



First United Methodist Church

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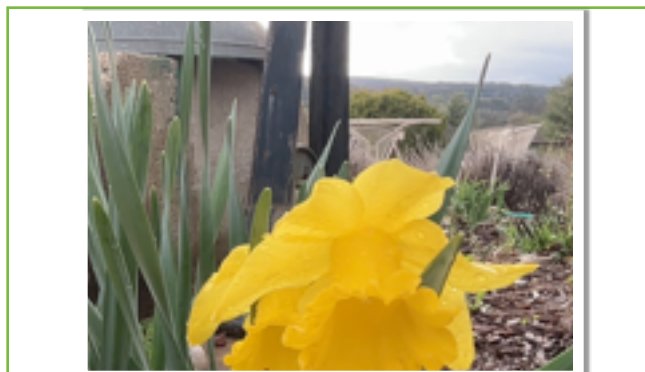


God's creatures, great and small. . . Some need a bit of personal space.

From the Pastor's Road Trip



Forsyth Park, Savannah
I am enjoying
the ambiance and the warmth!
My cohorts are enjoying the foods!
-Pastor Scott



The Memorial Garden after a storm. . .
The sun broke through the clouds, the
table and chairs are ready for company.
You are welcome to enjoy the peace.

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New Member Classes:

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

Now That's A Bright Idea

We did not meet in April. We will meet in May and then take the summer off and meet in September.

We are still working on the handrails from the front of the church. We will finalize this project at our May meeting. It has become imperative that we do something as another person fell Easter after serving communion.

The investments and the entire stock market have not settled and seem to continue to decline. As such, again, I have to propose that all other projects be postponed.

We are aware of the problem with the grass in front of the church. Xann and Zyleen raked the dead grass off and replanted the worst of the spots. Donnie is in charge of watering and it looks better already.

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

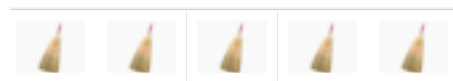
May is here! Lent and Easter are over, things are winding down a little here at TFUMC. Still a lot going on, Community dinners, the Champlain Valley Chorale Concert is here on the 18th, and various other functions throughout the month.

The battle with critters continues! Also, as we get into the warmer weather and windows are open, POLLEN TIME!

The snow blower has been put away, flowers are planted, it's starting to look (and even feel) like summer is close!

I have some cleaning goals I would like to get accomplished. I have a plan in my head, but we ALL know how plans workout!

If you see something that requires my attention, please let me know.



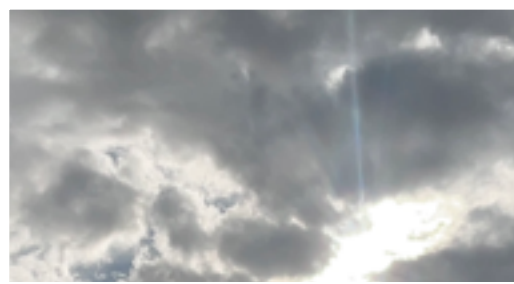
Donnie
Sexton extraordinaire

Penny For Your Thoughts?

Want to put your 2¢ in with Trustees and Ad Council? You are welcome to attend Quarterly meetings.

Trustees: Second Monday
Ad Council: Third Monday
of March, June, September, and December.

Interest may be expressed
between meetings.



Painting with the Pastor
Explore Creation!
May 1 & 15 at 1:00pm in Fellowship Hall
Paint or create in your own way.

Happy Birthday

Michael Powers- May 1
 John Wade - May 1
 Dave Flack- May 7
 Roger Sawyer- May 18
 Carl Thatcher- May 23
 Bill Gourley- May 30



Family Corner

Happy Anniversary

Scott & Karen Manning- May 17th

Mother's Day: May 12

Pack The Pantry Food Drive May 11-17

Items may be put in the shopping cart in front of the main entrance of our church at 1045 Wicker St.

Cash, or checks made out to the Ticonderoga Food Pantry may be left in the office. The Pantry is able to use financial donations to buy food at a greater discount than is found in stores.



2nd Annual High Tea & Fashion

Special thanks to the Thrift Shop for the work they did preparing for the special event.

They featured items sourced from the shop for decorating, and spent hours baking and decorating.

Book Club

May 5 at Joan Viault's
The Frozen River

Sunday Volunteers

May	Flowers	Readers
4		Bob Bartlett
11		Jeanne Thatcher
18		Donnie Norton
25		Sandra Trepanier

Thank you!

This faith family is the best. I'm so happy to be celebrating 14 years here this May. I'm deeply appreciative of your prayers and support. It was a great gift to be able to focus on my mother's last days and be able to work remotely at odd times. Once my Emory arrived, we had a time of peace.

