

# First United Methodist Church

## March, 2025



### *From the Pastor's Pen. . .*

March 2nd is Transfiguration Sunday when Jesus is glorified by God, meeting with Moses and Isaiah on the mountaintop, and is the turning point of Jesus' ministry. The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday March 5th. I invite you to join with me at 7PM for the Imposition of Ashes.

I hope you will join me for our Lenten Bible Study *The Final Days: A Lenten Journey through the Gospels*, written by Rev. Matt Rawle. The study lasts 6 weeks beginning Wednesday March 12th and finishing during Holy Week on Wednesday April 16th. Matt has fresh ways of opening God's Word to us!

The Community Dinner is starting again on Sunday March 2nd, invite your neighbors to join us to share Chicken & Biscuits.

Come for community and creative sharing of your art on Thursday March 13th, 1-3PM. I have lots of supplies, for watercolor, gauche, acrylic, oil, or pastels. Please bring yourself and try a new media or knit or anything you desire. Leave perfectionism at the door and simply invite God to delight and renew you as you create. Invite others from outside the church community. Everyone is welcome!

My hope and prayer throughout this Lenten journey is that we all grow closer to God through Jesus and experience transformed lives!

Peace and Blessings,  
Pastor Scott Tyler



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## Now That's A Bright Idea

We are still in the process of investigating railings for the steps to the altar. We have received one proposal so far. There will be more to come on that subject next month.

Our investments have not stabilized and as such, I am holding off on any commitment to large projects. It will be a month-by-month review. Hopefully by spring, things will have settled down so we can proceed. Plans did include replacing some or all the windows/walls on the lower level. Hopefully at least the ones for the Food Pantry can get done this year as they are failing the most.

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

### Book Club

March 3 at 5 or 5:00

At Ann Westervelt's house

*The God Of The Woods*

By Liz Moore



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## From the Sexton's Broom

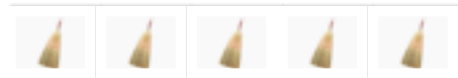
Welcome to March!

Will it come in like a lion, or like a lamb?  
We shall see.

I know we are probably not done with snow, but my thoughts are still turning to spring. I am formulating a Spring Cleaning list in my head. We also have to change Fellowship hall a few times this month, from Chorale to Community Dinner, and back again. . . Plus probably a few other configurations.

I will be happy to not have to vacuum sand and salt up from the carpets, especially in the Narthex! The trade-off is when we start to thaw, it becomes Mud Season!

To put my Lay Servant Leader/Worship Committee member hat on for a minute, we are always looking for help with the Communion cup ministry, and recently we have developed a need for Lay Readers. During Lent, we will need Lenten Readers, so please sign up in the Narthex. If you have an interest in either ministry, please see Ann or myself.



Donnie  
Sexton extraordinaire.

### Painting With The Pastor



Thursday, March 13, 1-3:00pm  
Bring your connection to Creation.

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# Family Corner

## Happy Birthday

Jim Charboneau     March 8  
 Jim Pulling         March 9  
 Jerry Cooper        March 13  
 Ann Westervelt     March 16  
 Joe Michela         March 21  
 Margot Anello      March 22  
 Joe Sawyer          March 24  
 Taylor Bolton       March 27  
 Marjorie Hurlburt   March 29



**Spring Forward!**  
 Don't forget to move your clocks  
 ahead on March 9, at 2am.  
 Daylight Savings Time means  
 Spring is coming!

*March 5*  
*Ash Wednesday*  
*Service at 7:00pm*  
*Sanctuary and on Facebook*

## Bible Study



Lenten Bible Study:  
*The Final Days*  
 Starting March 5.  
 Wednesdays at 1:00  
 in the Lounge and on Facebook.

