

# First United Methodist Church

## May, 2024



Ecclesiastes 3 is running through my mind these days. *There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot..a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance...(verses 1-2, 4).*

I am very grateful you have given me this time apart even as my heart breaks. It is a blessing that my father is currently stable, but Mom is slipping away, she naps much of the time and her mind is confused more often. These are signs of death approaching in the next couple of weeks. However, her timing is all in God's hands. This is a liminal space where we are connecting to God with our spirits. Zoey's presence has brought doggy kisses and peace to Mom, as well as being her cuddle buddy.

I wish I could definitively tell you when I will be back, but I can't, I promised Mom I would be with her to the end of her earthly journey.

Rev. Arnold Stevens (518-251-3371) Pottersville & Rev. Kim Townsend (518-251-5315) Chestertown are my pastoral backups fore emergencies. Also District Superintendent Rev. Debbie Earthrowl can be reached at (518-391-3215).

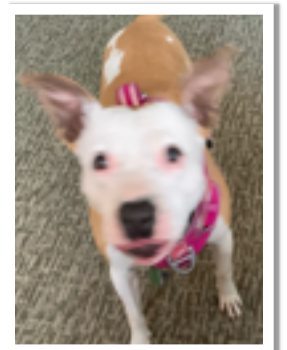
This month we celebrate mothers and graduations. I am super proud of my daughter Zyleen's accomplishments and her graduation from the University of Albany on May 9th.

I will record messages to be played during Sunday Services on the screens and livestream. I will also be making posts on the church Facebook page to stay in touch.

May you be filled and uplifted by God's amazing love!

Peace, Love, and Blessings,  
Pastor Scott Tyler

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## Now That's A Bright Idea

Meetings for May have been canceled as Scott is still away and there are no pressing items for discussion. As we don't normally meet in the summer, stay tuned for updates on meeting schedules.

April has been a busy month for me filling in for Scott while he is with his parents in North Carolina. The building has held up well while I concentrate on writing sermons.

Again, I bring to you that there has been 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/ Easter flowers and flowers. It is now planned to be put to a vote of the congregation after the spring chorale concert this month.

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 met with the contractor before Easter. I have been told that construction will begin by the first of May depending on weather as he has two jobs ahead of ours.

As always if you see something that needs attention, contact Donnie or myself and we'll do our best to "get 'r' done"! (Or at least put it on the list)

Bill Westervelt, Chair

**Champlain Valley Chorale concerts**  
May 17- Schroon Lake at 7:00pm  
May 18- Silver Bay at 7:00PM  
May 19- FUMC at 3:30

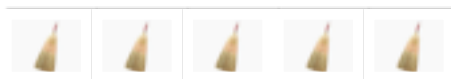
## From the Sexton's Broom

May is here! Actually, as I write this to beat the deadline, we are in the midst of an April shower, but it's the May newsletter, so it's MAY!

A busy time here at TFUMC, a lot going on. Community dinner, Champlain Valley Chorale concert, preparations for Memorial Day, the list goes on. For your sexton, a busy time as well. Preparations for the aforementioned Chorale concert, possible cleaning of the main hallway and lounge carpet, clean up around the grounds, just to name a few! Summer is around the corner!

For those (and by those I mean ALL of you) who have asked about my shoulder, it is coming along. I have about as much range of motion as I am going to have, and it seems to be improving. Thank you all for the continuing prayers.

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



Donnie.  
Sexton extraordinaire.

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# Happy Birthday

Michael Powers	May 1
John Wade	May 1
Dave Flack	May 7
Margaret Carpenter	May 18
Roger Sawyer	May 18
Carl Thatcher	May 23
Louise Goodwin	May 25
Bill Gourley	May 30

May 12  
Ascension Day  
Mothers' Day

May 19  
Pentecost  
Hygiene Kits due  
Champlain Valley Chorale  
concert at FUMC at 3:30

May 26  
Trinity Sunday  
Peace With Justice Sunday

Sunday Volunteers		
May	Flowers	Readers
5		Donnie Norton
12		Louise Goodwin
19		Jeanne Thatcher
26		Ann Westervelt

# Family Corner

## Happy Anniversary

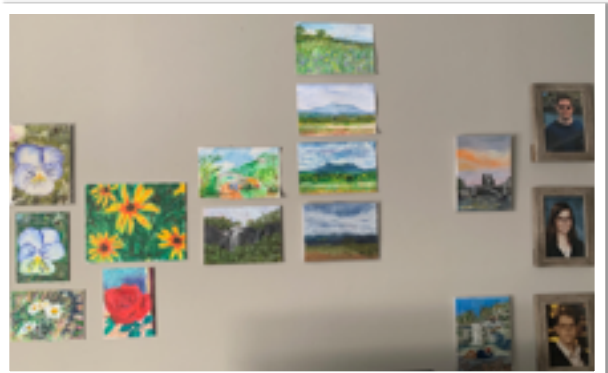
Scott & Karen Manning- May 17th  
Harry & Louise Goodwin- May 23rd



Pastor Scott with his mother.



