

# First United Methodist Church

## May, 2026

### *Pastor's Pen 2026*



The grass is green, the trees are leafing out, the tulips are opening, Spring is here! (As well as itchy eyes and sneezes.) We have lots of wonderful worship happening this month as we celebrate Mothers, the Ascension of Jesus, Pentecost, and Trinity Sunday. We then celebrate the unofficial beginning of summer over Memorial Day Weekend.

On May 27th Lynn Sawyer as our Lay Representative will accompany me to Syracuse for Annual Conference. I was pleasantly surprised to learn during the pre-conference session I attended that there will be a reduction in both the volume of paperwork and the conference budget, reducing the financial burden on our church.

After church on May 31st I will drive to North Carolina to visit Dad and meet a contractor to improve the air quality of the house by cleaning the air ducts.

During my last visit to see Dad, I found my Mom's digital camera and discovered a treasure of photos including some of her last quilts she made before her cancers. I include one of them since I have not done any new paintings in the last few months.

May the beauty of God's world surround you and fill you with grace!

Peace, Love, and Blessings,  
Pastor Scott Tyler



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## Now That's A Bright Idea

Projects are underway and two have been completed! New railings have been installed in the Sanctuary. As we all get older, every little bit helps.

Also completed is the replacement of the window treatments in Fellowship Hall, the hallway and the office. Many thanks to Pastor Scott and Zyleen for the installation.

By the time you read this, the windows for the lower level will have been delivered and Chris Manning should be hard at work fixing the walls and installing the new windows.

Darren Patnode will be servicing the AC units sometime in May. We had to postpone our April date due to the cold weather. He will repair the Community Garden water and the outside spigots sometime this summer.

Hopefully Price Electric will be installing our new LED parking lot lights and upgrading the outdoor electrical feeds to the parking lot and roadside sign. 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.

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)

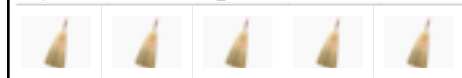
Bill Westervelt, Chair

## From the Sexton's Broom

Spring has finally arrived! Windows are opened, fresh air, warm breezes, POLLEN, and DUST! Have to take the good with the bad, I guess! Bill and I did get the snowblower put away, and the driveway stakes pulled for the summer. I want to start cleaning screens, and yes, WINDOWS, my favorite chore. As Bill once told me after seeing the streaks I left behind on the front doors, "Finally, something you don't do well." It is not one of my stronger talents, but it will get done.

Many activities coming up- the Champlain Valley Chorale will be performing on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary, Community Dinner on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May, flowers blooming, probably some things I have missed.

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



Donnie.  
Sexton extraordinaire.

## Need a boost?

If you are recovering from an illness or injury, there are selected medical supplies for loan at FUMC. We have crutches, walkers, walking boots, canes, a few wheel chairs and transfer chairs, shower chairs and incidentals. It never hurts to ask!

# Happy Birthday

Michael Powers- May 1  
 John Wade - May 1  
 Dave Flack- May 7  
 Tara Spaulding- May 7  
 Samantha Montville - May 14  
 Gayle Wells- May 14  
 Roger Sawyer- May 18  
 Emily Powers- May 19  
 Carl Thatcher- May 23  
 Bill Gourley- May 30  
 Harold Whitford- May 30

# Family Corner

## Happy Anniversary

Scott & Karen Manning- May 17th



**May 10**  
**Mothers' Day**

**May 17**  
**Ascension Sunday**  
**Fellowship Coffee**

**Free Community Dinner**  
 May 3 4:30-6pm  
 Chicken Parm Casserole  
 Sides & Desserts

 If you have a food allergy, please notify us 

Sunday Volunteers		
May	Flowers	Readers
3	Sandy Sprague	Sue Fahey
10		Bill Westervelt
17		Sandra Trepanier
24		Ann Westervelt
31		Bob Bartlett

**Book Club**  
 May 4 at 5:00pm  
 At Sandy Sprague's house  
*Upward Bound*  
 by Woody Brown

# Thrift Shop News

Spring is here – flowers and trees are budding, the grass is green, and our volunteers have been working hard to get out as many lightweight, warm-weather items as possible. Donations are coming in as folks are spring cleaning, and you'll find many new items every week.

The Thrift Shop would not be successful without our wonderful volunteers, and we sincerely appreciate every one of them. We can always use volunteers on Saturdays when the shop is open. If anyone can spare a Saturday once a month or even once in awhile, please contact the shop at 585-2242, or come in and chat with us on Tuesday or Thursday between 9 and noon. By volunteering, you will be helping the Church, the community, and the many organizations the shop supports.

### 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,

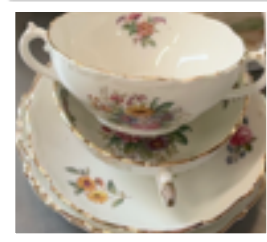
Jeannine Wright

and Rev. Scott Tyler

# Thrift Shop Volunteers

Saturday (9-2pm)

2	Margot, Jeannine, Pam
9	Wanita, Sandy S., Jeanne, Joan C.
16	Sandra T./Margot Renee, June
23	Closed for Memorial Day Weekend
30	Ann, Roxanne, Madison



Thank you to all who made our third High Tea & Fashion a success! Participants came dressed up and enjoyed good food and company. Many people are making this a tradition!

The Champlain Valley Chorale's  
Spring concert  
*America Sings*  
at our church will be  
Sunday, May 17th at 3 P.M.

May 23  
The shop will be closed  
for Memorial Day  
Weekend.

# The Ticonderoga Food Pantry

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

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

## Penny For Your Thoughts?

Want to put your 2¢ in with Trustees and Ad Council? You are welcome to attend Quarterly meetings.

Trustees: Second Monday  
Ad Council: Third Monday  
March, June, September,  
& December.

Interest may be expressed  
between meetings.

## Gardening at the First United Methodist Church

The Community Garden is getting ready for gardeners to start their work, and the Memorial Gardens have had some great flowers. If you want to help weed and tidy the Memorial Garden, let it be known! Messages can be left at the office, and dropping in during office hours is fine.

## Mission Sunday Celebration

The congregation celebrated Mission Sunday on April 19. The mission committee awarded Margaret Beuerlein and Mary Lou Greenough mission recognition pins and certificates. (We had also recognized Betty Rettig in March.)

The committee hosted coffee hour and asked the congregation to donate money to UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief) for its domestic and international disaster response. People generously donated \$400. Thank you so much! Our treasurer Sandy Sprague will send that money and \$250 from the mission committee's funds this month.

We are a church in mission in our community and in the world. Every cent of our contribution will be used for disaster response. Our denomination pays for administrative and staff costs through donations given on UMCOR Sunday guaranteeing that 100% of contributions to a disaster response goes to that effort.

Nancy A. Carter, chairperson  
Mission Committee



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>May</h1>					1	2 9-2 Thrift Shop
3  9:00 Worship, Communion  4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner	4	5	6 Sexton Appreciation Day	7	8	9 9-2 Thrift Shop
10 Mothers' Day  9:00 Worship, Communion	11	12	13	14	15	16 9-2 Thrift Shop
17  9:00 Worship, Communion  3:00 Champlain Valley Chorale Concert: <i>America Sings!</i>	18	19	20	21	22 Sexton Appreciation Day	23 Thrift Shop CLOSED
24  9:00 Worship, Communion	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30 9-2 Thrift Shop
31  9:00 Worship, Communion						

## New Member Classes:

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