



First United Methodist Church

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Dear Friends,

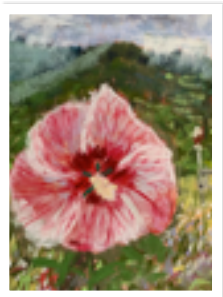
I know only too well how long my time apart from all of you has been. Two years of Sunday to Saturday trips to North Carolina to care for my parents and all the logistics around them being admitted to their care facilities and Hospice, and the legal stuff with POA's etc., and now these two months. As I write I have been staying night and day with my Mom providing nursing care to her. The nights are hard as I lightly sleep to listen for movement so I can help her multiple times a night to the commode, clean up, and back to bed. There are only moments when she recognizes me as her son now. She has been praying to die for the last month and yet she persists in limbo unable to stand and walk and grieving her losses of autonomy, control, and memory.

Every time Mom stops breathing I watch and listen, was that her last breath? And then she inhales and continues. This is in God's hands. I am learning to be at peace with living in God's timing, God's control, God's loving presence.

My first day here Mom asked me to move the quilt in front of her bed and fill the space with paintings. I am 'ON' 24/7, feeling isolated and exhausted, so the quiet moments when I can draw and paint are a blessing that ground and nurture my soul. When I post them on Facebook and there are responses, I feel connected to all of you and that gives me the energy to keep going on.

I am looking forward to being back with all of you! And I am so grateful for the care and work of so many of you as you engage with the ministries and outreach of TiFUMC making a huge positive difference in the community. You are amazing followers of Jesus Christ!

Peace, Love, and Blessings,
Pastor Scott Tyler



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Now That's A Bright Idea

Again meetings for June and possibly July have been canceled as Pastor 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.

May has continued to be 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.

The last Sunday in May we voted on keeping the communion rails removed or replacing them. The vote will be announced on June 2. Thank you for all voting. Donnie, (head of Ad Council) Ann (head of Worship) Scott (you remember him) and myself were surprised. Were you??

Hearth & Stone Restoration of Milton, Vt has finish rebuilding the chimney at the parsonage. We are still waiting for them to return and remove the form around the new cap, and all their scaffolding.

We have a verbal agreement with the company that coated and painted our driveway some years ago. The price fit within our budget for this year and will be done sometime this summer.

No other projects are planned for the rest of this year.

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

From the Sexton's Broom

June has arrived! Summer time fun, graduations, weddings, time with family and friends. Also, a time of slowness for the church. Many families and parishioners are traveling, and all the various committees take the summer off to rest and recharge for the fall.

Sexton-wise, it is a time of POLLEN, and mud, and grass clippings (not to mention the occasional grass snake) getting into the building, and watering the grass between bouts of thunderstorm.

If I can find the time, one of my goals is to shampoo the main hallway rug. We will have to play that by ear. Always things to do!

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

Donnie

Sexton extraordinaire



Book Club

June 3

At Sandy Sprague's house

The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store

by James McBride

Happy Birthday

Peggy Armstrong June 7th
 Donald Norton June 10th
 Scott Tyler June 13th
 Kathy Liddell June 18th
 Leona Simpson June 20
John Wesley- June 28, 1703
founder of Methodism.
 Laurie Ward June 29th
 Olivia Quesnel June 29

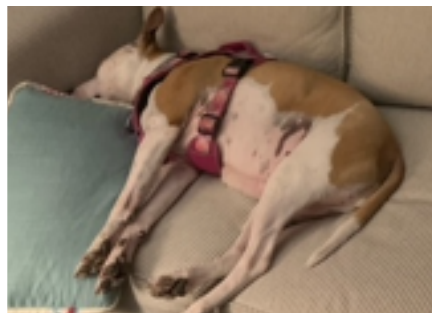
Family Corner

Happy Anniversary

Jeannine & Bill Wright June 4
 Mike & Kim Powers June 13
 Albert & Mary Thompson June 20
 John Wade & Deb Endsley June 24
 Jerry & Joyce Cooper June 26

June 16
 Fathers' Day
 Fellowship Coffee
 Presented by
 Book Club

June 28
 John Wesley
 321st birthday



Zoey
 taking a short break.



Dona Tyler won
 Honorable Mention
 for Zyleen's Quilt.

