



First United Methodist Church

February, 2024

From the Pastor's Pen. . .



May you have a wonderful leap day! And do keep your chocolate separate from the palm ashes on the 14th which is doing double duty as Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday.

We have a new Lenten Bible Study written by Bishop Tom Berlin titled *The Third Day: Living the Resurrection*. Since Ash Wednesday is so action packed we will begin the Study on Wednesday February 21st at 1 PM running through Wednesday March 27th. I know we will learn and grow spiritually through this study.

The photo below shows us to remember God's loving actions in the application of palm ashes; we are created and redeemed through Jesus Christ. This Lent we will explore the ways God guides us to grow in our trust and faith in Jesus. And a deeper relationship 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 Feb. 12th at 6:30. As always it is an open meeting and if you have ideas or concerns, you are welcome to come.

Our January meeting started the year with the election of officers. We then proceeded with the approval of the 2024 Trustee's budget. Our investments have done well in 2023 and will provide us with funds to do additional projects in the coming years.

The bid for the re-coating of the driveway was accepted and will be carried out in the spring.

The Parsonage's fireplace was approved to remove the pellet stove and replace with a gas insert. Pastor Scott and I will be researching this upgrade in the coming months.

As these are two large projects, your trustees decided that all other projects will be visited again toward the end of this year for 2025.

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

From the Sexton's Broom

Winter has arrived! Snow, Snow, and MORE SNOW! Sadly, with me on the shelf, snow removal-wise, due to my shoulder, it falls on Bill, Pastor Scott, Bridget, or Nate to do the deed. As I write this, Bill just cleaned up from our latest storm.

Winter clean up is an ongoing task, mainly melting snow from boots and shoes, and salt from the carpet. Along with my usual duties, it is enough to keep me gainfully employed!

In the spring, my goal is to give the carpets a good shampooing, starting with the main hallway. Plus, all the other spring cleaning chores I have on my mental *to do* list. Spring will be here soon, we just have to keep telling ourselves that.

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



Donnie.

Sexton extraordinaire

Book Club:

Monday February 5 at 5:00
at Joan Charboneau's house

The Midnight Library by Matt Haig



Gardening at the First United
Methodist Church-

Spring is coming!

If you enjoy gardening, think about
helping in the Memorial Gardens

Happy Birthday

| | |
|----------------|-------------|
| Claire Best | February 2 |
| Nancy Carter | February 8 |
| Rodger Snelson | February 24 |
| Sandra Sprague | February 2 |
| Carole Potter | February 14 |
| Joyce Cooper | February 21 |
| Denise Huestis | February 27 |

Family Corner

Happy Anniversary

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| Ray & Ellen Ellor | February 20 |
| Fred & Joan Vault | February 20 |

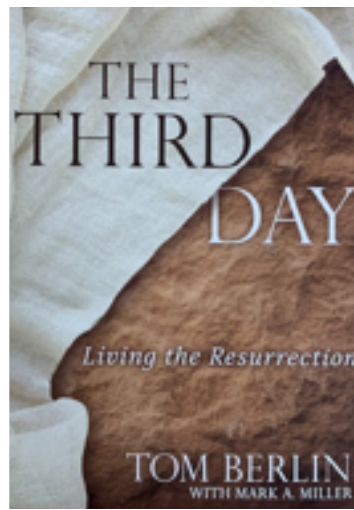


March 10- coming soon!

Ash Wednesday
February 14

Valentine's Day
February 14

1:00 Bible Study
begins
February 21
*The Third Day:
Living the Resurrection*



February 29: Leap Day!

Be active!!!

Take a Leap of Faith!!

Fellowship Coffee Hour

Third Sunday each month



The Worship Committee presented Fellowship Coffee in January. As of now, there is nobody signed up to present in February, or subsequent months.

If you enjoy this gathering time, please consider signing up with a group of friends.

The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex by the Cross from St. Mary's School.

Thank you!

