

First United Methodist Church

September, 2023

From the Pastor's Pen and Travels. . .

Where did the summer go?

Labor Day weekend, the unofficial end of summer, is beginning of Yarr's college adventure, and the beginning of me being an empty nester. No longer will I be able to blame the children for mess in the house.

May we have a wonderful September and a beautiful foliage season.

I will be making another quick trip to North Carolina, leaving after services on September 10th so I can celebrate my Mom's 80th Birthday on the 14th with Mom and her friends.

I am excited that on Wednesday the 20th at 1:00 PM we will resume Bible Studies with *The Big Picture* that will use the story of Joseph in Genesis to see how God is present and active through all of our life events, choices, and opportunities.

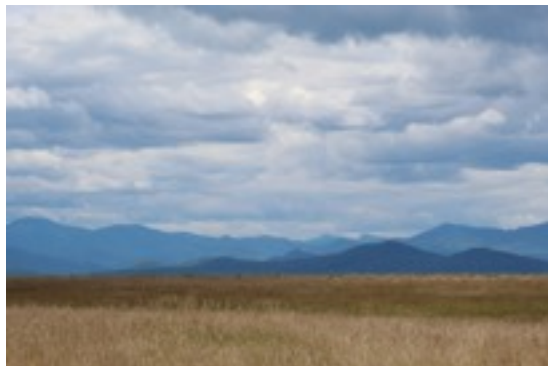
On Sunday September 24th at 2:00 PM we will be hosting Moriah & Crown Point UMC for our annual church charge conference with our DS Debbie Earthrowl. It would be nice for us to have a great turnout and show our Ti hospitality.

Change is hard but when we turn to God for grace and guidance, wonderful things happen!

There is no place like the Adirondack mountains of home.

Peace, Love, and
Blessings,

Pastor Scott Tyler



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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.

Trying to get bids on work lately has been almost impossible. We still have only two bids on replacing the heating system in the church. Both of which are very high and after research on costs of equipment vs. savings from propane over oil. It appears that we cannot go ahead with this project at this time.

Work on the concrete pad in-front of the dumpster is complete. Repair of the black top around the pad will be done in September. At that time the contractor will also patch the drive near the road where a hole has developed.

We are still discussing the form we use to rent out Fellowship Hall for special events. It has not updated since 2017. 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 Scott for a copy of the working revision.

With Donnie recovering from shoulder surgery, we have added his son Nate to help with Sexton chores. If you see him around say welcome.

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

New Member Classes:

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

From the Sexton's Broom

It is September!
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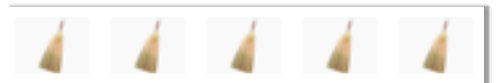
As we go to press, I am recuperating from my shoulder surgery from the 10th of August. I really don't like being laid up. It will be a year until FULL recovery, I am told by my doctor, but I will be back working before then, if only on a limited basis. I thank you for all the prayers sent my way.

In the meantime, Nate is covering for me, doing the heavy chores I can't do.

In the fall, things will start to pick up- committees will start meeting again, and hopefully, if all goes well, Bible Study will resume this month!

I hope to at least be around, even if my arm is in a sling. We will persevere!

Donnie Norton
Sexton



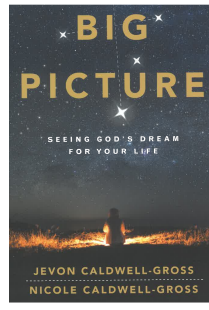
PS- Donnie says,
"I was RIGHT!"

Book Club

Sept. 6 at 5:00pm at
Leona Simpson's house
The Confidante
by Christopher C. Gorham

Happy Birthday

Yarr Tyler	September 3
Josie Worley	September 3
Bill Wright	September 6
Betty Heintzelman	September 10
Joan Viault	September 11
Megan Moser	September 13
Dona Tyler	September 14
Joe Liddell	September 15
Nate Norton	September 16
Julie Hurlburt	September 17
Larry Lauderville	September 17
Lynn Sawyer	September 22
Margaret Beuerlein	September 22
Bobbie Blaise	September 27



Next Bible Study
Starting
September 20

Happy Anniversary

Joe and Kathy Liddell September 16
Shaundra & Adam Yaw September 24

Coming Soon:

October 1

World Communion Sunday

October 7 at 10:00

Blessing of Animals

Free Community Dinner
Beef Stroganoff,
Green Salad, and Desserts

September 10
4:30-6:00pm

Donations are not required,
but are always welcome.

Sunday Volunteers

Sept.	Flowers	Readers
3		Ann Westervelt
10		Jeanne Thatcher
17		Louise Goodwin
24		Sue Fahey

Your Mission Committee: We are a church in Mission doing good work together!

Summer is almost over but our mission committee and our congregation have not been on vacation. God's work of mission and outreach never ends. We have responded.

Your donations to Maui wildfire relief at the August coffee hour were matched by the Mission Committee. We sent a check for \$500.00 to UMCOR, which immediately responded through the California-Pacific Annual Conference of The UMC.

