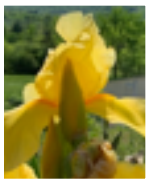




# First United Methodist Church



## June, 2023

### From the Pastor's Pen



As we enter Memorial Day weekend, it is filled with meaning and activity. Sunday is Pentecost when we celebrate the birth of the Christian Church, the day the Holy Spirit was received by Jesus' confused and wondering disciples as they were filled with boldness to fully live into God's love and share that love with the whole world. On Monday, We Remember the sacrificial love of those in military service who gave their lives so we can live in freedom.

Thursday the 1st through Saturday the 3rd Annual Conference will meet in person in Syracuse for the first time since the beginning of the Covid pandemic. Lynn Sawyer is representing both Ticonderoga and Crown Point as our Laity. We will be experiencing our new Bishop in a time of change, hope, and transformation.

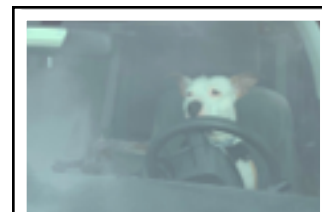
While I am at Annual Conference with Lynn, my son Yarr will be in Chicago with the Ticonderoga Quiz Bowl team competing with teams from across the country as they make new friends and soak in the culture of the city.

For me this June is the end of a season in my life as Yarr, my youngest, graduates from High School and prepares for his life as a chef at the Culinary Institute of America, and I become an empty nester.

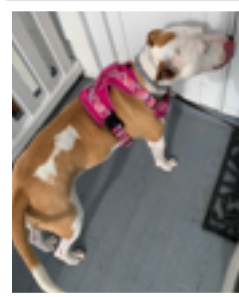
The Holy Spirit is active in amazing ways as it guides and empowers us in our personal transformations to embody God's love in all ways!

May we all embrace the Holy and live into our calling as Jesus' hands and heart in the world!

Peace, Love, and Blessings,  
Pastor Scott Tyler



The Pastor's Pet is  
a fine co-pilot. . .  
All the way home!



Keep it up, Zoey!

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## Now That's A Bright Idea

Our meeting this month will be on June 12th at 6:30. As always it is an open meeting and if you have ideas or concerns, you are welcome to come.

We are still trying to get bids for 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. If anyone knows of commercial heating contractors in the area, please let us know.

We have a contract to place a concrete pad in-front of the dumpster. Work should begin in the middle of the month and take about two weeks to complete.

We will be discussing the form we use to rent out Fellowship Hall for special events. It has not been updated since 2017 and there were some concerns with it this past month when an outside wedding rented the space the day before a Community Dinner.

Painting of the front walkway is being scheduled as soon as possible. We will try to do it on a Monday, so it is useable by the next Sunday.

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**

June 14 at 5:00

Marsha LaPoint's house

*The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*  
by Kim Michele Richardson

## Free Community Dinner

June 4 4:30-6:00pm  
Roast Pork Loin, Rice pilaf,  
mixed veggies, desserts

All are welcome!

This is a volunteer effort.  
Your participation is welcome.

Christmas in July  
Saturday July 15th  
9 to 2

Sale areas will include Christmas decor, gift galore, bake sale. We will be selling coffee, tea, bottle water and ice cream.

We welcome any and all donates for our Christmas in July. You can call the church office 518-585-7995 or Lynn Sawyer 518-586-6784.

Lynn Sawyer and Sandy Sprague  
Co-Chairs



## Lakeside Regional Church of Hague

has Chartered the *Lac Du Saint*  
*Sacrament* on June 4<sup>th</sup>

4pm Boarding, sailing 4:30-6:30 pm

All are Welcome.

Kids under 12 are Free. Adults \$15  
To Secure Tickets Text (do NOT call)  
"Cruise" 518-217-6932

# Happy Anniversary

- Jeannine & Bill Wright June 4
- Mike & Kim Powers June 13
- Albert & Mary Thompson June 20
- John Wade & Deb Endsley June 24
- Jerry & Joyce Cooper June 26
- Douglas & Carolyn Buckland June 30



# Family Corner

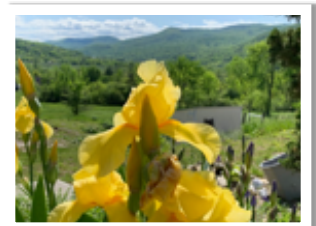
*Thank you all,  
for prayers, cards,  
transportation to  
appointments,  
and for just being there.  
I am still feeling fine.  
Sandra Trepanier*

# Happy Birthday

- Pamela Moser June 5
- Peggy Armstrong June 7
- Donald Norton June 10
- Pastor Scott Tyler June 13
- Kathy Liddell June 18
- Alexander Moser June 18
- Leona Simpson June 20
- John Wesley- June 28, 1703**  
**founder of Methodism.**
- Laurie Ward June 29
- Olivia Quesnel June 29



Dona Tyler, living fully into each moment.



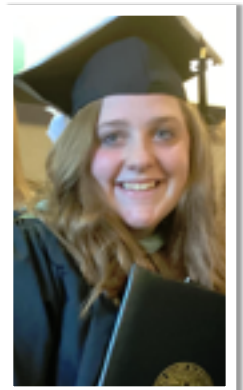
Congratulations to Yarr Tyler & Olivia Powers of the Ti High Class of 2023. Both have plans to go on with their educations.

