



First United Methodist Church

April, 2024

The Pastor's Pen



It is now time for us to live into our Easter/Post Resurrection lives as people of love and passionate caring. The Lenten Bible Study *The Third Day* by Rev. Tom Berlin has been a terrific guide for us to live into God's love as resurrection people transforming the world into God's kingdom. This is our calling through Jesus.

My journey over the last year and a half with my parents has shown me how God's love is at work in my life working through complicated family relationships to forgive, appreciate, and love. Easter afternoon I will be journeying once again to Hendersonville, North Carolina to be with my parents, especially my Mom during the end of her earthly journey celebrating her life and positive impact on others.

What I have been learning from my personal experiences and my relationship with Jesus is that every moment is precious and a gift. Our free will is our choice in how we choose to use our gift of time: whom we spend it with, our choice of words and actions to bless or cause harm. Ultimately God leaves it up to us to choose and to experience the consequences of our words and actions (or inactions).

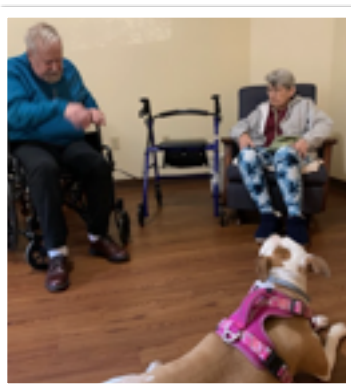
I encourage all of you to be thoughtful and intentional about your use of your time and actions. Live into your passions and the joy that God offers. Do not paralyze yourself because you must sacrifice other options when you make choices, instead embrace God's loving presence as you engage with your choices.

May your April be rich with opportunities to be God's love in this world!

Peace, Love, and Blessings,
Pastor Scott Tyler



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This is a photo of Mom, Dad, and grand-dog Zoey in Dad's room mid March.

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Now That's A Bright Idea!

Our next meeting will be on April 16th at 6:30. As always it is an open meeting and if you have ideas or concerns, you are welcome to come.

Except for a few burned out light bulbs and a snow event that spilled over onto Palm Sunday, it has been a quiet and speedy month.

There has been more discussion on the placement of the communion rail. The front half was removed for the chorale concert. It was decided that it would be left off as it showed off Christmas flowers and flowers given for Easter services. It is now planned to be put to a vote of the congregation after the spring chorale concert in May.

The parsonage's chimney is about to fall down. We have contracted with Hearth & Stone Restoration of Milton, Vt to rebuild it. Also, the flashing at roof level is leaking and will be replaced at the same time. The town permit has been obtained and we will meet with the contractor before Easter. As soon as we have a construction date, I will let you know.

Due to the loss of income from the mill no longer using fellowship hall, the repaving of the church driveway had to be put off. We are investigating seal coating and re-painting of the parking stripes and may be able to do that this summer.

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

Community Dinner

April 7 (4:30-6pm)

Pork loin, sides, desserts.

Dine in, take out!

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From the Sexton's Broom

As I write this, we are in the midst of Holy Week. By the time you read this, our Lenten Journey will be over, and we will be in the joys of Spring!

Spring cleaning is underway! We have had the joy of Worker Bees from Mountain Lakes Services, who are helping us a couple of times a week, doing chores like washing windows & screens, cleaning bathrooms, and vacuuming. They are helping us and learning valuable job skills at the same time.

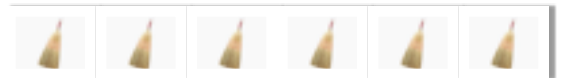
Thankfully, Bill and I decided against putting the snow blower away, as we got a foot of snow on Saturday! We will put it away by Fathers' Day (editor's liberty taken here).

We plan on giving the carpets a good spring cleaning either this month or in May. Things are going on all the time here at TFUMC!

If you see anything that needs my attention, please let me know!

Donnie.

Sexton extraordinaire.



Book Club

April 3 at 5:00pm

At Leona Simpson's

Summer Sisters by Judy Blume

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Happy Birthday

Joan Pulling April 7
 Wanita Blanchard April 14
 Karen Manning April 25
 Bob Bartlett April 25



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High Tea & Fashion
 April 14, 1:00PM at Ti FUMC

Adult: \$20
 Child under 12: \$15
 Tickets sold until April 7
 at the Thrift Shop & FUMC Office
 Call 518-585-7995
 for information.

Mission Committee

Mission committee will launch the all-church hygiene kit project for UMCOR on Sunday, April 7. (Instructions and a list of items on page 5). Individuals and groups may donate items for the kits or complete kits throughout April and mid-May. Please leave items or complete kits in the box at the back of the Sanctuary or in the church office.

We will "gather in" all of the items and kits during the coffee hour on Pentecost Sunday, May 19. Sandy Sprague is the coordinator of this project. Thank you, Sandy!

--Nancy Carter
 Mission Chair

April, 2024

Family Corner

Happy Anniversary

John & Margot Anello April 10
 Sally & Rodger Snelson April 11

April 7
 Free Community
 Dinner
 April 8
 Solar Eclipse
 April 14
 Native American
 Sunday
 High Tea &
 Fashion



This is Carole Potter getting her 60 year pin at the Order of the Eastern Star meeting on the 12th of March at the Masonic Temple.

Sunday Volunteers

| April | Flowers | Readers |
|-------|---------|------------------|
| 7 | | Sue Fahey |
| 14 | | Bill Westervelt |
| 21 | | Sandra Trepanier |
| 28 | | Ann Westervelt |

Thrift Shop News

The Thrift Shop has fabulous spring items, including formal wear for upcoming proms, tea, and other events. There is even a wedding gown!