Sunday Volunteers

June	Flowers	Readers
2		Sandra Trepanier
9		Bob Bartlett
16		Louise Goodwin
23		Sue Fahey
30		Ann Westervelt



Fellowship Coffee
 Please sign up!

Gardening
 help is
 always
 welcome!
 Contact
 Betty or the
 office.

Thrift Shop News

Warm weather is coming – and we have many colorful summer items in the shop to choose from. Capris, shorts, bathing suits, shirts and summer dresses are available. Come in and browse around; you never know what you'll find!

We have received many donations lately: spring cleaning, folks moving, etc. Our volunteers have been hard at work sorting through everything to be sure that there are always nice, new and varied items for sale. If an item doesn't sell after awhile, it is replaced by something different. Our shop always looks inviting, and we receive many compliments from our customers.

Our annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, June 25, at 12:30 at the Hot Biscuit here in Ticonderoga. If you have not already done so, please RSVP to the Thrift Shop or Bridget in the church office.

Business has been very good this spring, and we look forward to a busy summer!

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)

1	Margot, Wanita, Pam
8	Roxanne, Sandy S., Margot
15	Ann, Judy, Joan
22	Roxanne, Jeannine, Pam
29	June, Sandra T., Linda



Nubble Lighthouse
A Pastor Scott original

Free Community Dinner

June 2 at 4:30 until 6:00
Meatloaf, potatoes, side,
desserts

The Ticonderoga Food Pantry

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

Hours of operation:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday:
11am-Noon.

The Food Pantry in May has been very busy. We are on target to tie or surpass our busiest month since 2018, with more than 90 households visiting. We are very pleased to be helping so many people have enough to eat.

Our customers get a lot of help at the Ticonderoga Food Pantry. Every month they can receive fruits and vegetables, starches, meats, eggs, milk, bread, and a whole lot of other interesting things also.

It takes 32 volunteers to keep the place going. The truth is, the Ti Food Pantry rocks!! We are able to come together and truly help the neediest folks around us in their time of need.

Thank you for supporting us, with your dollars and your donated food. We spend about \$40,000 a year buying food in addition to what is donated, so thank you!!



From the Office: Which is sometimes remote.

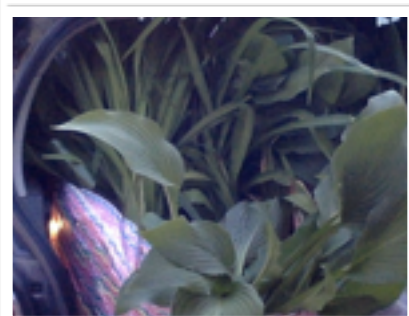
I will have Teen Weekend June 7-9, leaving after work on June 6.

Last weekend, Emory took charge of breakfast! We had the most splendid pancakes at the campsite. Not bad for a kitchen kept in a tote bag in the car!!



It has been almost ten years since I bought my house! I closed in July, 2014. So much of my garden came from other gardens, including the path of the Memorial Garden- violets and columbine have spread all over, along with lilacs, day lilies, hosta, and so much more.

Many loads of plants have been dug up and sent on to other gardens over the past few years.



On June 20, I will be at US Masters Swimming Nationals in Indianapolis. I'm signed up for 500Yard Freestyle, 100Yd Free, and 200Yd Butterfly. After that bit of road tripping, I'll get Emory on June 25, and we will drive home for a few weeks.

Have a wonderful start to the summer season-

Bridget

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June						1 9-2 Thrift Shop
2 9:00 Worship, Communion 4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner	3	4	5 Sexton Appreciation Day	6	7	8 9-2 Thrift Shop
9 9:00 Worship, Communion	10	11	12	13	14 Sexton Appreciation Day	15 9-2 Thrift Shop
16 Fathers' Day 9:00 Worship, Communion Fellowship Coffee- Book Club	17 Sexton Appreciation Day	18	19	20	21	22 9-2 Thrift Shop
23 9:00 Worship, Communion	24	25 Bridget drives home with Emory	26	27	28	29 9-2 Thrift Shop
30 9:00 Worship, Communion	New Member Classes: Please contact Pastor Scott Tyler at 585-7995 if you are interested in joining the church as a new member.					June