

# First United Methodist Church

## April, 2025



We are more than half way through Lent with Holy Week and Easter before us. Don't despair if you have struggled to live into your Lenten intentions. We have a loving and forgiving God who wants the best for us. Each morning is a new day to renew our relationship with God and our community. Draw inspiration and courage from Jesus to do the hard work of changing old habits into healthy new behaviors.

April will be a month of transformation as the ground thaws and the trees leaf out as the spring flowers bloom. Community Dinner will be on April 6th. The 13th will be Palm/Passion Sunday. Wednesday the 16th will be the final session of our Lenten Bible Study. The 17th will be our Maundy Thursday dinner/service in Fellowship Hall at 5:30. The Sanctuary will be open all day for prayers on Good Friday. Then Easter Sunday the celebration of Jesus overcoming death through love.

On the 22nd I will be traveling to the Conference Office to begin a year long process with ten other clergy called the Compelling Preaching Initiative. We will be flying that afternoon to Savannah Georgia to take in all things 'Wesley in America', returning on the 29th. I am excited about the challenge and changes that I will be experiencing!

I hope you will quietly join me in prayerfully supporting Bridget as she and M are present with, and celebrating her Mom's life (Christine Toohey). Any errors or deficiencies in this newsletter and/or bulletins/ worship slides are mine as I seek to fill in for Bridget.

You are all welcome to join me in painting with the pastor on April 3rd 1-3PM in Fellowship Hall. Please join me!

Peace, Love, and Blessings,  
Pastor Scott Tyler

This is the first stage of a painting I started  
At the last session.



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## Now That's A Bright Idea

Things have been very quiet this past month. With our investments, going up and down daily our project for this year of changing out windows and walls on the lower level is on hold. I am in contact with our broker often and have tried to make our investments as safe as possible. Our basic income has so far has not been affected much, but we're keeping close eye on everything.

We are still investigating the design of handrails, going up to the altar. One of the questions is the placement. If you have any thoughts please pass them on.

As I deal with my lack of mobility, I have to cut back on things I am able to do around the church. As soon as I can get my knee and hip fixed, I hope to be able to get caught up.

As always, if you see something that needs work around the church, let Donnie or myself know and we'll try to "get er done" or at least put it on the list.

Bill Westervelt Trustee Chair

## Easter Flowers

You are invited to share flowers for the Altar on Easter. Please remember that Pastor Scott is VERY allergic to lilies.

Garden flowers, store bought flowers, houseplants. . . Share what makes you think of Easter, and bring them home after the service. Any flowers left will be used the following Sunday, as possible. Beyond that, anything could happen.

Notes for the bulletin about flowers to honor family and friends need to be to me by April 18, please!  
Notes on my desk, notes via email, messages on the office phone . . . Whatever works for you!

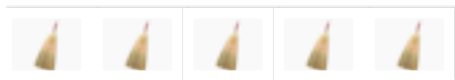
## From the Sexton's Broom

Spring is here! Although Mother Nature hasn't gotten the memo as I write this! A lot happening here at TFUMC, we are well into Lent, as we prepare for Easter Sunday later this month. Champlain Valley Chorale is practicing, our Lenten Bible Study is going strong, the Thrift Shop ladies have their Second Annual Tea, the Community Dinner, just to name a few things that keep me hopping.

Cleaning wise, it is starting to get nicer, windows are open on some days, which brings two of my "favorite" things into the building, pollen and critters! Not to mention MUD and sand left over from the snow. I tempted the "Snow Fairies" today and pulled all the stakes marking the parking lot and sidewalks in, and I also put the snow shovels away. Foolish? We will find out! Bill and I want to have the snow blower drained of gas and put back in the barn before Easter Sunday on the 20th. I have some other plans in my head for my "Spring Cleaning" list, we will see how many of them I can get done.

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

Donnie  
Sexton



# Family Corner

## Happy Birthday

Joan Pulling April 7  
 Wanita Blanchard April 14  
 Carol Barnwell April 20  
 Karen Manning April 25  
 Bob Bartlett April 25  
 Nate McLaughlin April 25

## Happy Anniversary

John & Margot Anello April 10  
 Sally & Rodger Snelson April 11  
 Barb & Dennis Stowell April 29



## Holy Week

April 13 Palm Sunday

April 17 Maundy Thursday  
 Join us at 5:30 for a light  
 supper service

April 18 Good Friday  
 Sanctuary will be open for  
 prayer

April 20 Easter Sunday

## Sunday Volunteers

April	Flowers	Readers
6	No flowers in Lent	Sue Fahey
13		Bill Westervelt
20 Easter		Ann Westervelt
27		Donnie Norton

## Thrift Shop Volunteers

Saturday (9-2pm)

5	Sue G, Jeannine, ?
12	Ann W, Joan C, Betty R
19	Closed
26	Jeanne, Roxanne, June

## Thrift Shop News

Spring is in the air - at least on some days! The shop has many cheery clothing items and knick-knacks to lift your spirits while we wait for warmer weather.

We can definitely use donations of housewares, so if you are doing some spring cleaning, think of us.

The date of our tea is April 27, 1-4 pm. Tickets are \$25, \$15 for children.

The shop will be closed on Saturday, April 19, so our volunteers can spend the weekend with family and friends.

### 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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1  7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	2  5:30 Book Club  ???  1:00 Bible Study 	3  1-3 Paint with the Pastor	4	5  9-2 Thrift Shop
6  9:00 Worship, Communion  4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner	7	8  7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	9  1:00 Bible Study 	10  12:30 Meeting For Thrift Shop Tea	11	12  9-2 Thrift Shop
13 Passion/ Palm  9:00 Worship, Communion	14  6:30 Trustees	15  7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	16  1:00 Bible Study ends 	17 Maundy Thursday  5:30 supper/ service	18 Good Friday	19  Thrift Shop CLOSED
20 Easter  9:00 Worship, Communion  NO Fellowship Coffee	21	22  7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	23	24	25	26  9-2 Thrift Shop
27  9:00 Worship, Communion  1-4 Thrift Shop Tea	28  7-9 Women's Center Annual Desert	29  7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	30	<h1>April</h1>		