



First United Methodist Church

October, 2025



Pastor's Pen

In the midst of this busy month please make time to enjoy the beauty of the colors of fall. Give God thanks for the wonders and delights of each day!

Our new Bible Study, *We Believe: How the Nicene Creed Can Deepen Your Faith*, will begin on Wednesday the 1st and run through November 5th. It will help us deepen our faith and understandings of Christian beliefs. Books are on the shelf outside the Sanctuary.

Saturday the 4th will be exciting with the Blessing of the Animals at 10AM in the circle, bring your animal friends or a photo to receive blessings. This service helps us continue the ministry of St. Francis. At 1PM I will be officiating the wedding of Cliff Woods & Jessica Carpenter.

I have several events this month including meeting with the District Superintendent in preparation for the Church Charge Conference that we will be hosting on Sunday the 19th at 2:00 PM with Crown Point and Moriah. The 9th & 10th I will be at the Asbury Retreat Center on Silver Lake in Western NY for my continuing education program *Compelling Preaching*.

District Day will be taking place on Saturday the 25th in Saratoga Springs where there are many interesting topics and classes to explore to strengthen our ministries and learn new things. Bridget has sent email with the offerings and signup. I plan to attend and welcome you to come with me!

Do you have a desire to do more in the life of the church? Please have a conversation with me so I can help you use your gifts from God to bless God's people!

May you experience God's love and blessings each day as you share your gifts and graces with others!

Peace, Love, and Blessings,
Pastor Scott Tyler

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Now That's A Bright Idea

We decided to postpone meeting until December but will meet if any items come up that need attention.

At our meeting in September, it was decided to go ahead with the railing project. The order has been placed and we have been told that it will be November before he can manufacture and install them.

New window covering for Fellowship Hall was discussed and after some research and discussion, are in the process of being ordered. Stay tuned for further developments! Thank you Pastor Scott for lending your experience to this project.

Contractors have been contacted about the walls and windows on the lower level. None have gotten back to me yet. If you know a contractor that is looking for work please let me know or have them contact me. One of the walls in the Food Pantry has a hole in it that any small animal could walk through.

Although I said last year was my last year to head up the Election Day Dinner, with a new hip, I again plan to cook sixteen 20 pound turkeys, steam 150 pounds of squash, and dry 35 loaves of bread for the stuffing. As always this is one of our major fund raisers for the year and your help is REALLY needed. Sign up sheets will be posted soon. Come and help Smash Squash, Strip Turkeys, make Stuffing, Mash 120 pounds of potatoes and bake pies!

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

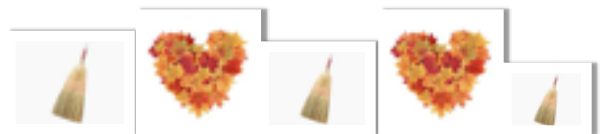
FALL IS HERE!!!

My favorite season on them all.

October is a busy month here at TFUMC. Many groups and activities that took the summer off are now back. The Champlain Valley Chorale is with us once again, practicing for their Christmas concerts. Our Church Conference will be here on Sunday evening, October 19th. Committees are meeting again, and preparations for the Christmas Fair in November are under-weigh! Lots happening! Can't forget Bible Study starting on the 1st for a six week session.

Sexton wise, I have started cleaning screens and windows, and after that will be light covers. October is Fire Prevention Month,. I will be replacing batteries in all the smoke detectors that require them. Soon we will be battling leaves and mud, and after that the dreaded S word!

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



Donnie.

Sexton extraordinaire.

Happy Birthday

Jane Bassett October 2
 Amy Quesnel October 2
 Grace Ambrus October 3
 Jeanne Thatcher October 9
 Sally Snelson October 11
 Doug Buckland October 18
 Edwin Flack October 18
 Josie Bougor October 30
 Bridget Halloween



Family Corner

Happy Anniversary

Pam & Walter Thorne Oct. 12
 Jim & Joan Charboneau Oct. 19

October 4
 Blessing of the Animals
 10:00 on the front circle

October 4
 Steps for Hope Walk
 Fundraiser

October 5
 World Communion Sunday
 Free Community Dinner

October 19
 Laity Sunday

October 25
 District Day

October 26
 Reformation Sunday

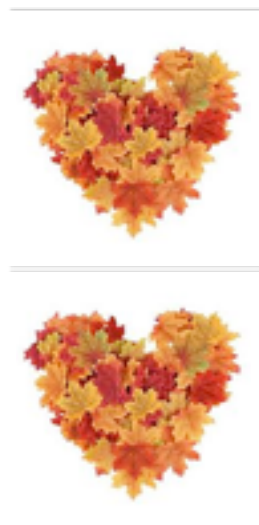
Sunday Volunteers

October	Flowers	Readers
5		Donnie Norton
12		Sue Fahey
19	Westervelts	Bill Westervelt
26		Sandra Trepanier

2025 Fall Church Conferences

District Superintendent
 Rev. Debbie Earthrowl
 will preside at all conferences

Sunday, October 19, 2 PM
 Ticonderoga will host:
 Ticonderoga FUMC, UMC
 Crown Point, Moriah



Community Dinner October 5, 4:30-??

