

From the Pastor's Pen

It is amazing to me that summer has gone by so fast and fall is upon us and yet God has been present in every moment. The heat and dry conditions have resulted in early changing of the colors on the trees. Always beautiful change to be enjoyed.

With the coming of September we reengage with the activities of the church locally and district wide. This includes celebrating the fruits of our many ministries through the documents of our annual church charge conference. These documents need to be ready and submitted by the 30th. We are blessed this year in having a later charge conference that we will host with Crown Point and Moriah on Sunday October 19th at 2:00 PM.

Please hold Dianna Donat's family in prayer as she has flown to South Carolina to help her daughter and son in law as he receives cancer treatments. To fill in for Dianna, Susan Conroy will play for us on the 21st.

Thank you for your prayers for my Dad and me during my trip to North Carolina to visit and work on the house and other fiduciary matters: And the aftermath of the illness that went through his facility which I managed to catch while Dad stayed healthy! I am including a photo a family friend took of him yesterday.

Despite the increasing busyness please make time everyday to do something you love and enjoy God's loving presence as you engage with your practice and prayer.

> Peace, Love, and Blessings, Pastor Scott Tyler

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Now That's A Bright Idea

Our first meeting of fall is Sept. 8th at 6:30. It has been a short summer. We will discuss the items left in limbo last spring including the handrails for the Communion table, the installation of new parking lot lights, and other projects that are now on hold.

Our investments will also be discussed. Both the cost of heating oil and electricity have and will continue to increase over the next year.

This past summer, we had to replace the motor for the large exhaust fan in the Sanctuary. We are lucky that there were no other major breakdowns.

There is an opening for a new Trustee with the passing of Louise this past spring. If you are interested in serving your church in this way, contact Pastor Scott or myself.

I have recovered from hip surgery and am seeing the Dr. about knee surgery this month. Ann is recovering from her fall and broken kneecap.

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)

Here's hoping everyone has a blessed summer.

Bill Westervelt, Chair

From the Sexton's Broom September is here!

As we go to press, Labor Day has come and gone, the unofficial end of summer. Kids go back to school, the nights get cooler, and soon, autumn will be upon us.

Here at TFUMC, the summer is also coming to a close. Committees such as Trustees, Worship, and Ad Council, just to name a few, will be reconvening to start their work for the church. Champlain Valley Chorale will be starting soon for their Christmas concert, and preparations are already underway for our Church Conference, the original Election Day Dinner, and our famous Christmas Fair! Also, down the road in October, our Bible Study will be starting again.

Sexton-wise, we go into Fall Cleaning- Window screens, office field day, and possibly stripping and waxing Fellowship Hall, are a few of the goals. . . Along with the usual setting up on Fellowship Hall for Chorale rehearsals and Community Dinners. Add to that, the battle with autumn leaves wanting to come into the building. As well as some of God's creatures, and we are starting a busy time! Summer Hours are over!

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



Donnie.

Sexton extraordinaire.

Happy Birthday

September 3
September 6
September 11
September 15
September 16
September 17
September 17
September 22
September 22
September 27

Book Club

(Pending update, DEAR!! Drop Everything And Read!) There is no official plan to meet

Sunday Volunteers							
September	Flowers	Readers					
7		Jeanne Thatcher					
14		Bob Bartlett					
21		Bill Westervelt					
28		Ann Westervelt					

Family Corner

Happy Anniversary

Joe and Kathy Liddell September 16

Labor Day- September 1 Offices will be closed.

Painting with the Pastor September 11 & 25

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.

Free Community Dinner September 7, 4:30

Beef & Broccoli Stir Fry, Veggies, sides, desserts

If you have a food allergy, please notify us.

Thrift Shop News

It has been a very busy summer at the Thrift Shop. Sales have been excellent, donations have been plentiful, and our volunteers have been very busy sorting, cleaning, and stocking new items each week, as well as helping our many customers on open days. Two successful bag sales helped make room for the next season.

The shop is getting ready for fall! Long sleeves and fall colors are going out on the racks and shelves. Fall decor items abound. Stop in and see what we have- you never know what you might find!

We couldn't be successful without the help of our dedicated volunteers, and we are so grateful for them. We are in need of volunteers on Saturdays. If you are looking for something to do, and interested in helping out, talk with any of our volunteers. The world is a better place with the Thrift Shop Volunteers at work!

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

School Supplies!

If you have a student in the Ticonderoga school system, there are supplies that have been specially donated for students who need them.

Thrift Shop Volunteers						
Saturday (9-2pm)						
6	Roxanne, Wanita, Pam/Betty					
13	Pam, Jeannine, Joan C.					
20	Betty, Sandy, Margot, Deb					
27	Betty M., June, Sandra T.					





LifeLine screening will be at FUMC on October 1, 8-5 (800)324-9458

The Ticonderoga Food Pantry

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

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

Special to thanks to local gardeners for sharing their fresh veggies with the Pantry! They are wonderful and we are very pleased to have them!

Thank you to everyone!

Gardening at the First United Methodist Church

Thanks to Sandy S. & Leona for all of their help in keeping the gardens beautiful!

Many items have been harvested from the Community Garden!
Have you seen it? Look down the hill from the Memorial Garden, and think about joining in next summer.



Registration at 9:00, walk starts at 9:30. Event concludes at 11:00. Pledge forms are available in the office. Contact Katrina with questions: (518)-557-1228

Champlain Valley Chorale Resumes!

September 16 7-9 in Fellowship Hall

Join us and lift your voice in song, not just in the shower.

Concert at the Methodist Church tentatively scheduled for Sunday, December 14th, at 3 P.M. The Chorale would welcome interested singers for all sections.

For more information, call Gil Engler, president, at 518-585-6161.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Labor Day Offices are closed.	2	3	4 10:00 Worship Meeting	8:00 Men's & Women's Prayer Breakfasts in Silver Bay	9-2 Thrift Shop Pink Dot Sale!
7 9:00 Worship, Communion 4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner	8 6:30 Trustees	9	10	11 1-3pm Painting with the Pastor	12	13 9-2 Thrift Shop
9:00 Worship, Communion	6:30 Ad Council	16 7-9 Chorale	17	18	19	20 9-2 Thrift Shop
9:00 Worship, Communion Fellowship Coffee by Thrift Shop	22	23 7-9 Chorale	24	25 1-3pm Painting with the Pastor	26	27 9-2 Thrift Shop
9:00 Worship, Communion	29	30 7-9 Chorale	31	September		

Coming in October:

Bible Study resumes on October 1 LifeLine Screening on October 1 Blessing of the Animals on October 3 Free Community Dinner on October 7

New Member Classes:

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