



First United Methodist Church

Summer, 2026

From the Pastor's Pen

As I write it is the first full day of summer and our gardens and yards have exploded with growth and vitality. The front and memorial gardens at the church are in wonderful bloom with the guiding hands of our amazing volunteers.

This is a wonderful season for our faith to bloom as we make the time to be intentional in our relationship with God. Start with gratitude, giving thanks for all that delights our senses each day. The beauty we see, the scents that inspire us, the tastes that delight our palate, the delicate touch of a flower blossom, the sounds that draw us into peace and connection with all of God's wonderful creation.

Gratitude leads us to love and the joy of sharing. Jesus teaches us to savor the simple and share his love and grace with all people. May this summer lead to new vitality in your faith!

Thank you for the wonderful birthday cards and the gift!

Here is a pastel painting that I created in 2019 of the view of the Lord Howe Valley from the Memorial Garden near sunset.

Peace, Love, and Blessings,

Pastor Scott Tyler



July & August, 2026



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Now That's A Bright Idea

We had our quarterly meeting on Tuesday, June 9th at 6:30. We planned projects for the summer that we can do with the funds available.

Chris Manning has finished the replacement of the walls and windows in the lower level. We hope that he will continue various other projects this summer. The replacement of one of the doors on the lower level, painting all the doors on the lower level, replacing the ceiling in one of the rooms on the lower level that was damaged by the flood in the kitchen and the updating of the men's bathrooms on both floors to comply with current New York state laws.

Darren Patnode has cleaned the AC units. He will repair the Community Garden water and the outside spigots sometime this summer. The unit in the main Thrift Shop room needs additional repair that the Thrift Shop will handle directly.

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.

Donnie and I cleaned the roadside sign the other day. We looked into replacing the existing sign with an LED sign but even with the promise of a large donation, the price would be out of reach at the current time.

I am sad to report that the white birch tree at the end of fellowship hall is in danger of falling on the church and will have to be removed as soon as possible.

The fence post at the corner of the driveway will be fixed. Several of the posts are rotted.

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

Summer is here!

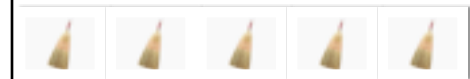
A time of family and friends, trips, beaches, and fireworks.

As busy as families are, things here at TFUMC slow down a little.

Committees take the summer off, attendance on Sundays is always a little down.

Sexton-wise, it's business as usual, maybe even a little busier. I have some plans to clean screens, the medical equipment barn is due for a major reorganization, and once the Kitchen Committee is done with their cleaning project, I will strip the floor of grease and grime. A few of the things I hope to get accomplished. My mental to-do list keeps growing, as well.

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



Donnie.

Sexton extraordinaire.

Book Club

READ
all summer!!!!

Family Corner

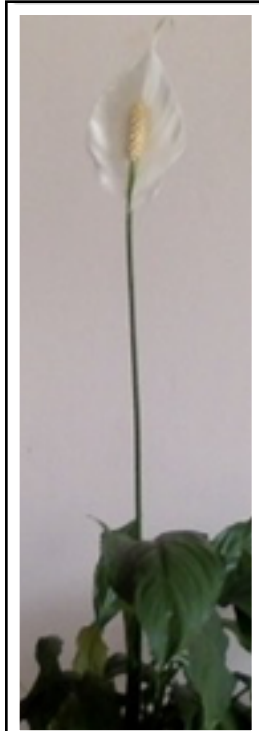
Happy Birthday

July

Zane Odom July 4
 Betty Jacques July 9
 Barb Stowell July 9
 Hazel Flack July 10
 Brianna Morse July 15
 Sophia Quesnel July 16
 Mike Forand July 17
 Fred Viault July 18
 Skip Flack July 19
 Victoria Sawyer July 21
 Sandra Trepanier July 24
 Xann Tyler July 28
 Stevie Montville July 30
 Claire Bartlett July 31
 Keith Jackson July 31