Sunday Volunteers

| February | Flowers | Readers |
|----------|------------------------|------------------|
| 4 | | Sue Fahey |
| 11 | | Ann Westervelt |
| 18 | No Flowers during Lent | Sandra Trepanier |
| 25 | | Donnie Norton |

Thrift Shop News

January has set the year off to a fine start. We have had a few mild days with fog and rain, but winter is still here, and the Thrift Shop has items to keep you snug and warm until spring. . . Sweaters, jackets, mugs for cocoa. . .

Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day are coming. In addition to clothing and housewares, the Thrift Shop offers decorations and knick-knacks for these fun holidays. Many Valentine's Day items have already found a new home with customers!

We are praying for the continued good health of all our volunteers and customers; let's all do our part to stay healthy!

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



Special thank you
to all who helped
decorate and un-
decorate the
church for
Christmas-
it looked beautiful!

Thrift Shop Volunteers

Saturday (9-2pm)

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| 3 | Margot, Pam, Jeannine |
| 10 | Deb, Roxanne, Lynn |
| 17 | Ann, Judy W., Joan |
| 24 | June, Sandy T., ? |

From the office:

Champlain Hudson Power
Express made a \$1,000.00
donation to be used to
promote community
outreach.

Ad Council voted to distribute it
as follows:

\$100.00

to Community Dinners

\$300.00

to the Ti Area Clergy Fund

\$600.00

to the Food Pantry

Tax Statements have gone out!
If you did not get one, or need a
new one, let me know.
I can re-print or email your
information.

The Ticonderoga Food Pantry

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

Hours of operation:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 11am-Noon.

Would you believe that around 40 tons of food were distributed by the Ticonderoga Food Pantry in 2023 ? One in 9 residents of Ticonderoga and Putnam benefited from the Pantry in 2023. We are glad to be able to help people have enough to eat.

In January, the Pantry kept on serving the needy of Ticonderoga and Putnam at the same level as in 2023, around 90 households per month. This included delivering food requests to residents of Moses Circle and Lord Howe Estates, and all the folks who walk in whenever we are open, needing help.

Some new shelves were donated that make our storage room even better organized, so that everything has a place.

And kind and thoughtful people kept donating funds and food, which are absolutely essential to the Pantry being able to operate. It is very, very much appreciated. Please keep it up !!

New Member Classes:

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

Community Dinner February 4: Breakfast for Dinner!



More people are needed to be ready to take a leadership role with dinners in coming months and years. If you are interested in taking on the planning of a future dinner, there is guidance and there are people ready to help.

UMCOR Sunday: Helping Our Church's Humanitarian Work

When earthquakes, storms, wars, and other crises arise in the United States and in over 80 countries around the world, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is ready to help. The annual offering for UMCOR Sunday, this year on March 10, underwrites UMCOR's administrative costs. That means UMCOR can use 100% of all funds given to humanitarian relief and recovery efforts such as aid for the people in Ukraine or for those devastated by the violence in Israel and Gaza.

There are several ways to give. Here are a few. Write a check to First United Methodist Church and write "UMCOR Sunday" in the memo line. If you are in church on UMCOR Sunday, you can also put the check or cash in the special envelope that will be provided.

Nancy A. Carter, chairperson
Mission Committee, FUMC

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| February | | | | 1 10:00 Worship Meeting | 2 | 3 9-2 Thrift Shop |
| 4 9:00 Worship, Communion 4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner | 5 | 6 | 7 Sexton Appreciation Day | 8 | 9 | 10 9-2 Thrift Shop |
| 11 9:00 Worship, Communion | 12 6:30 Trustees | 13 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale resumes | 14 Ash Wednesday | 15 | 16 | 17 9-2 Thrift Shop |
| 18 9:00 Worship, Communion Fellowship Coffee after service | 19 6:30 Ad Council | 20 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale | 21 1:00 Bible Study begins  | 22 | 23 Sexton Appreciation Day | 24 9-2 Thrift Shop |
| 25 9:00 Worship, Communion | 26 Sexton Sidekick Appreciation Day | 27 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale | 28 1:00 Bible Study  | 29 Leap Day! Be active!!! Take a Leap of Faith!! | | |