



First United Methodist Church

March, 2026

Pastor's Pen



We all are anticipating Maple Sugaring Season and the coming of Spring, (which officially begins on March 20th at 10:46 AM.) I remember the excitement of my youth when the whole family studied the Vesseys and Gurneys seed catalogues to plan our vegetable and flower gardens and place our seed orders. We had great anticipation of working the soil and nurturing new plants.

This season of Lent is a time for us to study ourselves and our relationship with God so we can make adjustments for a more fruitful and abundant life! I and the participants of our Lenten Bible Study, "An Unlikely Lent," have discovered new things about ourselves and a deeper understanding and appreciation for the people in the Gospel accounts of Jesus' ministry in Jerusalem leading to his death and resurrection.

March 29th, the last Sunday of the month, is Passion/Palm Sunday the beginning of Holy Week. On Thursday April 2nd we will celebrate Jesus' last meal with his disciples through a Maundy Thursday Dinner and Service at 5:30 PM. On Easter, April 5th, we will celebrate Jesus' resurrection. In the afternoon I will be traveling to North Carolina to visit my father and check on the house. I anticipate being back for services on 12th.

I pray that our Lent will be a powerful and fruitful journey that we walk together!

Peace, Love, and Blessings,
Pastor Scott Tyler

(A favorite photo of Zyleen in front of the tulips.)



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Now That's A Bright Idea

We will hold our quarterly meeting on Monday March 9th at 6:30. All are welcome to attend.

There will be a number of things covered at the meeting.

The Delano's money that was left to the church some years ago was and is invested. We have done many projects around the church which drew upon the principle. At this point we have replaced that money and are looking forward to a major project and some minor ones this year.

The downstairs windows and walls that have not been replaced are first on the list. There are 51 windows over 13 units left to replace. Bill Blood's company did the first couple and Chris Manning who worked for Bill has been contacted and we hope to get going on this project soon.

We also will continue with replacing or adding window treatments for the upstairs hallway and the office.

We have not forgotten the handrails for the Alter, the parking lot lights or fixing the door closures for the restrooms.

Looks like a busy year coming up. 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
March is here!

We start our Lenten journey. Bible Study has begun, the Champlain Valley Chorale is starting their Spring rehearsals, many things happening.

Sadly Old Man Winter does NOT want to give up. March snow storms never last at least. So the snow and salt cleanup will continue for now.

Soon it will be mud season, followed by pollen.

My mental 'to do' list grows a little each week, I really should put it down on paper!

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



Donnie.

Sexton extraordinaire.

Happy Birthday

Jim Charboneau March 8
 Jim Pulling March 9
 Jerry Cooper March 13
 Ann Westervelt March 16
 Joe Michela March 21
 Margot Anello March 22
 Joe Sawyer March 24
 Taylor Bolton March 27
 Marjorie Hurlburt March 29

Family Corner



Spring Forward!
 Don't forget to move your
 clocks ahead on March 8,
 at 2am.
 Daylight Savings Time
 means
 Spring is coming!

March 15
 UMCOR Sunday

March 29
 Palm Sunday

Champlain Valley Chorale

Fellowship Hall
 Tuesdays, 7-9 P.M.,
 Spring concert in our church Sunday,
 May 17th, at 3pm.

Concert theme will be the
 celebration, in music, of the 250th
 anniversary of the United States of
 America.

Also this concert marks
 the 50th anniversary
 of the Chorale.

New singers welcome!
 For more information, contact
 president Gil Engler at
 518-585-6161.

Sunday Volunteers	
March	Readers
1	Bill Westervelt
8	Sandra Trepanier
15	Bob Bartlett
22	Ann Westervelt
29	Donnie Norton

Thrift Shop News

Our volunteers have begun stocking bright, cheery spring items. Stop in and maybe you'll find that special item to help you celebrate while we wait for warmer weather!

We continue to accept donations on Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon. If you've been doing some spring cleaning lately, or thinking about it, now's the time to bring in your sale-worthy clothing and/or housewares.

We have an abundance of books & puzzles to help while away the rest of winter! It's the perfect time to come in and check it out!

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

Tea is coming!!

April 26

Celebrate the beginning of Spring!

Thrift Shop fashions

and jewelry for sale,

pastries & cakes for sale,

and a Door Prize!

March, 2026

Thrift Shop Volunteers

Saturday (9-2pm)

7	Jeanne / Betty R. Joan C. / Sandy S.
14	Pam / Jeannine
21	Wanita/ Roxanne/ Debbie B.
28	June / Betty M. / Ann

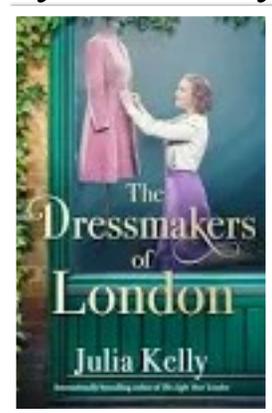
Book Club

Wednesday March 4 5:00pm

Joan Viault's house

The Dressmakers of London

By Julia Kelly



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The Ticonderoga Food Pantry

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

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

Gardening at the First United Methodist Church. . . .



. . . Coming soon!

Space will be available in the Community Garden for people who would like to try some gardening. Please contact Betty Rettig by way of the office.

10x20 plot \$25.00
10x10 plot \$12.50

Volunteers are needed to help maintain the Memorial Gardens at church. Please let Bridget or Betty know of your interest.

Bible Study

Lenten Bible Study:
An Unlikely Lent
Wednesdays at 1:00
in the Lounge and on Facebook.

March, 2026

Community Dinner

March 1

4:30-6:00pm

(or while supplies last)

Spaghetti & Turkey

Meatballs

Sides & Desserts

All are welcome!

If you have a food allergy,
please notify us

UMCOR Sunday

All year, people generously give to support disasters and other needs of the moment.

UMCOR Sunday's collection on March 15 is designated to help fund the costs of getting the donated aid where it needs to go.

Your donation may be put in the small envelope in the bulletin- yes, we are using old envelopes for this and other Special Sunday giving! Cash put in the envelopes will get to UMCOR. Checks may be made out to FUMC, and a single check will be sent on to UMCOR- please write UMCOR Sunday on the memo line. Thank you!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 Worship, Communion 4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner	2	3 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	4 1:00 Bible Study 5:00 Book Club	5 10:00 Worship Meeting	6 8:00 Men's & Women's Prayer Breakfasts in Silver Bay	7 9-2 Thrift Shop
8 9:00 Worship, Communion	9 6:30 Trustees	10 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	11 1:00 Bible Study	12	13	14 9-2 Thrift Shop
15 UMCOR Sunday 9:00 Worship, Communion	16 6:30 Ad Council	17 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	18 1:00 Bible Study	19	20	21 9-2 Thrift Shop
22 9:00 Worship, Communion	23	24 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	25 1:00 Bible Study	26	27	28 9-2 Thrift Shop
29 Palm Sunday 9:00 Worship, Communion	30	31 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	<h1>March</h1> <p>In like a lion, out like a lamb?</p>			

New Member Classes:

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