August

Hilda Stacy-Forand August 2
 Sue Fahey August 6
 Walter Thorne August 6
 Angie Spaulding August 8
 Raymond Ellor August 11
 Albert Thompson August 14
 Glen Greenough August 17
 Agatha Mace August 21
 Lori Fox August 23
 Evelyn Shuart August 23
 Jo Wray August 31



Peace

Happy Anniversary

Buf & Donna Frasier July 6, 2013
 Zane & Jane Odom July 17, 1970
 Dave & Hazel Flack July 29

 Mr. & Mrs. Scott Montville August 11
 Joe & Deb Michela August 18, 1984

Sunday Volunteers

July	Flowers	Readers
5		Donnie Norton
12		Bill Westervelt
19		Sandra Trepanier
26		Jeanne Thatcher
August	Flowers	Readers
2		Ann Westervelt
9		Sue Fahey
16	Ann & Bill	Donnie Norton
23		Bill Westervelt
30		Bob Bartlett

Free Community Dinner

July will have NO dinner

August 2 at 4:30

Pulled Pork, Cole slaw, sides & Desserts

If you have a food allergy, please notify us.

Thanks!

July 4, 2026
 Happy Birthday,
 America: 250 Years

Thrift Shop News

Summer is here!

We have swim suits, shorts, capris, blouses, dresses, and other items for sale. We also have many treasures to help you enjoy the season. We are often intrigued by the unique items that find their way into the shop. Come in and check us out!

We are hearing many favorable comments from customers about the quality of our items, and how nice the shop looks. Our volunteers work hard to keep it stocked and looking good, and it pleases us that our customers are noticing. If you want to be part of the action, let us know! Volunteers are welcome.

We have put some of the spring clothing on sale to make space for summer items. Watch for more sales in August, after which fall items will begin to go out.

Have a wonderful 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

Bag Sale!

Saturday, July 25

Children's Clothing: \$1.50 per bag

Adult Clothing: \$3.00 per bag

Bags will be provided.

Watch for August Sales!!!

Thrift Shop Volunteers

Saturday (9-2pm)

July 4	CLOSED
11	Jeanne, Wanita, Roxanne
18	Pam, Jeannine, Margot
25	BAG SALE: June, ???
August 1	?
8	Wanita
15	?
22	?
29	June

The Ticonderoga Food Pantry

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

Hours of operation:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday:
11am-Noon.

We are in need of "call in" volunteers. That is someone we can call when our regular folks are unable to make it.

Garden surpluses are ALWAYS welcome!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>July</h1>			1	2 10:00 Worship Meeting	3	4 July 4 th Thrift Shop CLOSED
5 9:00 Worship, Communion	6	7	8	9	10	11 9-2 Thrift Shop
12 9:00 Worship, Communion	13	14	15	16	17	18 9-2 Thrift Shop 9-1 Christmas in July
19 9:00 Worship, Communion	20	21	22	23	24	25 9-2 Thrift Shop BAG SALE!
26 9:00 Worship, Communion John Wesley's Birthday	27	28	29	30	31	

Saturday, July 18

Christmas in July!

There will be festive holiday decorations, lights, trees, and more!
Donations welcome prior to event:
Contact the office to be sure you can get in. 518-585-7995

Thank you!

Lynn Sawyer- Chairperson

Gardening at the First United Methodist Church

The gardens are looking wonderful!

As the Community Garden (and any at home) start producing, if you have a bumper crop, the Food Pantry welcomes fresh donations.



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<h1>August</h1>						1 9-2 Thrift Shop
2 9:00 Worship, Communion 4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner	3	4	5	6 10:00 Worship Meeting	7	8 9-2 Thrift Shop
9 9:00 Worship, Communion	10	11	12	13	14	15 9-2 Thrift Shop
16 9:00 Worship, Communion Fellowship Coffee by Bill & Ann	17	18	19	20	21	22 9-2 Thrift Shop
23 9:00 Worship, Communion	24	25	26	27	28	29 9-2 Thrift Shop
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New Member Classes:

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