Chicken & Biscuits
 Sides & Desserts

If you have a food allergy,
 please notify us

Thrift Shop News

Fall has arrived! Our volunteers have been busy putting out decorations, fall items and warmer clothing. We have many cute Halloween decorations as well. If you're into that holiday, come on in and see what you can find!

The Thrift Shop continues to support the Church's General Fund, the local Clergy Association, the Ticonderoga school backpack program, the Food Pantry, the mission of the Women's Center, and the Homeless Fund with monthly donations. When you support the Thrift Shop, you are also supporting these worthy causes.

Beyond financial support, the Food Pantry has provided a rack of warm coats. Warm hearts!

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

Book Club
October 6 at 5:00
at Jeanne Thatcher's house
I Am Maria
By Maria Shriver

Thrift Shop Volunteers

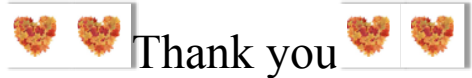
Saturday (9-2pm)

4	Roxanne, Pam, Jeannine
11	Wanita, Sandy S., Deb
18	Judy F., Linda, Debbie, Margo Closing at NOON!
25	Ann, Judy W., June



The shop will close at NOON
on October 18.

We will be celebrating our
volunteers with a specially
prepared luncheon!



Painting with the Pastor
October 16 & 30

Join Pastor Scott in the
Fellowship Hall from 1 to 3,
and explore your own
creativity and spirituality.
Paint, knit, draw, or talk about any
project that can't be carried along
for show and tell.

The Ticonderoga Food Pantry

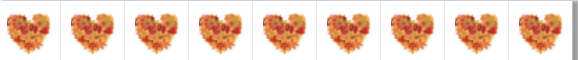
Thank you all for your continued support of the Ticonderoga Food Pantry.

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

At the end of August we have provided food for: 715 families, year to date. 669 children; 841 adults and 326 seniors.

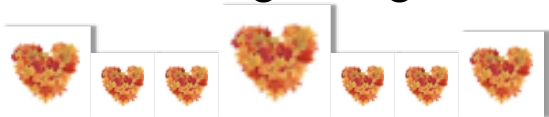
We continue monthly deliveries to Lord Howe Estates and Moses Circle.

We also appreciate, most sincerely the local folks who donated fresh produce from here gardens. We also appreciate the continued financial support we are so blessed to receive.



Gardening at the First United Methodist Church

... Still growing!!!



New Member Classes:

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

Adirondack/Albany District Day:

Informed to Transform



A series of workshops designed to nurture and grow Disciples of Jesus Christ

District Days

October 25, 2025, 8:45-3:00pm

Registration begins at 8:15am

Saratoga Springs UMC

175 Fifth Avenue, Saratoga Springs 12866

A list of workshops and a sign up sheet was emailed, and copies may be printed in the office as needed.

Register by Oct. 17

if special accommodations or menu items are needed.

November is coming!

A time of thanksgiving, reflection, preparation. . . I like the November newsletter to include snippets from everyone about things for which they are thankful. Later in October, there will be a chance to add your thoughts to a basket in the Sanctuary, but feel free to email or leave notes on my desk. I will tuck in comments as I start formatting the newsletter. For me, I'm thankful for so many things- I'll be bringing Emory home in a few days, and we will see how Emory's life unfolds now that they are out of high school. We will both find adventures, I'm sure!

-- Bridget

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October			1 LifeLine Screening 1:00 Bible Study 	2	3	4 9-2 Thrift Shop 10 Blessing of Animals
			8 1:00 Bible Study 	9	10	11 9-2 Thrift Shop
5 9:00 Worship, Communion 4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner	6 Sexton Appreciation Day	7 7-9 Champlain Valley Chorale	15 1:00 Bible Study 	16 12:00 Thrift Shop Committee Meeting 1-3 Painting with Pastor 	17	18 9-NOON Thrift Shop 12:30 Luncheon for Thrift Shop
12 Pastor Appreciation Day 9:00 Worship, Communion	13	14 7-9 Champlain Valley Chorale	22 1:00 Bible Study 	23 Sexton Appreciation Day	24	25 9-2 Thrift Shop District Day
19 Laity Sunday 9:00 Worship, Communion Fellowship Coffee by Missions	20	21 7-9 Champlain Valley Chorale	29 1:00 Bible Study 	30 	31 Halloween	
26 Reformation Sunday 9:00 Worship, Communion	27	28 7-9 Champlain Valley Chorale				

Coming in November
November 2- All Saints Sunday, and Clocks fall BACK
November 27- Thanksgiving Day