June 4  
Trinity Sunday & Peace with Justice Sunday

June 18  
Fathers' Day

Sunday Volunteers		
June	Flowers	Readers
4		Ann Westervelt
11		Jeanne Thatcher
18		Sue Fahey
25		Sandra Trepanier

Emily Powers daughter of Kim & Mike Powers, graduated from the College of St. Rose on May 13<sup>th</sup>. She is now a school psychologist, having earned her advanced degree.



Thank You to all our Church Family for support of Emily and other young people receive as they pursue their Higher Education.

# 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.

Gardeners: The Food Pantry always appreciates harvest abundance! If you grow more than you can use, thank you for sharing!

## New Member Classes:

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



Members get free passes to the gardens and dinners!

Do you enjoy the gardens? Contact Betty Rettig about helping keep them looking beautiful! It's a BIG job.



## From the Sexton's Broom

June is here!

The days are warmer, and longer!

Summer is almost here. Schools will be out soon, Fathers' Day is on the horizon, activities everywhere! Here at TiFUMC we look forward to the Riders of Bike & Build making their last trip across the country to support affordable housing. . . Busy times ahead.

Sexton-wise, a busy time for me as well. As we go to press, I will hopefully be in the middle of stripping and waxing Fellowship Hall. Screens and window cleaning will be an ongoing project, as will watering the grass. I would like to give the church office a proper cleaning as well. Much to do!

As always, if you see something that requires my attention, either as your Sexton or as a Trustee, please let me know- I'm not hard to find!

Donnie Norton  
Sexton

## Sexton Appreciation Day

For several years, I have used my vast executive powers to declare Sexton Appreciation Day at any time through the year. As an employee, I deeply appreciate a clean restroom- that alone merits more than one day a year of appreciation!

The FUMC Sexton, Donnie Norton, does way more than merely keep the building tidy. Donnie is a Trustee, Lay Leader, and overall kind soul ready to step up in a crisis-

Happy Birthday, Donnie!!!  
You are appreciated EVERY day!!

# Thrift Shop News

Warm weather is coming – and we have many colorful summer items in the shop to choose from. Capris, shorts, bathing suits, shirts and summer dresses are available. Come in and browse around; you never know what you'll find!

We have received many donations lately; spring cleaning, folks moving, etc. Our volunteers have been hard at work sorting through everything to be sure that there are always nice, new and varied items for sale. If an item doesn't sell after a while, it is replaced by something different. Our shop always looks inviting, and we receive many compliments from customers.

Business has been very good this spring, and we look forward to a busy summer!

## 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)

3	Roxanne, Margot
10	Wanita, Judy W., Ann
17	Joan C., June, Betty M.
24	Jeanne, Jeannine, Pam

June, 2023

## Staff- Pastor- Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC) Needs YOU!

Every year we are asked as a church to devise 3 covenants (or goals) that will advance or enhance our discipleship.

Our Covenants for 2023:

- Increase childhood attendance
- Increase childhood interaction
- Streamline our church members' administrative & mission responsibilities.

If children are not coming to church, maybe we need to go to them. If babies and toddlers are coming on and off, would parents bring them more consistently if we offer childcare? Could we staff it?

Once children are here, how do we keep them engaged? Could programming involve multi-generation participation? We can aim for a brighter future with the thought "if we build it, they will come."

We are such an active church with many missions, and many of us wear several hats to keep them going. To be honest, sometimes it is hard. We see so much change in our family units, few new attendees, and loss of some of our leaders. So how do we advance when it seems we struggle to stay afloat? And change is scary... But less scary together.





Several years ago, adding screens in the Sanctuary was a big change, but it is working. Services on Facebook as of Christmas, 2019 meant we were ready to face the protocols of COVID smoothly.

We need your thoughts and help. If we have nudged your interest, contact one of us, we'll be all ears.

Joan Viault, Committee Chair

Committee Members: Sue Fahey, Margot Anello, Peggy Armstrong, Joan Charboneau, Sue Landers, Donnie Norton, Carole Potter, Lynn Sawyer

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				<b>Annual Conference</b>		
4 Trinity Sunday  Peace with Justice Sunday  9:00 Worship, Communion  4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner	5    Sexton Appreciation Day	6	7	8  10:00 Worship Meeting?	9	10  9-2 Thrift Shop  <b>Sexton Appreciation Day AND Birthday!!!</b>
11  9:00 Worship, Communion  Fellowship Coffee after service, by Worship Committee	12  1:00 Finance 6:30 Trustees  Sylvamo starts 4 weeks at FUMC	13	14  5:00 Book Club	15	16	17  9-2 Thrift Shop
18 Fathers' Day  9:00 Worship, Communion	19  6:30 Ad Council- last meeting until September?	20  Bridget in Maryland to pick up M for a few weeks- Thank you!!!	21    Sexton Appreciation Day	22	23	24  9-2 Thrift Shop
25  9:00 Worship, Communion	26	27	28	29    Sexton Appreciation Day	30	