



First United Methodist Church

November, 2023



From the Pastor's Pen

We are taking this month to express our gratitude and thanks for God at work in all of us. I hope you make a commitment to be present with God every day. A way to do this is to engage in the spiritual practice of writing what you are grateful for each day. Be specific and find something new to write about each day. Make it fun, doodle, use different colors so that you look forward to this time with God.

I could not be the caring son and father that I strive to be without all of your amazing love and support, especially this year! Thank you!

This is one of those years where the 4th Sunday of Advent coincides with Christmas Eve. So I've decided to shift the lectionary schedule by moving up Christ the King Sunday to the 19th and making the 26th the first Sunday of Advent with the 29th being the first session of our Advent Bible Study, *An Unlikely Advent: Extraordinary People of the Christmas Story* by Rachel Billups. This will mean that on Sunday December 24th we will only have a Christmas Eve service.

We will celebrate our Saints on Sunday November 5th by bringing a flower to add to the memorial bouquet and speaking the name(s) of our loved ones. Don't forget to turn back your clocks by an hour!

Election Day will be marked by an amazing dinner we make for the Community. We will celebrate our Veterans on Sunday the 12th. The Craft Fair will be filled with the scent of balsam and amazing gifts on the 18th.

I am feeling blessed as Zyleen & Yarr will be celebrating Thanksgiving at home with me! May we all be safe on the roads and filled with love and joy in our hearts!

Peace, Love, and Blessings,
Pastor Scott Tyler

November, 2023

Pastor's Pen

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Now That's A Bright Idea

Our next meeting will be on Nov. 13th at 6:30. As always it is an open meeting and if you have ideas or concerns, you are welcome to come.

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.

So far we have had several ideas.

- 1- Skim coat the remaining sections of the driveway. When the edging was done to the concrete pad, it was discovered that while the foundation is stable, there is only 1 in. of black top.
- 2- Update the men's bathrooms to make them gender neutral. The women's rooms were done some years ago, and new signage is in place to bring them up to the new New York State's bathroom law. (no I'm not kidding, there is such a thing)
- 3- Have the sanctuary sound system updated. There is a "hummm" that shouldn't be there. As the system was installed some 18 years ago, it may be time to have it updated.

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

I am grateful for . . .

The gracious love, care, and support of my family and I this year that has allowed me to travel and care for them!

- Pastor Scott

I am grateful for . . .

. . . Answer to prayers, God's constant help in need, and God's love, unconditionally.

I am grateful for . . .

. . . Family and my church family

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

Betty Rettig November 2
Dennis Stowell November 2
Marc Cooper November 11
Beth Hanley November 18
Olivia Powers November 19
Judy Woodard November 22
Deb Endsley November 28

Family Corner

November 5
Clocks fall back!



Happy Anniversary

Joe & Lynn Sawyer
November 11

Bill & Ann Westervelt
November 20

Carl & Jeanne Thatcher
November 26

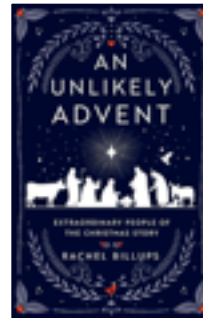
Hans & Betty Rettig
November 27

I am grateful for . . .

. . . My church family. For your prayers during and after my shoulder surgery, and for your understanding as I gradually get back to full speed as your Sexton.

--Donnie

Bible Study
Wednesdays
November 29-
December 20
1:00 in Lounge
and on Facebook



I am grateful for . . .

. . . The members of this church who supported our family through this difficult time.

-Margot Anello

November 5



November 27 United Methodist
Student Day (offering)



Sunday Volunteers

November	Flowers	Readers
5		Louise Goodwin
12		Donnie Norton
19		Bill Westervelt
26		Bob Bartlett

In Memoriam

Joyce Barry
August 22, 1927- April 16, 2023

Marian E. Catlin
July 13, 1920- April 18, 2023

I am grateful for . . .
. . . Good health, good people,
interesting activities.

