



First United Methodist Church

Summer, 2023

From the Pastor's Road Trip. . .



We are in the midst of a summer of change and transformation. This past weekend my youngest graduated High School with honors and huge smiles. It has been an amazing transformation as Yarr has taken responsibility for paperwork, physicals, and getting scholarships organized so we can pay for his first semester of culinary school before I fly to North Carolina on the 27th and he flies to Germany on the 28th.

My trip to NC was supposed to be a quick trip to visit Mom and Dad and drive home our 'new to us' car for the kids to use. But that changed when Mom's hospice nurse informed her that the cancer has ramped up and they need to meet with me and Mom to talk about what the next stages are going to be and her timelines.

I thought I had my summer planned out around church schedules, transporting the kids and getting them ready for moving to their colleges, making visits to NC, hopefully a bit of painting. But the summer changes and I am leaning on God to love, sustain, and guide me to be my best self in all of my roles. I don't know what is going happen, but I know God will be with me always.

As you live into your life with God this summer, embrace the changes and transformations, as you listen to the birds sing, enjoy the play of sunlight on the landscape, and the warmth of relationships!

Peace, Love, and Blessings,
Pastor Scott Tyler

Editor's note: Even the second plan was changed! Pastor Scott returned briefly to Ticonderoga to get Zoey and restart his journey south, making mid-course changes along the way. He arrived safely, to learn that an appointment regarding his mother's care had been rescheduled by a day. Any further changes will be handled.

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Now That's A Bright Idea

Our next meeting will be on Sept. 11th 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 have contacted three companies and are waiting for two of them to respond. If we hear anything during the summer, we will call a special meeting to discuss.

Work on the concrete pad in front of the dumpster should begin in a few days. It will take about two weeks to complete.

We have discussed 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 when an outside wedding rented the space the day before a community dinner. A working revision has been made and will be reviewed before a final form is approved. If you are interested or would like to have some input, see me, Donnie, or Pastor Scott for a copy of the working revision.

The painting of the front walkway is complete. Thanks to Donnie for his help with this project.

The budget payment for heating oil and propane has gone down for the next heating season. This will free up monies for additional projects next year. Any ideas?

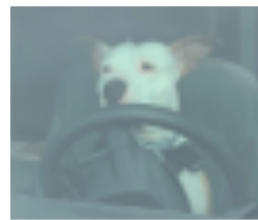
As always if you see something that needs attention, contact Donnie, Pastor Scott or myself and we'll do our best to "get 'r' done"! (Or at least put it on the list)

Bill Westervelt, Chair

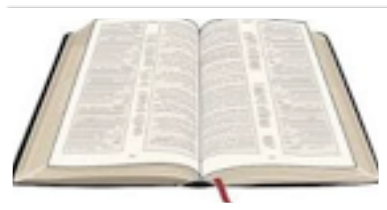
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P.S. Yarr asked me to thank all of you for your love, words of encouragement, and gifts for his education.



Zoey is on the job-
Don't leave home without her!



Bible Study will resume in
September- watch for details!
*The Big Picture: Seeing God's
Dream for Your Life.*

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Happy Birthday

Family Corner

Betty Jacques July 9
 Barb Stowell July 9
 Hazel Flack July 10
 Brianna Morse July 15
 Sophia Quesnel July 16
 Mike Forand July 17
 Fred Viault July 18
 Skip Flack July 19
 Victoria Sawyer July 21
 Douglas Morse July 23
 Sandra Trepanier July 24
 Xann Tyler July 28
 Stevie Montville July 30
 Claire Bartlett July 31
 Keith Jackson July 31

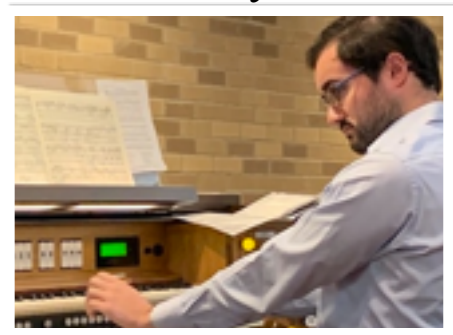


Peace

Ronnie Romano will be here July 30 for a good-bye visit. The July Fellowship Time will follow the service.

