



# First United Methodist Church

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Fall is truly here with cooler temperatures, a crisp scent in the air, and changes in foliage. I would encourage all of us to breathe deeply and rest in the Holy Spirit—soaking in all the goodness that God is providing. I hope you enjoy the rose I photographed in the Memorial Garden with a reflection of the Sanctuary in the window.



I am enjoying *The Big Picture* Bible study and we have one more participant book if you would like to join us on Wednesdays at 1PM.

Saturday the 7th at 10AM will be the Blessing of the Animals on the circle in front of the sanctuary. It is one of my favorite services overflowing with love and energy. And we never know what new amazing creature might show up with their human.

On Sunday the 8th at 2PM we will celebrate and livestream the life of Shane Anello, son of John and Margot Anello.

I will be traveling to North Carolina the 10th-17th to visit with my parents and work on winterizing their house. Bill Westervelt will be leading worship on Laity Sunday, the 15th, while I'm on the road.

Bridget's birthday is on Reformation Day, the 31st, help her feel loved.

Enjoy the foliage as you spend quality time with God!



Peace, Love, and Blessings,  
Pastor Scott Tyler



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## Now That's A Bright Idea

Our next meeting will be on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. As always it is an open meeting and if you have ideas or concerns, you are welcome to come.

At the Church Charge Conference, the following were re-elected to the trustees: Carole Potter, Bill Quinn, Jeanne Thatcher, and Mike Forand.

The edge of the concrete pad and the front of the driveway have been paved. This completes this project.

If you have noticed the kitchen pots and pans all over the place, we're not redecorating. When the kitchen hood was serviced, it was discovered that the previous company that was doing the work had not done it correctly since 2017! Work has been scheduled to bring the hood up to date before the next community dinner.

Speaking of community dinners, Next month is our annual Election Day Dinner. Sign up sheets will go up soon. This project needs a lot of help and a lot of pies. Watch for more details.

I'm starting to work on next year's budget already. Anyone with project ideas please see me or leave a note in the office, or better yet come to our next meeting.

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

Monday, Oct 2 at 5:00

*The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant.  
Meeting at Mary Cheslik's house



## Christmas Fair

November 18th, 2023

*New time: 9-1*

Holiday Gifts

Silent Auction

Christmas Wreaths

Bake Sale

Christmas Decor

Gifts Galore

The Thrift Shop will be open



## The Original Election Day Dinner Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023

First United Methodist Church  
1045 Wicker Street, Ticonderoga, NY

Turkey / Dressing

Potatoes / Gravy

Vegetables

Rolls / Butter

Cranberry Sauce

Dessert / Beverage

**Take Out Dinners**

**4:30 PM**

**Dining Room Opens**

**5:00 PM**

**Adults \$15.00??**

**Children \$10.00??**



## Happy Birthday

Jane Bassett	October 2
Amy Quesnel	October 2
Grace Ambrus	October 3
Ronnie Romano	October 3
Ella Vilardo	October 5
Amy Catanzarita	October 6
Ann Dolback	October 6
Jeanne Thatcher	October 9
Sally Snelson	October 11
Doug Buckland	October 18
Edwin Flack	October 18
Darcy Morse	October 19
Michael Moser	October 19
Josie Bougor	October 30
Bridget	Halloween



World  
Communion  
Sunday  
October 1

Reformation  
Day  
October 31



## Family Corner

### Happy Anniversary

Pam & Walter Thorne Oct. 12

### Blessing of Animals

October 7, at 10:00

On the circle.

Please keep pets leashed or  
in carriers.

Company manners, and  
scoop as needed, please!



### Fellowship Coffee

The Trustees will present on October 15

Missions will present on November 19

The Thrift Shop will present on December 17

Anyone is welcome to present. Thank you!

### Sunday Volunteers

October	Flowers	Readers
1		Bob Bartlett
8		Sandra Trepanier
15		Jeanne Thatcher
22		Ann Westervelt
29		Donnie Norton

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### Free Community Dinner

October 1

4:30-6:00pm

Meatloaf, mashed potatoes,  
veggies, desserts



All are welcome!

Dine in & take out

## Mission Committee

Our mission committee asked for two new members and we have received them. Welcome, Joyce Cooper and Sandy Trepanier! We are very pleased that they have joined us.