Book Club

Wednesday, November 8
5:00 at Joan Vault's house

The Measure
by Nikki Erlick

I am grateful for. . . The continued wellbeing of my family, and the ability to support the missions of this faith family. My family time requires road trips, and I deeply appreciate my ability to flex my schedule at times. --Bridget



Methodist Student Day November 26

The original Special Sunday, our denomination's Sunday Schools was founded in 1872 as the Children's Fund.

Today, United Methodist Student Day Sunday calls us to continue to support our students.

Currently, there are over 70 scholarships available for undergraduate, graduate, or doctoral United Methodist students. Every dollar received for this offering goes towards supporting and educating a new generation of principled Christian leaders for the church and the world.

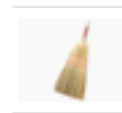
From the Sexton's Broom

November is HERE! The year is flying by! Advent will be on us before we know it.

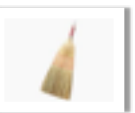
November promises to be a busy and exciting month. The election Day Dinner is November 7th. The Kitchen crew is already hard at work, and soon I will have to deal with the wonderful aroma of turkeys roasting. The Christmas Fair is on Saturday, November 18th, from 9-1. You will see a lot of activity with moving tables and chairs in the Fellowship Hall. Won't be me moving them. Either Nate or Amanda, as I still only have one good wing! Also, Sylvamo will have orientation classes right through to the end of the year.

You may have noticed that I am OUT of my sling (YAY!). I still can't move heavy stuff, or do much in the way of vacuuming, sweeping, or mopping. I do so appreciate ALL the prayers, the many cards, and your understanding in regards to the limits of what I can and can't do. I am in physical therapy now, but as my doctor tells me, "It's a marathon, not a sprint!"

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



Donnie Norton
Sexton



The Thrift Shop Committee is very thankful for **all** of our volunteers; the shop would not be successful without each of you! Thanks to Walter and John Thorne for taking away our cardboard and "blue bags" weekly. Also to Donnie who takes care of our garbage so we don't have to; and last but certainly not least, to Bridget for all her assistance in creating and printing forms, ordering necessities, etc.



Church Christmas Fair

November 18, 9-1

Luncheon 11-1

Church Fair time is almost here. Once again we prepare to share our talents with each other and our community. In doing so, we strengthen fellowship while creating a major fund-raiser for the church. We hope it will be a win-win situation for our church and community.

The people to contact about questions:

Gifts Galore- Pam Thorne & Margot Anello & Jeanne Thatcher

Bake Sale- Margaret Beuerlein

Christmas Decor- Lynn Sawyer

Wreaths- Lynn Sawyer

Silent Auction- Betty Rettig & Sandy Sprague

A Christmas Luncheon- Sue Landers & Bill Gourley

Holiday Arrangements Naturally- Betty Rettig & Deb Boyce

Christmas Fair Chair- Lynn Sawyer
and our Holiday Thrift Shop is staffed by fabulous volunteers

I am grateful for . . .

. . . The sun when it shines, family & church family, all of my animals- the mommy cows and their babies.

I am grateful for . . .

. . . God's Grace, family, love, friends, music.
-Joan Pulling

Greens are needed for wreaths and centerpieces.

If you have balsam, holly, evergreens, of any size, contact Debbie via the office or Thrift Shop, or Betty Rettig, who is also doing centerpieces. They will start working with the greens by November 11.

I am grateful for . . .

. . . I am thankful God sent Jesus to die for our sins. That we have a choice to spend eternity with Him. What a JOY!

Silent Auction

Your unique Silent Auction donations would be appreciated for the Christmas Fair again this year. Special handcrafted items, pieces of furniture, or antiques, etc. would be great. Please contact Sandy Sprague if you have questions or have something to donate. Calling the office is always an option.

Silent Auction Donation Forms will be available at church, or attach a note with your name, phone number and suggested opening bid to your item and bring it to church Nov. 16-17. Thank you for helping to make this year's Fair another success.

Please indicate if you want your donated item returned to you if a minimum bid is not made.

One form is on the back of this page to cut out and attach to your donated item.

