

# First United Methodist Church Summer, 2024

*From the Pastor, home again. . .*

God's blessings be in abundance this summer!  
It is so good being back with all of you!

My family and I are so appreciate the prayers and cards and positive thoughts supporting us through my Mom's last days and her transition to heaven. I have been blessed with new life affirming experiences and wisdom.

When we lean on and trust in God's grace we find ourselves moving in God's timing, slowing us from our frantic busyness to a pace that enables us to deepen relationships, truly listening to others and in turn being heard. In these deeper relationships we experience divine love and caring.

Summer in the Adirondacks on Lake George and Lake Champlain and hundreds of smaller lakes is an opportunity to rest and be restored in body and soul. Make time to garden, to enjoy sunrises and sunsets, to play in the water, to appreciate wild and cultivated flowers, eat berries, and simply appreciate being fully present in the moment. Make music and memories and express your love and care to others.

In the Fall we will engage with new Bible studies and missions and ministries. For now, simply be immersed in God's healing love!

Peace, Love, and Blessings,



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## Now That's A Bright Idea

Pastor Scott is back! Although I must admit that I did enjoy my eleven weeks of filling in for him. I'm glad to have Pastor Scott back and get back to being head of your Trustees.

While Pastor Scott was gone, we had the chimney rebuilt at the parsonage. Take a look at it next time you're in the neighborhood.

Resealing and relining the parking lot is under way. We're trying to work around schedules to finish.

Pastor Scott had an idea when we got this month's electric bill. We'll start looking into replacing the parking lot lights with LED's much like Walmart did a few years ago.

We will skip meetings of Trustees and Ad Council for July and August, and take up our meeting schedule again in September.

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

Summer is HERE!

We rejoice in the return of Pastor Scott to his flock! We share in his grief over the loss of his mom.

No such rejoicing for the return of pollen, and all of God's little critters that like to get into the building! No snakes, lately, which is a GOOD thing!

Between the bouts of hot and humid weather, I have a few projects that I would like to tackle, providing they don't get "overtaken by events." Navy talk for in case something comes up that prevents me from doing them.

Bridget told me I have to be brief this issue, so with that, if you see anything that requires my attention, please let me know.

Donnie.

Sexton extraordinaire.



## The Ticonderoga Food Pantry

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

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

## Book Club

July 8 at 5:00

Meeting at

Jeanne Thatcher's house,  
to watch *Elmer Gantry*

August 5 at Ann Westervelt's house. Book to be determined.

## Happy Birthday

Hazel Flack July 10  
 Mike Forand July 17  
 Fred Viault July 18  
 Skip Flack July 19  
 Victoria Sawyer July 21  
 Sandra Trepanier July 24  
 Xann Tyler July 28  
 Claire Bartlett July 31

Hilda Stacy-Forand August 2  
 Sue Fahey August 6  
 Walter Thorne August 6  
 Angie Spaulding August 8  
 Raymond Ellor August 11  
 Albert Thompson August 14  
 Glen Greenough August 17  
 Agatha Mace August 21  
 Ellen Ellor August 23  
 Lori Fox August 23  
 Bill Quinn August 29  
 Jo Wray August 31

## Happy Anniversary

Dave & Hazel Flack July 29

Joe & Deb Michela August 18

Pastor Scott has expressed his appreciation for Bill Westervelt, Donnie, and Bridget for holding down the fort while he was away.

We were happy to do what we could so he was able to have some very special time with his mother in her last weeks.

Faith in action, on all fronts.



Another Pastor Scott original painting, from special time with his mother.

## Flowers on the Altar

Please sign up!

Cut flowers from your garden, houseplants, pretty arrangements, embrace your creativity!



## Free Community Dinner July 7

Chinese Chicken/Pork  
Fried Rice, sides &  
desserts

**August 4**

To be announced

## Sunday Readers

|        |                 |          |                  |
|--------|-----------------|----------|------------------|
| July 7 | Donnie Norton   | August 4 | Bill Westervelt  |
| 14     | Bob Bartlett    | 11       | Sue Fahey        |
| 21     | Jeanne Thatcher | 18       | Ann Westervelt   |
| 28     | Bill Quinn      | 25       | Sandra Trepanier |

# Thrift Shop News

Summer is here! We have bathing suits, shorts, capris, blouses, dresses, and other items for sale. We also have many “treasures” to help you enjoy the season. We are often intrigued by the unique items that find their way into the shop. Come in and check us out!