Some Updates:

In August, the committee sent funds to UMCOR for its response to the devastating fires in Hawaii and to The Vermont Community Foundation for The VT Flood Response & Recovery Fund.

On Saturday, September 23, Sandy Sprague and Nancy Carter delivered 37 "shoeboxes" that our congregation had put together for the Red Bird Mission and Clinic to Endwell United Methodist Church near Binghamton, NY. During the first week of December, volunteers from Endwell will drive two fully loaded 26-foot trucks to the mission to Beverly, KY. They expect to have around 3000 shoeboxes and also will deliver other needed items bedding, educational supplies, and medical supplies. Marsha LaPointe chaired this project. Thank you, Marsha, and the rest of the committee for your good work. Thank you, First United Methodist Church!



Mark your calendar:

On Sunday, November 12, the committee will sponsor the coffee hour after church. Come ready to be fed. It will be a time of our "giving back" to the congregation for its generosity. Stay tuned for more details.

Nancy A. Carter, chair  
FUMC mission committee

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## From the Sexton's Broom

*This article was created by Donnie thinking out loud, and Bridget typing a sense of those words, with only minor corruption.*

Fall is here- soon I will be battling leaves. I will be battling with one arm in a sling, so progress may be slow. My sling will be an issue until December, as of current thinking. Physical therapy starts soon. . .

October is Fire Prevention Month- I will be changing batteries, and you should check your situation at your home!!

As always, if you see something that requires my attention, please let me know- I'm not hard to find!

Donnie Norton  
Sexton & Dictator\*



*Note: Dictator in the sense of  
dictation.*

## New Member Classes:

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





# Thrift Shop News

Fall has arrived, especially at the Thrift Shop. The shop looks like Fall, and our volunteers have been busy putting out decorations, fall items and warmer clothing for sale.

The Thrift Shop continues to support the Church's general fund, the local Clergy Association, the Ticonderoga school backpack program, and the Homeless Fund with monthly donations. The newest mission is to support women in crisis with clothing and baby needs. When you support the Thrift Shop, you are also supporting these worthy causes.

Come in and check us out! Our volunteers work hard to have new items on the shelves and racks every week. We always have a great selection of books as well. Enjoy the beauty of this season.

## 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

## Thrift Shop Volunteers

Saturday (9-2pm)

7	<b>Shop is CLOSED today</b>
14	Jeannine, Jeanne, Pam, Margot
21	Ann, Judy W., Joan
28	June, Jeanne, Wanita

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## The Ticonderoga Food Pantry

### Hours of operation:

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










The demand for food from the Food Pantry is now at a record level for the last five years. Lately we've had around 85 households a month coming in. This includes single people, big families, and everyone in between. We are moving three or four 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.

The pantry makes sure people receive nutritious food for their family. People and families receive soups, vegetables, meats, fruits, bread, eggs, milk, and margarine, along with many other interesting choices of foods. We try to make the experience uplifting for the needy customer.

All of this depends on the support of kind donors. We thank the generous folks who 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 !! Both food and funds are needed. Simply give your donation to the church, marked for the food pantry.

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  9:00 Worship, Communion  4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner	2  5:00 Book Club	3  7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	4  1:00 Bible Study 	5  10:00 Worship Meeting  Bridget to Maryland after work	6  Sexton Appreciation Day 	7  Thrift Shop CLOSED  10:00 Blessing of Animals on circle
8 Pastor Appreciation Day  9:00 Worship, Communion	9  1:00 Finance  6:30 Trustees	10  7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	11  No Bible Study this week	12	13 	14  9-2 Thrift Shop
Pastor Scott on a road trip south, Oct. 10-17						
15  9:00 Worship Dianna Donat will provide Service Music  Third Sunday Fellowship Coffee	16  6:30 Ad Council	17  7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	18  1:00 Bible Study 	19  Sexton Appreciation Day 	20	21  9-2 Thrift Shop
Pastor Scott on a road trip south, Oct. 10-17						
22  9:00 Worship, Communion	23 	24  7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	25  1:00 Bible Study concludes 	26	27 	28  9-2 Thrift Shop
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