

# First United Methodist Church

## April, 2026

### From the Pastor's Pen



As I type, our Lenten journey is nearly done as we enter Holy Week starting with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem amid acclamation, hymns, and the waving of palm branches. The opposition to Jesus escalates rapidly as he heals and teaches. On Holy Thursday Jesus has His last meal with His beloved disciples where He washes feet like a servant and institutes the breaking of the bread and sharing the cup as Holy Communion. Then the betrayals begin leading to a confrontation with Jesus being arrested and tried before Caiaphas, the high priest, at the same time all His disciples run away, then He is taken before the Roman Governor Pilate and is sentenced to death by crucifixion on Friday morning. Jesus releases His Spirit and is placed in a tomb Friday afternoon and everyone waits. The women who followed Jesus check on His tomb Sunday morning and find it empty.

Jesus has overcome death and risen to new life. He invites us to join Him in that new life and embrace living into His love and spread His Good News to all we meet. Our work is being Jesus' Easter People!

I will be traveling the week after Easter to visit my father in North Carolina and return to lead worship on Sunday the 12th.

I pray that this Lent has deepened your prayer life and capacity to receive God's love in order to share unconditionally with the world.

Peace, Love, and Blessings,

Pastor Scott Tyler

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## Now That's A Bright Idea

We held our quarterly meeting on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. A number of items were discussed, and we now have a direction for projects this summer.

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 awarded the contract. The windows have been ordered and work should start in 6 to 8 weeks.

We also will continue with replacing or adding window treatments for the upstairs hallway and office. The new blinds have arrived and work on installing them has begun. Thanks to Pastor Scott and Zyleen for the installation.

With our AC/plumber Paul Coop's retirement, we have contacted Darren Patnode to service the AC units at the church. He will take care of the systems in April. While he is here, I will have him look at the leaking outdoor faucets, and the drain for the Community Garden that has not worked in several years.

We have not forgotten the handrails for the Altar. I have met with the contractor and hope to see them installed by late spring.

I have also met with Price Electric about installing our new LED parking lot lights and upgrading the outdoor electrical feeds to the parking lot and roadside sign. He will start as soon as the weather breaks. Later in the year he will change out the two remaining electrical sub-panels to complete that project which has been going on way too long.

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

First, let me say Happy Easter to ALL!! He is Risen, He is Risen indeed! We made it through our season of Lent.

We move into nicer weather, hopefully. A lot of things going on as we are now into Spring. Pastor Scott and his helper, Zyleen, have been putting up the new blinds in the main hallway and the church office, and by the time we get to Easter, we should hopefully have new rails on the Altar.

April cleaning will continue. I would love to get the windows and screens cleaned if the weather cooperates, and Bill and I would LOVE to put the snow blower away and take the driveway stakes (what are left of them) down for another summer!

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

Donnie.

Sexton extraordinaire.



## Happy Birthday

Joan Pulling April 7  
 Wanita Blanchard April 14  
 Carol Barnwell April 20  
 Bob Bartlett April 25



# Family Corner

## Happy Anniversary

John & Margot Anello April 10  
 Sally & Rodger Snelson April 11



### Maundy Thursday Supper Service

April 2 at 5:30

### Good Friday Open Sanctuary

April 3

### Easter Sunday

April 5 at 9:00

### Free Community Dinner

April 12 at 4:30

### Fellowship Coffee

April 19

## Sunday Volunteers

April	Flowers	Readers
5	Everyone	Ann Westervelt
12		Bill Westervelt
19		Sue Fahey
26		Jeanne Thatcher

To my Dear Church Family,

I want to thank each and everyone of you for your love and support over the years and most recently when I was hospitalized and now as I prepare to move. I can't tell you how much your hugs, thoughts, cards, phone calls, texts, offers of help and thoughtful sentiments and love have meant.

The reception after church on March 15, organized by the Thrift Shop team and Bridget, made me feel well blessed and honored. I appreciated the pin and certificate from the Mission Committee and another certificate from the Christmas Fair Committee. I was truly honored to have the Community Gardeners, Carillon Garden Club members and co workers from Fort Ticonderoga present as well.

God has blessed me with many treasures and friendships and is now leading me into a new chapter where I will serve in new ways and be closer to my family as well. I will miss you all but know I plan to return to visit!