I will be flexing my time in May to spend a few long weekends in Maryland, as Emory has a dance recital and Graduation! WOW!

-Bridget

Thrift Shop News

Spring is 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. Donations are coming in as folks are spring cleaning, and you'll find many new items every week.

Our second High Tea is being set up as we go to press. There is great excitement for another lovely event, and we already look forward 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,

Marsha LaPointe, Betty Messier, Leona Simpson,

Sandra Sprague, Pam Thorne, Sandra Trepanier, Jeannine Wright

and Rev. Scott Tyler

Our Volunteer Luncheon invitations have gone out.

Volunteers need to RSVP by May 27, so the Hot Biscuit has a tally for the actual event on June 3.

We are always updating our volunteer directory, so if you haven't gotten your invitation, but have been busy in the shop, please RSVP, and help update the records.

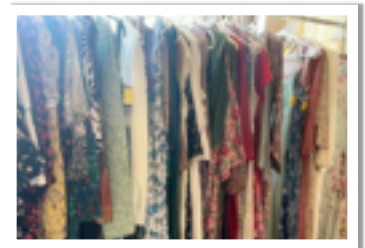
We want all volunteers to be there,
and know you are appreciated!

Thrift Shop Volunteers

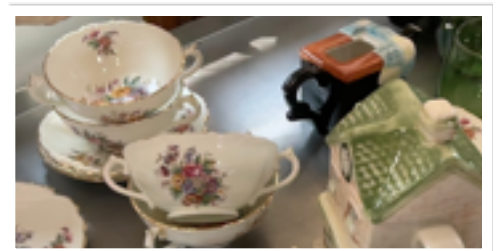
Saturday (9-2pm)

3	Sue G., Pam, Jeannine
10	Wanita, Margot, Sandra T.
17	Ann, Betty R., Judy W.
24	CLOSED! Town wide Yard sale
31	June, Sandy S.

The Thrift Shop is
donating to the
Tunnels To Towers
Foundation
in May



Summer styles



Treasures for special occasions-
like Annual Tea & Fashion!

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 Pantry is NOT able to purchase some items that are often needed, so these donations are very welcome:

Pet foods, diapers for all ages, toiletries, hygiene products, small containers of dish soap and laundry soap, toilet paper

Gardening

The Community Garden is fully occupied, but the Memorial Garden and front gardens will need tending through the growing season. Please see Betty Rettig about sharing your gardening skills!

Celebrate Mission

Sunday, May 18

Join the mission committee at church and celebrate mission on Sunday, May 18. During the worship service, we will recognize one or more people with a mission recognition pin.

Afterward, the members of the committee will host the coffee hour and celebrate the ingathering of the *Pack the Pantry* drive. (Thank you to Kathy Liddell and Sandy Sprague for coordinating the project.) See the *Pack the Pantry* flyer to learn how to participate in this project.

Nancy A. Carter, chairperson
TFUMC mission committee

Community Dinner

May 4 4:30-6pm

Chicken Marsala



Sides

Desserts



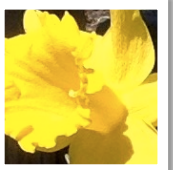
All are welcome. Dine in or take out

Native American Ministries Sunday May 4

United Methodists are called to recognize and honor the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society and church. Contributions help develop and strengthen Native American ministries within each United Methodist annual conference and provide scholarships for Native Americans pursuing ordained or licensed ministry.

Last year, almost \$240,000 was raised to support these vital ministries through the Native American Ministries offering. Fifty percent of the funds collected on Native American Ministries Sunday stay within the Annual Conference to support Native American ministries.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="font-size: 48px; margin: 0;">May</h1>				1 10:00 Worship Meeting	2 	3 9-2 Thrift Shop
4 Native American Ministries Sunday 9:00 Worship, Communion 4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner	5 	6 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	7	8	9 Sexton Appreciation Day Teen Weekend for Bridget	10 9-2 Thrift Shop
11 Mothers' Day 9:00 Worship, Communion	12	13 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	14 	15	16 Teen Weekend for Bridget	17 9-2 Thrift Shop
Pack the Pantry Food Drive						
18 9:00 Worship, Communion Fellowship Coffee by Missions CVC Concert	19	20 Sexton Appreciation Day	21	22 	23 Annual Conference	24 9-2 Thrift Shop
25 9:00 Worship, Communion	26 Memorial Day	Bridget out of the office for Emory's graduation		29 Ascension of the Lord	30 	31 9-2 Thrift Shop