A quilt pieced by Dona Tyler hangs in Pastor Scott's office



A patchwork of Pastor Scott's paintings, and photos of his children, in his mother's room.



Thrift Shop Volunteers	
Saturday (9-2pm)	
4	Margot, Pam, Marsha
11	Sandra T., Joan C., Jeannine
18	Ann, Judy w., June
25	CLOSED for Memorial Day

## Thrift Shop News

Spring is finally here – flowers and trees are budding, the grass is green, and our volunteers have been working hard to get out as many lightweight, warm-weather items as possible. We have racks of capris for sale. Donations are coming in as folks are spring cleaning, and you'll find many new items every week.

Our first High Tea was a huge success, and we look forward to hosting another one next spring!

The Thrift Shop would not be successful without our wonderful volunteers, and we sincerely appreciate every one of them. We can always use volunteers on Saturdays when the shop is open. If anyone can spare a Saturday once a month or even once in awhile, please contact the shop at 585-2242, or come in and chat with us on Tuesday or Thursday between 9 and noon. By volunteering, you will be helping the Church, the community, and the many organizations the shop supports.

### 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

Mother's Day is  
 May 12  
 You might find that  
 perfect item to  
 please someone  
 special, or even  
 yourself!

## Community Dinner

May 5, 4:30-6pm

Beef Stew, Corn Bread,  
 Salad, Desserts

## Book Club

May 7 at 5:00pm

*At Joan Viault's house*

*When The Jessamine Grows*

by Donna Everhart

# The Ticonderoga Food Pantry

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

## Hours of operation:

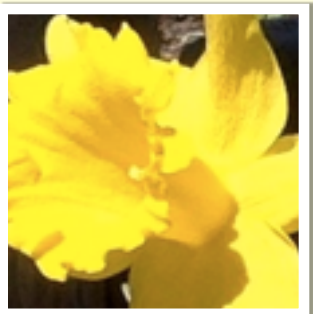
**Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 11am-Noon.**

Financial donations may be mailed to the church office, and non-perishables may be left in the entryway. Please call to arrange any donations of food needing refrigeration. Thank you!

## Gardening at the First United Methodist Church

*Spaces are still available in the community garden for this growing season. Please call the office for an application or speak to Betty Rettig.*

*Volunteers needed to help weed and care for the Memorial Garden.*

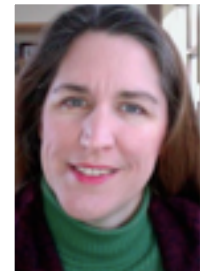


## New Member Classes:

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

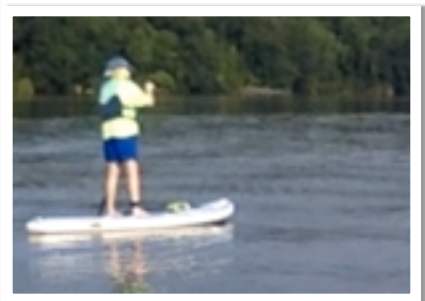
## From the Office:

I started work here in May, 2011. This photo is from Christmas, 2011.

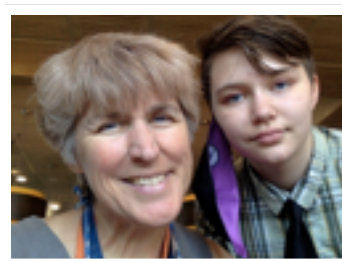


This year, for Mothers' Day, I will be with my youngest, Emory, for the weekend. I'm signed up to do a 2 mile Freedom Swim race in Maryland, and Emory is signed up to be on the support team. We did this last year, and had a great time. Emory is amazing on a Stand Up Paddleboard!

Here is Emory at a safety briefing and on the water at an event last year.



And here we are together on Mothers' Day last year. I got the tie for Emory at the Thrift Shop!



Thank you for making all my Teen Weekends possible. I could not have adapted to this way of being a mother without your support.

Keep living your faith!

And thank you. Always.

Bridget

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Sexton Appreciation Day	3 8:00 Men's & Women's Prayer Breakfasts in Silver Bay	4 9-2 Thrift Shop
5 9:00 Worship, Communion  4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner	6	7 Champlain Valley Chorale	8	9	10 Bridget out. Teen Weekend	11 9-2 Thrift Shop
12 Mothers' Day Ascension 9:00 Worship, Communion	13	14 Champlain Valley Chorale	15	16	17	18 9-2 Thrift Shop
19 Pentecost 9:00 Worship, Communion Fellowship Coffee by Missions  3:30 Champlain Valley Chorale Concert	20	21	22 Sexton Appreciation Day	23	24 Bridget out. Teen Weekend	25 9-2 Thrift Shop
26 Trinity/ Peace with Justice 9:00 Worship, Communion	27 Memorial Day	28 Bridget out. Teen Weekend	29	30	31 Sexton Appreciation Day	