## New Member Classes:

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

## Sunday Volunteers

March	Flowers	Readers
2	?	Bill Westervelt
5	Ash Wednesday	Donnie Norton
9	No	Jeanne Thatcher
16	Flowers	Bob Bartlett
23	During	Ann Westervelt
30	Lent	Sandra Trepanier

# Thrift Shop News

It may not be spring yet by the calendar, but our volunteers have been working overtime stocking bright, cheery spring clothing and other items. The shop is freshly reorganized, decorated, and ready for Spring. St. Patrick's Day is coming, Easter is coming, and it's never too early to think about graduations! Stop in and maybe you'll find that special item to help you celebrate!

Preparations are underway for the Annual Tea in May. This fashionable event was a great success last year, and people are looking forward to it again.

The Thrift Shop appreciates the volunteers who sort and come in when the shop is open for business, as well as the members of the community who donate gently used items for others in the community to buy. Because of all of these kind people, the Thrift Shop is able to support many local needs.

Thank you!

## **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

The Women's Center Dessert Banquet fundraiser.

Monday, April 28th 7:00-9:00 pm

Call Katrina at 518-557-1228, to register

# Thrift Shop Volunteers

Saturday (9-2pm)

1	Pam, Jeanne, Jeannine
8	Margot, Wanita, Sandra T., Betty R.
15	Ann, Judy W, Joan C.
22	Wanita, Sandy S., Judy F.
29	Jeanne June, Sue

The Thrift Shop Volunteers  
will present  
Fellowship Coffee  
after the March 16 Service.  
Join in!

Volunteers will be needed  
for the Annual Tea in May.

Join in the Planning  
Meetings on April 10 & 24

Many hands make light work,  
and everyone last year had a  
wonderful time.



## The Ticonderoga Food Pantry

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

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

## Free Community Dinner

March 5

4:30-6:00pm

(or while supplies last)

*Chicken & Biscuits*

*Sides & Desserts*

All are welcome!

## UMCOR Sunday

All year, people generously give to support disasters and other needs of the moment.

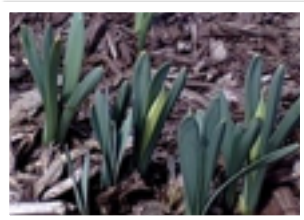
UMCOR Sunday's collection on March 30 is designated to help fund the costs of getting the donated aid where it needs to go. All year, people are employed in buildings that support the UMCOR mission. It takes funding to get the designated aid where you want it.

Your donation may be put in the small envelope in the bulletin- yes, we are using old envelopes for this and other Special Sunday giving! Cash put in the envelopes will get to UMCOR. Checks may be made out to FUMC, and a single check will be sent on to UMCOR- please write UMCOR Sunday on the memo line. Thank you!

*The Way of the Cross*  
March 20, 7:00pm at  
St. Mary's Church

Presented by the Immaculate Heart Central High School Mystery Players, from Watertown, NY  
All are welcome.

## Gardening at the First United Methodist Church. . . .



. . . Coming soon!









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

10x20 plot \$25.00

10x10 plot \$12.50

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		<h1>March</h1>					1  9-2 Thrift Shop
2  9:00 Worship, Communion  4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner	3  5:00 Book Club  	4  7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	5  7:00 Service for Ashes	6  10:00 Worship Meeting	7	8  9-2 Thrift Shop	
9  9:00 Worship, Communion	10  6:30 Trustees	11  7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	12  1:00 Bible Study begins  	13  1:00 Painting with Pastor  	14  Teen weekend- Emory turns 18!	15  9-2 Thrift Shop	
16  9:00 Worship, Communion  Fellowship Coffee presented by the Thrift Shop	17  6:30 Ad Council	18  7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	19  1:00 Bible Study  	20	21	22  9-2 Thrift Shop	
23  9:00 Worship, Communion	24	25  7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	26  1:00 Bible Study  	27	28	29  9-2 Thrift Shop	
30 UMCOR Sunday  9:00 Worship, Communion	31					<h1>March</h1>	