton's Broom. . .

May is here!

Temperatures are rising, the grass is greening, the snow blower and shovels are put away!

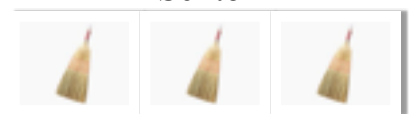
Lent is behind us, Memorial Day is at the end of the month, with Mothers' Day in between.

Work around the church continues. Bill and I got a start on the windows and screens in the Narthex (windows are one thing your sexton admits to NOT doing well), and that will continue through the summer.

As windows will start to open, the POLLEN will start creeping in. Keeping the Fellowship Hall floor pollen free is a CONSTANT battle! Grass watering, cleaning up the grounds from a long winter, the list goes on and on!

As always, I am here. If you see something that requires my attention, please let me know-I'm easy to find!

Donnie Norton,
Sexton



The Ticonderoga Food Pantry

Thank you all for your continued support of the Ticonderoga Food Pantry.

Hours of operation:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 11am-Noon.

The Food Pantry will be closed on Monday, May 1st for Joyce Barry's memorial service.

In April, the pantry continued a recent uptick in business. Fortunately, various donations of food also came in. Our volunteers worked like clockwork filling boxes and bags with our customers' requests. A lot of food went out to feed a lot of hungry people, everyone from singles to large families.

As always, your donations of both food and funds are greatly appreciated !!



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 May 7, 2023

Cornell Roasted Chicken
Rutgers Roasted Potatoes
Sides & Desserts
4:30-6:00pm

All are welcome!

Donations are not required,
but are always welcome.

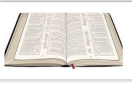


Gardening at the First United Methodist Church

*Flowers all over!!
Feel free to pack a lunch and enjoy
the view.*

*Gardeners welcome to help weed
and tidy!!*

Contact Betty via the office.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 11:00 Joyce Barry's Memorial	2 Sexton Appreciation Day	3  1:00 Bible Study	4 National Day of Prayer 10:00 Worship Meeting	5 Friendship Day Bridget away for the weekend.	6 9-2 Thrift Shop
7 9:00 Worship, Communion 4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner	8 1:00 Finance 6:30 Trustees	9 Bridget will flex time and work late.	10  1:00 Bible Study	11	12 Bridget in Maryland for weekend.	13 9-2 Thrift Shop
14 Mothers' Day 9:00 Worship, Communion	15 6:30 Ad Council NOTE- new time!!!	16	17  1:00 Bible Study concludes for session	18 Sexton Appreciation Day	19	20 9-2 Thrift Shop
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21 Ascension Sunday 9:00 Worship, Communion, Fellowship Coffee!	22	23	24 June Newsletter is in the works!!!	25 2:00 Missions Committee in Lounge	26 Donnie will be away this weekend.	27 Thrift Shop is CLOSED
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28 Pentecost 9:00 Worship, Communion	29 Memorial Day	30 Sexton Appreciation Day	31	<div>May</div> 