



# First United Methodist Church

## June, 2026

### *From the Pastor's Pen*



An article I read last week was about our need to be intentional about what we want to do this summer, or the summer will pass us by without being memorable.

This is also true about our spiritual and prayer lives, and our ongoing relationship with God. I have decided that every day I will commune with God as I create.

On Memorial Day I went to the top of Mount Defiance and began to paint what I could see with watercolor. It was a struggle to not be critical of myself and stay in the moment with God enjoying the amazing view of Lake Champlain and the fields and forests stretching to the Green Mountains. As I let go of each critical thought and reaction I experienced joy and peace in my heart.

Art and prayer are not about creating masterpieces every time but are instead about the journey and growing conversation with God that deepens over time and slowly transforms us.

Explore and find what feeds your soul, then be intentional about doing it. If you like to journal write about it, take photos, share with others!

May we all experience wonder and joy this June.

Peace, Love, and Blessings,

Pastor Scott Tyler



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## Now That's A Bright Idea

We will have Our quarterly meeting on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. All are welcome. We hope to plan projects for the summer as funds become available.

As I write this, Chris Manning is finishing up the replacement of the walls and windows in the lower level.

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

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

At our June meeting we will discuss another project that is long overdue. The upgrading of the two Men's bathrooms to comply with handicap and state requirements. The Women's bathrooms were done some time ago.

There are several other small items around the campus that will require some looking into this summer. The fence post at the corner of the drive needs to be replace, the end of fellowship hall's outside door and window need attention, and several other small items.

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



June is here! Summer begins, graduations, Fathers' Day, vacations start, weddings, the list goes on.

Here at TiFUMC, life slows down a little. Parishioners go on vacation, many committees take the summer off, Champlain Valley Chorale is done until the fall, no Bible study, just to name a few things.

Sexton-wise, my never ending battle with pollen begins, as well as critters trying to get in the building. My goal is to start on screens. Bill and I want to pressure wash the road sign, and I would like to shampoo the main hallway rug. My mental checklist, or maybe wish list, would be more appropriate, grows bigger as iI dream up new things.

I hope everyone has a good Independence Day holiday. . . 250 years young as a country.

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

Donnie.

Sexton extraordinaire.



# Happy Birthday

Sue Guido June 5th  
 Pamela Moser June 5th  
 Peggy Armstrong June 7th  
 Donald Norton June 10th  
 Pastor Scott Tyler June 13th  
 Kathy Liddell June 18th  
 Alexander Moser June 18th  
 Pauline Gonyea June 19  
 Leona Simpson June 20

**John Wesley- June 28, 1703  
 founder of Methodism.**

Laurie Ward June 29th  
 Olivia Quesnel June 29

# Family Corner

## Happy Anniversary

Jeannine & Bill Wright June 4  
 Mike & Kim Powers June 13  
 Albert & Mary Thompson June 20  
 John Wade & Deb Endsley June 24  
 Jerry & Joyce Cooper June 26

Fathers' Day  
 June 21

## Book Club

June 8

*Thunder Dog* by Michael Hingson  
 At Joan Charboneau's house

## Sunday Volunteers

| June | Flowers | Readers         |
|------|---------|-----------------|
| 7    |         | Jeanne Thatcher |
| 14   |         | Bill Westervelt |
| 21   |         | Donnie Norton   |
| 28   |         | Ann Westervelt  |

Olivia Powers,  
 daughter of Kim and Mike Powers  
 and granddaughter of Kathy and Joe  
 Liddell, graduated magna cum  
 laude from Plattsburgh State on  
 Saturday, May 16th.  
 Olivia completed her Degree in  
 Cyber Security in only three years.

Olivia was also chosen to be the Speaker  
 at Graduation to represent her class. Her  
 speech was outstanding and enjoyed by  
 all. Olivia has already been hired by a  
 Cyber Security Company. Needless to  
 say, her family is very proud of her.

Olivia appreciates all the support she  
 received from so many, including her  
 Scholarship from the Missions  
 Committee of our Church.

# Thrift Shop News

Warm weather is coming, and we have many colorful summer items in the shop to choose from. Capris, shirts, and summer dresses are available. Come in and browse around- you never know what you'll find!

We have received many donations lately: spring cleaning, folks moving, etc. Our volunteers have been hard at work sorting through everything to be sure there are always nice, new, and varied items for sale. If an item doesn't sell after a while, it is replaced by something different. Our shop always looks inviting, and we receive many compliments from our customers.

Business has been very good this spring, and we look forward to a busy summer!

