



First United Methodist Church

November, 2025



Pastor's Pen

As I type the scent of roasting turkey fills the air declaring to one and all the coming of the Election Day Dinner on November 4th. An amazing amount of preparation and work is being done by our church members to make this wonderful dinner! We ask the Lord to bless the work of our hands so we may be a blessing to the people of our community.

We will be celebrating and remembering our Saints who have gone before us this past year with the ringing of the bell and the lighting of candles as lovingly speak each name. Each person will be invited to come forward to share the names of loved ones as a flower is placed in the memorial bouquet.

The Christmas Fair is coming soon on Saturday the 15th with an terrific selection of items for decorating and gift giving. There will also be a delicious luncheon. Don't forget to purchase your holiday wreath and bid in the silent auction!

I invite you to give God praise for the blessings you have received this year and the people who have touched your heart and life.

Our Advent Study *A Child is Born: A Beginner's Guide to Nativity Stories* will start on Wednesday November 25th. The books are in the church office.

May we all be filled with God's grace and our travels overflow with wonder.

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. Well, nothing has come up to this point. We are still waiting for the railing project to proceed. We were told that it would be November before they could get to the project.

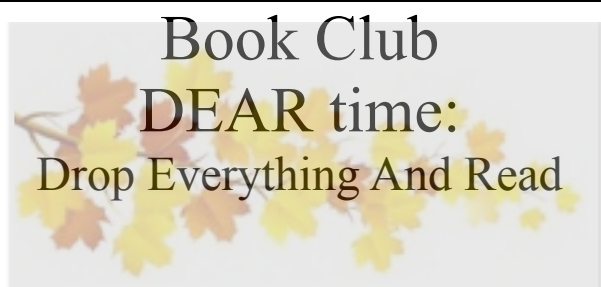
Better news on the window coverings for Fellowship Hall. Pastor Scott reverted to his original profession, and he sourced new shades, and he and Zyleen installed them. They look great. When you see Pastor Scott, thank him for all the hard work.

Although I have contacted three local contractors, none have gotten back to me. If anyone knows someone looking for work, have them contact me. We are at a point where the walls and windows downstairs are in dire need of replacement.

Election Day dinner preparation is in full swing as I write this. We'll see how long my knee holds out. Please come and help. Sign-up sheets are posted.

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



November is here, autumn is in full bloom. Times are getting busier here at the Ti Methodist. The Election Day Dinner, the Christmas Fair, and the Champlain Valley Chorale practicing and getting in fine voice for their Christmas Concert in December, just to name a few things.

On the Sexton front, check out the new blinds in Fellowship Hall- Thanks to Pastor Scott and ZYleen for getting them installed! It will make cleaning the windows a little easier. It has never been one of my strong areas. As someone once told me after looking at the steaks I left on the front doors, "Finally, something you don't do well!" Soon, Bill and I will be moving the hose reel to the barn and bringing up the snow blower, and putting the stakes around the parking lot to mark where the snowplows go. Soon, we will shift from chasing leaves that get blown in to dealing with snow, mud, and salt! As the seasons change, the cleaning challenges change as well!

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

Donnie
Sexton

Happy Birthday

Betty Rettig	November 2
Marc Cooper	November 11
Olivia Powers	November 19th
Judy Woodard	November 22
Deb Endsley	November 28

I'm thankful for. . . my loving family, for my circle of friends & those yet to become ones. For the glorious outdoors, any day.



New parishioners
Photo by Pastor Scott



See page 5 for Election Day
Dinner information!

See the main hallway for a
reflection on the Kitchen-
renovated 10 years ago!



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Family Corner

Happy Anniversary

Joe & Lynn Sawyer	November 11
Bill & Ann Westervelt	November 20
Carl & Jeanne Thatcher	November 26

In Memorial

Margaret Carpenter
May 18, 1928- January 17, 2025

Louise Goodwin
May 25, 1963- April 10, 2025

Judy Gourley
December 9, 1949-April 25, 2025

Larry "The Scooter Guy" Laundreville
September 17, 1961- September 3, 2025

Sunday Volunteers

November	Flowers	Readers
2		Donnie Norton
9		Jeanne Thatcher
16		Bill Westervelt
23		Ann Westervelt
30		Bob Bartlett

Thrift Shop News

Fall has been a busy time at the Thrift Shop. Sales have been excellent, and our volunteers have been very busy sorting through myriad donations. Winter is just around the corner. We have sweaters, jackets and coats for sale. Hats, scarves and gloves will be out soon. If you don't find what you're looking for, please ask.