The shop volunteers decided to open on March 30, so anyone who missed them due to the storm was able to get last minute Easter decor. Now, they are ready for April, and serious springtime! Come see what's new!

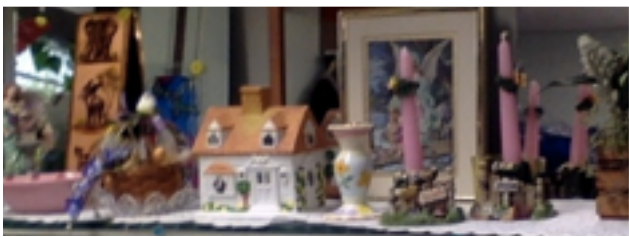
The Thrift Shop volunteers and other members of this faith family are working hard to make the High Tea & Fashion event a grand success! Get tickets by April 7 for the Sunday, April 14 event.

High Tea Menu

Scones, jam, & clotted cream
Tea Sandwiches & Savories
Soup Dessert Tea & Coffee
Thrift Shop special styles and event place settings
will be available for purchase.

Thrift Shop Committee Members:

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



Thrift Shop Volunteers

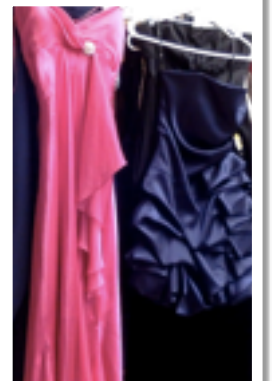
Saturday (9-2pm)

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| 6 | Margot, Jeannine, Pam |
| 13 | Ann, Judy W., Joan C. |
| 20 | Sandy S., Judy W., Ann |
| 27 | Roxanne, Jeanne, June |

From the Pastor's Pet . . .



Pastoral Care:
Prayers are always
welcome!



Garden News

Space may be available in the Community Garden for anyone who would like to try some gardening. Please contact Betty Rettig by way of the office.

Volunteers are needed to help maintain the Memorial Gardens at church. Please let Bridget, Sandy Sprague or Betty know of your interest.



The Ticonderoga Food Pantry

Mon/Wed/Fri: 11am-Noon.

In February, the Food Pantry had its highest usage in six years. An amazing 96 households come in to take advantage of the pantry. Others came for emergency items. And to think, February is a short month.

In March, the Pantry was blessed by a group of Ti high schoolers who participated in this year's Shopping Spree. They were let loose in Walmart to buy for the Pantry.

Sylvamo and the Credit Union sent donations, individuals brought in groceries, and others graciously gave their financial support.

The Catholic Daughters are planning a *Soup and Pasta* food drive for us soon. There is also *Stuff the Bus* coming up.

All of these things are extremely important to the pantry and to our customers. If you or your organization want to do a food drive, that will help us very directly. Talk to Margaret Beuerlein or Bill Quinn about what the greatest need is.

The Ticonderoga Food Pantry is an exciting place and very important to our town. Get involved with the action!!

UMCOR Hygiene Kits Instructions

For a video about how to assemble the kits see <https://umcmmission.org/umcor-hygiene-kit/>

MATERIALS

One hand towel (15 x 25 –17 x 27 inches)

No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels

One washcloth *No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels*

One comb *Must be sturdy with at least 4-7 inches of teeth*

No pocket combs or picks Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable- must have at least 4-7 inches of teeth

One toenail or fingernail clipper

No emery boards or metal nail files

Bath-size UNSCENTED soap (3 oz. bar or larger)

No Ivory or Jergen's soap Do not remove it packaging

One adult toothbrush *Do not remove it from packaging*

Personal advertising is not acceptable

Ten adhesive bandages (¾ by 3 inches)

Common household bandages are acceptable

One one-gallon size re-sealable bag

Do NOT add toothpaste. (Optional: **Two dollars** may be enclosed for the toothpaste.)

ASSEMBLY

Lay the hand towel flat on a table. Lay the washcloth in the center of the hand towel. Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth (except the plastic bag). Fold the sides of the hand towel to cover the items. Grasp the bundle tightly and roll over the remainder of the towel. Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag, remove the air, and seal.

IMPORTANT!

All items must be NEW. Do not wash any of the items as they will no longer be considered new.

Do not include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits.

Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols.

PLEASE BRING ALL COMPLETE KITS AND ITEMS TO THE CHURCH BY **MAY 19, 2024**. The mission committee will make complete kits from individual items and add \$2 per kit. Thank you!

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| April | 1 Sexton Appreciation Day- No fooling! | 2 Champlain Valley Chorale | 3 | 4 10:00 Worship Meeting | 5 8:00 Men's & Women's Prayer Breakfasts in Silver Bay | 6 9-2 Thrift Shop |
| 7 9:00 Worship, Communion 4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner | 8 6:30 Trustees | 9 Champlain Valley Chorale | 10 | 11 Sexton Appreciation Day | 12 | 13 9-2 Thrift Shop |
| 14 Native American Sunday 9:00 Worship, Communion <i>1:00 High Tea & Fashion!</i> | 15 6:30 Ad Council | 16 Champlain Valley Chorale | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 9-2 Thrift Shop |
| 21 9:00 Worship, Communion Fellowship Coffee Presented by the Kitchen Committee | 22 | 23 Champlain Valley Chorale | 24 Sexton Side- kick Appreciation Day | 25 | 26 Sexton Appreciation Day | 27 9-2 Thrift Shop |
| 28 9:00 Worship, Communion | 29 | 30 Champlain Valley Chorale | <div>April</div>  | | | |

New Member Classes:

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