Thrift Shop News

Fall has been a busy time at the Thrift Shop. Sales have been excellent, and our volunteers have been very busy sorting through the myriad donations in order to get new items out as quickly as possible.

Despite the mild fall, we all know that winter is just around the corner. We have sweaters, jackets and coats for sale. Hats, scarves and gloves will be out soon. If you don't find what you're looking for, please ask.

We are looking forward to the upcoming Christmas Fair on November 18. Remember to visit the shop that day. As we have an abundance of Christmas items, we will be putting them out for sale in the next week or so.

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)

4	Roxanne, Wanita, Margot
11	Pam, Jeannine, Jeanne
18	Christmas Fair! Wanita & Jeannine
25	Judy W., Ann W., June

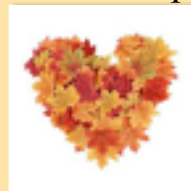
November 25

Small Business Saturday!

We will again be participating in Small Business Saturday with our local chamber and many other businesses on November 25.

We will be offering Christmas items at 50% off that day!

Happy
Thanksgiving
from everyone at the
Thrift Shop.



Free
Community
Dinner
Returns next
month!

Silent Auction Donation Form

Please cut out and attach to your item

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

ITEM/S TO BE DONATED:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ITEM OR SERVICE:

VALUE OF DONATION: _____

SUGGESTED OPENING BID: _____

Do you want your item back if minimum bid is not made? _____ Yes _____ No

The Ticonderoga Food Pantry

Hours of operation:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 11am-Noon.

During November, the month of Giving Thanks, our Director, Margaret Beuerlein, Treasurer Jean McKee, and Bill Quinn, would like to thank and recognize the many, many people who work together so well to make the pantry succeed, even in the busiest of times. We thank God for:

Our volunteers:

Mondays - Linda Drinkwine, Kathy Tubbs, Connie Wells, Dianna Donat, Nancy Horner

Wednesdays - Susan Hayes, Linda Thompson, Judy Walker, Linda Cunningham, Kathy Reale

Fridays - Pat Hintze, Luann Fritzky, Jan Olcott, Gladys Glaser

Fill-in volunteers - Karen Lucas, Sandy Urban

Senior delivery days - John and Debbie Cully, Jim Cunningham

Food pickup days - Jim Pulling, Dave Ferguson, Tom Blanchard, Rich Holman, John Stoddard

Our Egg Man - Duane Berger Jr.

David Hayes - who takes our recyclables and trash to the transfer station

These people literally work together like a well-oiled machine to run the pantry efficiently and with joy.

Our financial donors, without whose support the pantry cannot operate. Thank you for making it all possible.

Our food donors, whose donations allow pantry funds to go further.

The gardeners, who donate fresh, nutritious produce.

Thanks be to God for all of you !!

I am grateful for . . .
. . . For our beautiful family for our health, and Joe's and my 50th Anniversary! For our Church family & Staff. For Friends!

Kathy Liddell



The Memorial Garden
photo by Pastor Scott.

I am grateful for . . .
. . . Good friends, health (as it is)

I am most grateful to our Lord Jesus for finding me and bringing me to this church where I have met the people who complete my life

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November</h1> 			1	2 10:00 Worship Meeting	3	4 9-2 Thrift Shop
5 All Souls' Day 9:00 Worship, Communion Clocks fall back	6	7 Election Day Dinner! 4:30 take out, 5:00 dining room	8	9	10 Sexton Appreciation Day	11 9-2 Thrift Shop
12 9:00 Worship, Communion	13 1:00 Finance 6:30 Trustees	14	15	16	17	18 9-2 Thrift Shop Christmas Fair
19 Christ the King (at FUMC) 9:00 Worship, Communion Fellowship Coffee after Service, presented by Missions	20 6:30 Ad Council	21	22 Sexton Appreciation Day	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25 9-2 Thrift Shop Small Business Saturday
26 United Methodist Student Day 9:00 Worship, Communion Advent starts at FUMC!	27	28	29 1:00 Advent Bible Study starts in FUMC Lounge and on Facebook	30		

New Member Classes:

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