If you would like to help, please let Ann Westervelt or the Office know.

Thank you.



Hilda Stacy-Forand August 2
 Sue Fahey August 6
 Walter Thorne August 6
 Angie Spaulding August 8
 Raymond Ellor August 11
 Albert Thompson August 14
 Glen Greenough August 17
 Agatha Mace August 21
 Ellen Ellor August 23
 Lori Fox August 23
 Janet Bullock August 25
 Bill Quinn August 29
 Jo Wray August 31

Happy Anniversary

Buf & Donna Frasier July 6
 Dave & Hazel Flack July 29
 Mr. & Mrs. Scott Montville August 11
 Joe & Deb Michela August 18

Sunday Volunteers

July	Flowers	Readers
2		Donnie Norton
9		Ann Westervelt
16		Louise Goodwin
23		Bob Bartlett
30		Jeanne Thatcher
Aug 6		Sue Fahey
13		Bill Westervelt
20		Sandra Trepanier
27		Donnie Norton

Join Us! A Committee with a Mission Purpose

Our church's Mission Committee is looking for a few new members. We meet for business 4-6 times a year or as needed. Our next meeting is at 2 PM on Thursday, September 14, 2023.

What do we do? Often, we sponsor one "hands-on" mission project a year. This year it was the Red Bird shoeboxes collected during Lent. In the past, we have collected health kits and cleaning kits (flood buckets). This year we also sponsored the coffee hour on Palm Sunday that celebrated the shoeboxes, educated people about the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), and collected money for UMCOR's work in Ukraine that the committee matched up to \$200. We made our goal and more!

In June, we honored two church members Sandy Trepanier and Donnie Norton with mission recognition pins. We also awarded scholarships to three students who are part of our church family for their studies at college. For about a decade, we have given scholarships to help young people to go to college or church camps. In the recent past, we have made and delivered small Christmas baskets for people who are homebound. We are in the process of reviewing the project which had been carried out by United Methodist Women before the local group disbanded.

If you are interested in joining us, please email chairperson Nancy Carter a revnacarter@gmail.com, speak to a committee member, or call the church office.

Your mMission Committee: Nancy Carter, Joan Charbonneau, Marsha LaPointe, Kathy Liddell, and Sandy Sprague

Our Mission Purpose Statement

Mission work is woven into the fabric of our church. We share God's love with our local, national, and international neighbors through prayer, financial giving, and/or hands-on ministry.

As the mission committee of the First United Methodist Church of Ticonderoga, we:

- educate and motivate the congregation to be in mission;
- offer to the congregation hands-on mission opportunities;
- decide where to disburse funds that come to the mission committee through the Delano fund and other sources.

July/August, 2023

From the Sexton's Broom

As I put pen to paper for the Double Issue Newsletter, Summer is HERE! It is Saturday morning, and storm clouds are gathering.

It promises to be a busy summer here at TiFUMC! Sylvamo training, various groups using the church, and Christmas in July on July 15th. Just a few of the happenings going on.

My never ending battle with pollen continues, and I am starting on windows and screens. I did manage to strip & wax Fellowship Hall, after a two year gap, mainly due to DCOVID-19.

Take a look at the new paint job in the front entryway! Bill Westervelt did a **great** job, even with being stuck with ME as the other painter. I have said many times, I am NO painter!

Enjoy the summer,, my friends. As always, if you see something that requires my attention, please let me know.

Donnie Norton
Sexton



Thrift Shop News

Summer is here! We have swim suits, shorts, capris, blouses, dresses, and other items for sale. We also have many treasures to help you enjoy the season. We are often intrigued by the unique items that find their way into the shop. Come in and check us out!

Masks are now optional on Saturdays, but we continue to restrict how many customers are allowed in at a time. Our hallways are narrow, and can get congested at times. Don't forget to visit the shop on Saturday, July 15 for *Christmas in July*!

We are hearing many favorable comments from customers about the quality of our items, and how nice the shop looks. Our volunteers work hard to keep it stocked and looking good, and it pleases us that our customers are noticing.

