

First United Methodist Church September, 2026



Dear Friends,

I hope and pray that your summer has overflowed with an abundance of God's grace and blessings. In my last pastor's pen I had encouraged you to be intentional with your relationship with God and to savor each day giving thanks for the beauty all around us, keep up the practice!

Now we are at the end of summer where we honor and celebrate our labors as we transition into September and all the renewed activities of Fall. Our next Bible Study *The Heart of the Psalms* begins on Wednesday September 16th, 1-2 pm in the lounge. The books have already arrived, I love the image of Vincent van Gogh's painting *The Starry Night* on the cover.

The Community Dinner is Sunday the 13th. The Champlain Valley Chorale starts anew on Tuesday the 15th at 7pm. Dianna Donat will share her musical gifts with us on Sunday 27th.

Our new District Superintendent, Rev. Anna Blinn Cole, will be formally installed on Sunday 27th at 3:00pm at Saratoga Springs UMC. I will be attending and Donnie will be carpooling with me, there is space for two more who wish to attend.

Despite the busyness of the Fall be intentional about spending time with God each day!

Peace, Love, and Blessings,
Pastor Scott Tyler



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Now That's A Bright Idea

We will have our quarterly meeting on Sept. 14th at 6:30.

Projects contracted but not started include replacement of one of the outside doors downstairs, replacement of part of the ceiling in the Thrift Shop break-room, and the updating of the men's bathrooms. We hope that these will start soon.

Bill Gourley has replaced the fence at the corner of the parking lot. Looks great. Thanks Bill

We are now looking for an electrician. The parking lot lights still need to be installed and the last two of the circuit breaker boxes that require changing. I can't seem to get anyone as they are all very busy.

We will also be looking at the two locations where this summer we lost our white birch trees. Do we want to replace one or both of the locations with a new tree or maybe a bush? It's up for discussion.

After reviewing a proposal by the company that manufactured our road sign to upgrade to an LED electric sign, the lack of the proper electrical feed to the sign's location plus cost nixed this idea for the present.

The trust fund that the Delano's gave the church some years ago has done very well this past year. I hope we can continue to use this money wisely. During the 15 plus years of this trust, we have completed over 45 projects for the church and over 10 for the parsonage. Don't believe me? I have a list! You are welcome at any time to contact me, and I will be glad to show the list and how and with whom the Church's money is invested.

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

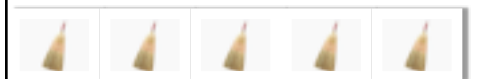
September is here!

Where did the summer go?

With autumn approaching, (I think I have said already this is my favorite season), things here at TFUMC start kicking into gear again. Committees that take the summer off will be starting again, our next Bible Study kicks off on September 16th at 1:00pm in the Lounge, Champlain Valley Chorale will start rehearsals, just to name a few.

A lot of my summer projects have turned into fall projects! It was a busy summer up here, and things kind of got away from me! I will have enough to do to keep me busy. I am coming up with new projects on my mental to do list as well! Before we know it, Bill and I will be breaking out the snow blower and the sidewalk salt! BOO!!

If you see a project or a problem that requires my attention, please let me know.



Donnie.

Sexton extraordinaire.

Happy Birthday

Yarr Tyler	September 3
Bill Wright	September 6
Joan Viault	September 11
Megan Moser	September 13
Joe Liddell	September 15
Nate Norton	September 16
Julie Hurlburt	September 17
Lynn Sawyer	September 22
Margaret Beuerlein	September 22
Bobbie Blaise	September 27

September 7
Labor Day
Church offices will be
closed

Sunday Volunteers

Sept.	Flowers	Readers
6		Donnie Norton
13		Sandra Trapanier
20		Bob Bartlett
27		Bill Westervelt

Family Corner

Happy Anniversary

Joe and Kathy Liddell September 16
Shaundra & Adam Yaw September 24

Free Community Dinner

September 13 4:30-6pm

Pork Loin, sides, desserts

If you have a food allergy,
please notify us



I created this painting while on a FaceTime call with Xann on his birthday as he also created a painting from the same photo.

-- Pastor Scott

Thrift Shop News

It has been a very busy summer at the Thrift Shop. Sales have been excellent, donations have been plentiful, and our volunteers have been very busy sorting, cleaning, and stocking new items each week, as well as helping our many customers on open days. Two successful bag sales helped make room for the next season.

The shop is getting ready for fall! Long sleeves and fall colors are going out on the racks and shelves. Fall decor items abound. Stop in and see what we have- you never know what you might find!

We couldn't be successful without the help of our dedicated volunteers, and we are so grateful for them. We are in need of volunteers on Saturdays. If you are looking for something to do, and interested in helping out, talk with any of our volunteers. The world is a better place with the Thrift Shop Volunteers at work!

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

Watch for specials and
Big Deals in the bulletins
and on Facebook.

Thrift Shop Volunteers

Saturday (9-2pm)

5	Closed for Labor Day
12	Pam, Jeannine, Deb B.
19	Wanita, Roxanne, Margot
26	Judy, June, Jeanne, Sandra

Champlain Valley Chorale Resumes!

September 15 7-9

in Fellowship Hall

Join us and lift your voice in song, not
just in the shower.

The Chorale welcomes interested
singers for all sections.

For more information,
call Gil Engler, president,
at 518-585-6161.

Book Club

DEAR
Drop Everything
And Read

The Ticonderoga Food Pantry

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

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

Thank you gardeners!
Donations of fresh produce
are greatly appreciated.

Coming Soon:

October 3
Blessing of the Animals
10:00 on the front circle

October 3
Steps for Hope Walk Fundraiser

October 4
World Communion Sunday
Free Community Dinner

October 25
Reformation Sunday

Mission Match Day for UMCOR

Fellowship Coffee on September 27
Presented by the mission committee.
You are invited to contribute to the
domestic disaster responses of
UMCOR, the United Methodist
Committee on Relief.

Make your donation double!
The mission committee will match up to
\$500 in donations.

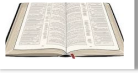
Our country has seen many storms,
floods, and fires this past year. One
hundred percent of our money will go to
domestic disaster response.

Can't attend coffee hour?
Drop your contribution in the
collection plate or church office with a
note that it is for
UMCOR Mission Match Sunday.

Gardening at the First United Methodist Church

Thank you for all who volunteer to
pull weeds, plant flowers, and keep
the gardens tidy and welcoming.

All are welcome to stop and visit,
bring a book or bag lunch, and
enjoy the view of the valley.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 5:30 Book Club ???	3	4	5 9-2 Thrift Shop
6 9:00 Worship, Communion	7 Labor Day	8 Sexton Appreciation Day	9	10	11	12 9-2 Thrift Shop
13 9:00 Worship, Communion 4:30-6pm Free Community Dinner	14 6:30 Trustees	15 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale resumes	16 1:00 Bible Study 	17	18	19 9-2 Thrift Shop
20 9:00 Worship, Communion	21 6:30 Ad Council	22 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	23 1:00 Bible Study 	24 Sexton Appreciation Day	25	26 9-2 Thrift Shop
27 9:00 Worship, Communion Fellowship Coffee by Mission Committee	28	29 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	30 1:00 Bible Study 	September		

New Member Classes:

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