Our dedicated volunteers enjoyed lunch at the Hot Biscuit recently, as a thank you for their hard work. Twenty-six volunteers worked a total of 4,739.5 hours in 2023. That equates to 118.5 40-hour weeks! WOW! Betty Messier once again topped the list with 577.5 hours, with Lynn Brigan, Margot Anello, and Jeannine Wright logging more than 400 hours each. The Thrift Shop Committee is so thankful for our dedicated volunteers.

We are hearing many favorable comments from customers about the quality of our items, and how nice the shop looks. Our volunteers work hard to keep it stocked and looking good, and it pleases us that our customers are noticing.

We have put some of the spring clothing on sale to make space for summer items. Watch for more sales in August, after which fall items will begin to go out.

Have a wonderful summer!

| VOLUNTEER          | HOURS         |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Margot Anello      | 420.5         |
| Wanita Blanchard   | 353.75        |
| Debbie Boyce       | 78.75         |
| Lynn Brigan        | 434.75        |
| Linda Carter       | 36            |
| Joan Charboneau    | 46.75         |
| Dorcey Crammond    | 5.25          |
| Judy Forgette      | 111.75        |
| Stephanie Frasier  | 67.5          |
| June Frazier       | 68.5          |
| Mary Lou Greenough | 5.75          |
| Roxanne Keith      | 189.25        |
| Marsha LaPointe    | 217           |
| Betty Lou Messier  | 577.5         |
| Terri Murphy       | 17.25         |
| Gloria Peters      | 16.75         |
| Betty Rettig       | 34            |
| Leona Simpson      | 314.25        |
| Sandy Sprague      | 254.5         |
| Jeanne Thatcher    | 376.75        |
| Pam Thorne         | 328.75        |
| Sandy Trepanier    | 215.75        |
| Ann Westervelt     | 44.5          |
| Judy Woodard       | 28.25         |
| Denise Woolsey     | 52.25         |
| Jeannine Wright    | 431.5         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>4727.5</b> |

## 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) |                                       |    |              |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|----|--------------|
| 6                | Jeanne, Sandra T., Jeannine, Sandy S. | 3  | ?            |
| 13               | Judy, W., Ann, Joan C.                | 10 | Ann, Judy W. |
| 20               | Margot, Wanita, Pam                   | 17 | ?            |
| 27               | Jeanne, Roxanne, June                 | 24 | ?            |
|                  |                                       | 31 | June, ??     |

| Sunday        | Monday   | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday  | Saturday              |
|---------------|--|---------|-----------|----------|---|-----------------------|
| <h1>July</h1> | 1  | 2       | 3         | 4        | 5<br>8:00 Men's & Women's Prayer Breakfasts in Silver Bay | 6<br>9-2 Thrift Shop  |
|               | 7<br>9:00 Worship, Communion<br>4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner | 8       | 9         | 10       | 11  | 12<br>9-2 Thrift Shop |
|               | 14<br>9:00 Worship, Communion                                  | 15      | 16        | 17       | 18  | 19<br>9-2 Thrift Shop |
|               | 21<br>9:00 Worship, Communion<br>Fellowship Coffee             | 22      | 23        | 24       | 25  | 26<br>9-2 Thrift Shop |
|               | 28<br>9:00 Worship, Communion                                  | 29      | 30        | 31       | <h1>July</h1>   |                       |

## Update: Hygiene Kits for UMCOR

On Pentecost Sunday, our congregation observed the birthday of the Church. One way we celebrated was to receive hygiene kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Hygiene kits are distributed in the United States to people in need after a disaster or during times of crisis.

Individuals and groups of our church gave whole kits, items for kits, and cash to this mission project. The mission committee used the donations to complete 51 kits.

Thank you, First United Methodist Church!

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|---|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|------------------------------|
| <h1>August</h1>   |        |         |           | 1        | 2      | 3<br>9-2 Thrift Shop         |
| 4<br><br>9:00 Worship,<br>Communion<br><br>4:30-6pm Free<br>Community<br>Dinner | 5      | 6       | 7         | 8        | 9      | 10<br><br>9-2 Thrift<br>Shop |
| 11<br><br>9:00 Worship,<br>Communion  | 12     | 13      | 14        | 15       | 16     | 17<br><br>9-2 Thrift<br>Shop |
| 18<br><br>9:00 Worship,<br>Communion<br>Fellowship<br>Coffee                    | 19     | 20      | 21        | 22       | 23     | 24<br><br>9-2 Thrift<br>Shop |
| 25<br><br>9:00 Worship,<br>Communion  | 26     | 27      | 28        | 29       | 30     | 31<br><br>9-2 Thrift<br>Shop |

### New Member Classes:

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

### *Garden help needed!!!*

*Contact Betty, or leave a note in the office.  
If you come to garden, think about packing a lunch, to relax and enjoy the view for a few minutes. Such peace!!!*