We have put some of the spring clothing on sale to make space for summer items. Watch for more sales in August, after which fall items will begin to go out.

Have a wonderful 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

Book Club

To be announced. . . Watch the bulletins, and read freely!

D.E.A.R. Time: Drop Everything And Read

Thrift Shop Volunteers

Saturday (9-2pm)

1	Roxanne, Wanita, Jeanne, Sandy S.
8	Margot, Pam, Jeanne
15	Jeannine, Lynn, Wanita
22	Ann, Judy W., Joan C.
29	June, Betty M., Sandy T, Marsha
5	?
12	Jeanne, Pam, Jeannine
19	Margot, Wanita
26	June, Betty M.

Saturday, July 15
Christmas in July!

There will be festive holiday stuff, and maybe lunch or snacks!
Be ready!



The Ticonderoga Food Pantry

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

Hours of operation:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 11am-Noon.

So far this year, the Food Pantry has had almost 20% more customers than the same time last year. We are playing an important role in making sure that no one in Ticonderoga or Putnam has to go hungry. This is especially important when it comes to children, and to seniors.

During May the Post Office kindly held a food drive for us, resulting in hundreds of pounds of food donated. This makes a big difference.

The pantry is also blessed with many generous gardeners who kindly donate produce from their gardens to us, to help others. We look forward to their continued kindness this year!!

Your donations of both food and funds are very important, and greatly appreciated!!



If you, a committee, or a group of people would like to sign up to present Second Sunday Fellowship Coffee in August and beyond, please let Ann Westervelt or the office know. Thank you!

Free Community Dinner

July 9

Cook out! Hot dogs, burgers, potato salad, desserts

August 6

Pulled pork, sides, and desserts

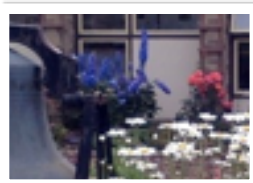
4:30-6:00pm

Donations are not required, but are always welcome.

This is a volunteer effort. Your participation is welcome.



Gardening at the First United Methodist Church



It's growing!!!

And even has Red, White, and Blue!
Want to help weed? Contact Betty Rettig via the office.



New Member Classes:

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1>July</h1>						1 9-2 Thrift Shop
2 9:00 Worship, Communion	3 Sexton Appreciation Day Offices closed	4 Independence Day Montcalm Mile and Parade in Ti.  Offices will be closed	5	6 10:00 Worship Meeting	7	8 9-2 Thrift Shop
9 9:00 Worship, Communion 4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner	10 1:00 Finance?	11 Bridget in Maryland and scenic route home	12	13	14 Sexton Appreciation Day	15 9-2 Thrift Shop 9-2 Christmas in July
16 9:00 Worship, Communion	17 5:30 Book Club?	18	19	20	21	22 9-2 Thrift Shop
Bridget will flex hours this week- some remote, some on-site						
23 9:00 Worship, Communion	24	25 Bridget brings Emory back to NY for 3 weeks	26	27	28	29 9-2 Thrift Shop
30 9:00 Worship, Communion Ronnie here for music!!	31	<h1>July</h1> <p>Note: as attested to in Pastor Scott's article, all plans are subject change according to God's Will, and human frailty.</p>				

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August		1	2 5:30 Book Club	3 10:00 Worship Meeting	4	5 9-2 Thrift Shop
6 9:00 Worship, Communion 4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner	7	8	9	10 Sexton Appreciation Day	11	12 9-2 Thrift Shop
13 9:00 Worship, Communion	14 1:00 Finance?	15 Emory returns to Maryland for Junior Year of High School. Bridget out of office	16	17 <div>Pastor Scott's pastel workshop</div>	18	19 9-2 Thrift Shop
20 9:00 Worship, Communion	21	22	23	24	25	26 9-2 Thrift Shop
27 9:00 Worship, Communion	28	29	30	31	Coming in September: Community Dinner Bible Study Sept. 11, 6:30- Trustees Sept. 14, 2:00 Missions	