The FUMC mission committee sent \$200 to The Vermont Community Foundation designated for The VT Flood Response & Recovery Fund. Sandy Sprague, our committee's treasurer, included a letter and brochure telling them who we are as a church. Note: There is no official United Methodist response to this emergency, but we wanted to help out our neighbors. The VT Flood Response & Recovery Fund is well-managed and a good way to help get assistance to the broader community in need.

Join us! The mission committee is looking for two new members to fill vacancies. Contact Nancy Carter at revnacarter@gmail.com or the church office if you'd like to become a member. Next meeting: September 8 at 9:30 in the lounge.

Nancy A. Carter. chairperson

Thrift Shop News

It has been a very busy summer at the Thrift Shop. Sales have been excellent, donations have been plentiful, and our volunteers have been very busy sorting, cleaning and stocking new items each week, as well as helping our many customers on open days. Many summer items are on sale to make room for the next season.

The shop is getting ready for fall! Clothing with long sleeves and items in fall colors are going out on the racks and shelves. Fall décor items abound. Stop in and see what we have; you never know what you might find.

In the past, the Thrift Shop has offered some free school supplies to our customers. This year we are going bigger by purchasing large amounts of supplies, as well as asking our congregation to participate in this worthy cause. Many of our customers are families that can really use this help. In addition to the many organizations the Thrift Shop

supports monthly, a check for \$500 was recently sent to UMCOR for Maui residents. We are proud to be supporting not only local folks and organizations, but those in need in other parts of the world as well.

We couldn't be successful without the help of our dedicated volunteers, and we are so grateful for them. We have recently lost a number of volunteers due to illnesses. If you are looking for something to do and interested in helping out, talk with any of our volunteers.

As always, thank you for supporting the Thrift Shop.

Thrift Shop Committee Members:

- Margot Anello, Committee Chairperson
- Jeanne Thatcher, Treasurer
- Jeanne B. Thatcher, Trustees Representative
- Margot Anello, Wanita Blanchard, Lynn Brigan, Betty Messier, Leona Simpson, Sandra Sprague, Pam Thorne, Sandra Trepanier, Jeannine Wright and Rev. Scott Tyler

Gardening Note:

Pruning and weeding help is always needed. See Betty or Sandy about spending some time in the gardens!

The Champlain Valley Chorale

Rehearsals resume in hopes of a Christmas Concert. 7:00 P.M., September 12. The Chorale welcomes all who wish to sing.

The Thrift Shop will present Fellowship Coffee on September 10

If you, a committee, or a group of people would like to present Second Sunday Fellowship Coffee, please let Ann Westervelt or the office know. Thank you.

Thrift Shop Volunteers

Saturday (9-2pm)

2	Jeanne, Jeannine, Pam
9	Judy W., Ann, Joan C.
16	Wanita, Margot, Pam
23	Betty M., Lynn, Marsha
30	June, Jeanne, Sandy S.

The Ticonderoga Food Pantry

Hours of operation:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 11am-Noon.

The demand for food from the Food Pantry is now back up to the level it was before the pandemic.

Lately we've had around 85 households a month coming in. This includes single people, big families, and everyone in between. We are moving a few tons of food a month. The people of Ticonderoga and Putnam do not have to go hungry if they are in need. This is especially important when it comes to children and the elderly.

Like last year, the pantry is blessed this summer with fresh, out-of-the garden produce generously given by many thoughtful gardeners and farmers. We are very appreciative!!

Other folks kindly give critical financial support every month or from time to time. Please remember the pantry when you are thinking about your charitable giving – the pantry depends on people's generosity !!

If anyone wants as tour of the pantry, let Margaret Beuerlein or Bill Quinn know.

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.

World Communion Sunday: *God's Promise of Joy*

World Communion Sunday is Oct. 1. On that day, we partner with other United Methodist congregations in a special offering to support young adults and make a global impact for Christ. This offering provides scholarships and leadership development opportunities for international students and racial-ethnic students in the United States who are pursuing advanced degrees.

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The theme of this year's offering is God's Promise of Joy. Now, perhaps more than ever, we are called to be part of restoring joy and hope in the world. Our gifts help infuse Christ's loving presence into the lives of not only the individual students we support, but also, through them, into the religious, social, and civic communities where they lead and serve.

These funds are administered by Global Ministries in collaboration with the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.



Checks may be made out to First United Methodist Church, with *Advance* #901670-Hawaii on the memo line.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September</h1>					1	2 9-2 Thrift Shop
3 9:00 Worship, Communion	4 Labor Day	5	6 5:00 Book Club	7 10:00 Worship Meeting	8 9:30 Mission Committee meetings- Welcome!! Bridget in Maryland with M.	9 9-2 Thrift Shop
10 9:00 Worship, Communion Second Sunday Coffee 4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner	11 6:30 Trustees	12 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale! Come try!	13	14 Dona Tyler 80!	15	16 9-2 Thrift Shop
Pastor Scott in North Carolina						
17 9:00 Worship, Communion	18 6:30 Ad Council	19 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	20	21	22	23 9-2 Thrift Shop
24 9:00 Worship, Communion 2pm Charge Conference for Moriah, Crown Point, Ti. At FUMC	25	26 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	27	28	29	30 9-2 Thrift Shop