All the Best Always,  
 Love,  
 Betty Rettig

# Thrift Shop News

The Thrift Shop has fabulous spring items, including formal wear for upcoming proms, tea, and other events. If you need decorations to get fancy for a special occasion, come see what we have- there is treasure everywhere!

Do you have a road trip in your future? Stock up on books for the car or any waiting areas.

The Thrift Shop volunteers and other members of this faith family are working hard to make the *High Tea & Fashion* event another grand success! Get tickets by April 19 for the Sunday, April 26 event.

## Thrift Shop Committee Members:

Margot Anello, Committee Chairperson

Jeanne Thatcher, Treasurer

Jeanne B. Thatcher, Trustees Representative

Margot Anello, Wanita Blanchard, Lynn Brigant,  
Marsha LaPointe, Betty Messier, Leona Simpson,  
Sandra Sprague, Pam Thorne, Sandra Trepanier,

Jeannine Wright  
and Rev. Scott Tyler

*The Thrift Shop will be  
closed on April 4  
for Easter*



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# Thrift Shop Volunteers

Saturday (9-2pm)

4	Closed for Easter
11	Pam, Jeannine, Jeanne, Roxanne
18	Joan C., Margot, Wanita, Renee
25	Jeanne, June, Betty M., Ann



*High Tea & Fashion*

*April 26 at 1:00pm*

*Fellowship Hall*

*Adult: \$25 Child under 12: \$15*

## Book Club

Monday, April 6 at 5:00  
at Jeanne Thatcher's house  
The book is *Horse*  
by Geraldine Brooks

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# The Ticonderoga Food Pantry

## Hours of operation:

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 11am-Noon.**

The Food Pantry has a current wish list:

*Hearty Soups- ready to eat  
Instant potatoes, Juice  
Toiletries*

Financial support is always welcome. The Food Pantry gets great deals from the Regional Food Bank, so each dollar gets more than we can get at a local store. Checks may be made out to the Ticonderoga Food Pantry, and be sent to the church office. The Food Pantry has a mailbox here.

If you give using an online link, your donation may go to the Regional Food Bank. If you want to support the Ti Food Pantry specifically, mail to 1045 Wicker Street, or stop by the office.

All support is greatly appreciated.

## *Free Community Dinner*

April 12, 4:30-6pm

Pork Loin, Roasted Red Potatoes,  
Sides, Desserts

If you have a food allergy, please notify us



## The Adirondack Torch Club

invites members of FUMC to a potluck dinner and a presentation

*John Stark –*

*Frontiersman and True Patriot*

by Tom Schaffer

Thursday, April 9, beginning at 5 pm  
in the Fellowship Hall.

Bring a dish to share.

RSVPs to [adktorch@gmail.com](mailto:adktorch@gmail.com) are appreciated but not required.

## Third Annual Mission Sunday at FUMC

The mission committee will celebrate mission on Sunday, April 19. There will be a short mission recognition program during worship. Afterward, the committee will host the Fellowship Coffee. At that time, a special collection for UMCOR disaster relief will be taken.

The committee will match donations up to \$250. UMCOR is the United Methodist Committee on Relief. One hundred percent of donations to disaster relief go to relief.

UMCOR's staff and overhead expenses are funded through annual giving on UMCOR Sunday.

## *Gardening at the First United Methodist Church*

Community Garden plots are available. Applications are in the office, and can be emailed to you.

Are you interested in helping to keep the Memorial Garden special? Think about coming to tidy and tend.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>April</h1> 			1  1:00 Lenten Bible Study concludes	2  10:00 Worship Meeting  5:30 Maundy Thursday Supper Service	3  Good Friday Open Sanctuary	4  Thrift Shop Closed
5 Easter  9:00 Worship, Communion	6  5:00 Book Club	7  7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	8	9  5:00 TORCH potluck and talk	10	11  9-2 Thrift Shop
12  9:00 Worship, Communion  4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner	13	14  7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	15	16	17	18  9-2 Thrift Shop
19 Mission Sunday  9:00 Worship, Communion Fellowship Coffee	20	21  7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	22	23	24	25  9-2 Thrift Shop
26  9:00 Worship, Communion  High Tea and Fashion	27	28  7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	29	30	31	

### New Member Classes:

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

If you have Mother's Day memories or comments for May or Father's Day memories or comments for June, feel free to get them to the office at any time.

Academic announcements are also welcome. Got a Grad?