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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

Thrift Shop Volunteers

Saturday (9-2pm)

1	Betty & Margot, Jeannine & Pam
8	Margot, Wanita, Sandy S.
15-Fair !	Linda, Wanita, Debbie, Susan G, Ann, Jeannine
22	Roxanne, Bobbie, Jeanne
29	Ann W., June, Betty M.

Thank you to Walter and John Thorne for taking cardboard and blue bags away weekly!

Why I Volunteer at the Thrift Shop

When I was preparing to retire and move to Ticonderoga four years ago, I wondered how I would fill my days. Joyce Barry suggested I might want to volunteer at the Thrift Shop, as help is always needed there. It sounded like a good idea. When my friend Stephanie mentioned that she thought about volunteering there too, it sounded even better. We started a couple of weeks later; and have been going once a week ever since. After a few months, we also volunteered to work one day a month when the Shop is open.

I had no idea at the time just how important the Thrift Shop is to the Church and community; or how many people depend on it. I didn't expect to feel a sense of accomplishment after a morning of sorting, tagging, and/or straightening up in the children's section. I certainly didn't expect to actually enjoy working there; or to look forward to it each week.

The Thrift Shop is always looking for more volunteers!

Jeannine Wright
January, 2013

Thank you to all of our volunteers, who make the shop successful! Thank you Donnie for taking the trash out, and thank you Bridget for creating signs & forms, and placing orders.

The Ticonderoga Food Pantry

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

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



Thank you to the VFW for their generous donation!

I'm thankful for. . . my health.

Christmas Fair

November 15, 9-1:00 Luncheon (11-1)



Leave Gifts Galore donations on stage any time. Call to say you are on your way. Come see the amazing Silent Auction items. Indulge in the Bake Sale! Michigans, soup, burgers for lunch. Bring a friend!

Order your wreaths by Nov. 9.

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Community Dinner

Returns in December. Until then:



Election Day Dinner

Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025

Menu:

Turkey / Dressing
Potatoes / Gravy/ Vegetables / Salad
Rolls / Butter/ Cranberry Sauce
Dessert / Beverage

Take Out Dinners 4:00 PM
Dining Room Opens 5:00 PM
Adults \$20.00 Children \$15.00



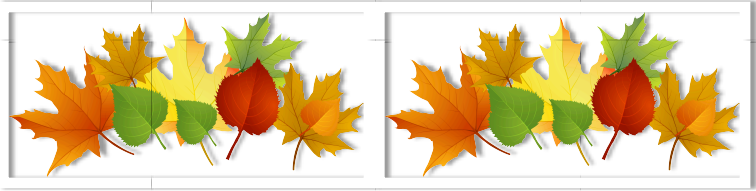
*I am thankful
for Family and
Church Family
and Happiness
and Kindness
for all!*



Thankful for time with my teen, Emory!
Emory is home, working, and we are figuring out our new household configuration.
Thank you for all you have done to support my family and me.
-Bridget

**Thankful for
Family,
friends,
health.**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November						1 9-2 Thrift Shop
2-All Saints' Sunday 9:00 Worship, Communion	3	4 Election Day Dinner 4:00 Take Out 5:00 Dine in 7:00 CVC	5	6 10:00 Worship Meeting	7	8 9-2 Thrift Shop
9 9:00 Worship, Communion Wreath orders due!	10	11 7:00 CVC	12 9:30 Missions	13	14	15 9-2 Thrift Shop 9-1 Church Fair
16 9:00 Worship, Communion Fellowship Coffee with any Bake Sale items	17	18 7:00 CVC	19	20 1-3 Painting with Pastor	21	22 9-2 Thrift Shop
23 9:00 Worship, Communion	24	25 7:00 CVC	26	27 Thanksgiving Day	28	29 Thrift Shop CLOSED
30 9:00 Worship, Communion						

Coming in December:

Trustees- Dec. 8th, 6:30

Ad Council- Dec. 15th at 6:30

CVC Concert at FUMC- Dec 14th at 3:00

New Member Classes:

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