### 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

### 2025 VOLUNTEER HOURS

|                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Margot Anello     | 532.75          |
| Wanita Blanchard  | 359.25          |
| Debbie Boyce      | 319.25          |
| Lynn Brigan       | 436.5           |
| Debbie Butler     | 123             |
| Linda Carter      | 170             |
| Joan Charboneau   | 29.5            |
| Judy Forgette     | 144.5           |
| June Frazier      | 69.5            |
| Susan Guido       | 76.75           |
| Roxanne Keith     | 220.75          |
| Angela Krueger    | 32.25           |
| Marsha LaPointe   | 213.75          |
| Betty Lou Messier | 544             |
| Terri Murphy      | 57.75           |
| Betty Rettig      | 446.5           |
| Leona Simpson     | 429.25          |
| Sandy Sprague     | 318             |
| Jeanne Thatcher   | 341.5           |
| Pam Thorne        | 447.25          |
| Sandra Trepanier  | 296.25          |
| Ann Westervelt    | 57              |
| Judy Woodard      | 22.75           |
| Denise Woolsey    | 141             |
| Jeannine Wright   | 446.25          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>6,275.25</b> |

## Thrift Shop Volunteers

Saturday (9-2pm)

|    |                           |
|----|---------------------------|
| 6  | Pam, Jeannine, Margot     |
| 13 | Wanita, Sandy S., Roxanne |
| 20 | Madison, Jeanne           |
| 27 | June, Sandra T.           |

*Volunteers were celebrated on May 30 in the Fellowship Hall.*

*James Beatty returned to prepare a fabulous luncheon! (Even with a fab chef, you know some volunteers contributed!)*

*Thank you, everyone!*

# The Ticonderoga Food Pantry

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

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

## Community Dinner Sweet & Sour Chicken With Rice

### Sides & Desserts

If you have a food allergy,  
please notify us.



In the FUMC garden, April 26



At the bridge, May 25

## Medical Supplies to Borrow from FUMC

FUMC has an array of items to help people getting out of hospitals, rehab, or simply needing a boost. Many items are donated, and loans are frequently made. In the Medical barn, there are walkers, crutches, commodes, more crutches, braces, elevated seats, reaching devices, baskets for walkers, even more crutches, and so on.

When I went to get my friend Ken from Kentucky, I traveled with canes, a walker, a wheelchair, a commode, a bed rail. . . Anything that might possibly make cross country travel easier. We stayed in motels with handicapped access, but not all access is sufficient. At one point in recent weeks, I had a walker for Ken to use to get from my car to my steps, and another for him to grab at the top of the steps on my porch. It was HUGELY helpful.

Ken spends time at FUMC while I'm at work. He has gained strength by walking around the Sanctuary, doing step exercises in the lounge, and navigating the kitchen to fix his own lunch.

I have returned many items already, as Ken gets stronger. He no longer uses the wheelchair! He recently managed to walk across the Crown Point Bridge! Being able to sit on the walker seat a few times made it possible. He has far to go, but we are both deeply appreciative of the generosity and encouragement of everyone here.

Thank you for making room for supplies and people needing healing. It is a splendid form of mission and outreach that has helped many people, and now me and my friend.

--Bridget

| Sunday   | Monday                | Tuesday            | Wednesday                                  | Thursday                   | Friday  | Saturday  |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------|--|----------------------------|---|---|
|  | 1                     | 2                  | 3  | 4<br>10:00 Worship Meeting | 5<br>8:00 Men's & Women's Prayer Breakfasts in Silver Bay | 6<br>9-2 Thrift Shop                              |
| 7<br>9:00 Worship, Communion<br>4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner | 8<br>5:00 Book Club   | 9<br>6:30 Trustees | 10<br>Sexton Appreciation Day and Birthday | 11                         | 12  | 13<br>9-2 Thrift Shop<br>Pastor Scott's Birthday! |
| 14<br>9:00 Worship, Communion                                  | 15<br>6:30 Ad Council | 16                 | 17   | 18                         | 19  | 20<br>9-2 Thrift Shop                             |
| 21<br>9:00 Worship, Communion Fellowship Coffee                | 22                    | 23                 | 24   | 25                         | 26  | 27<br>9-2 Thrift Shop                             |
| 28<br>9:00 Worship, Communion                                  | 29                    | 30                 | 31   | <h1>June</h1>              |   |   |

*Gardening at the First United Methodist Church*

**New Member Classes:**

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

Watch the colors shift as new blooms arrive.  
Bring a lunch or book or both, and enjoy the view of the Lord Howe Valley!  
Weeding welcome.