First United Methodist Church

November, 2026



From the Pastor, from the road. . .

I traveled to Hendersonville, NC to be with my Dad but he surprised Hospice and me by dying while I was driving. The staff of his nursing home lovingly cared for him and I was able to say goodbye, pray, and sing "Amazing Grace." I am grateful for all of you for your prayers and support over the last five years so I could be with my parents as they transitioned from this life to their new life in God's embrace. Dad's service will be on Wednesday November 18th.

On Sunday November 1, we will be giving thanks for all the Saints who have gone before us. Then on Tuesday the 3rd we will vote and enjoy the Election Day Dinner that Bill and a great multitude of you have lovingly cooked.

On Saturday the 7th we will have our Church Charge Conference at the Peru Community Church. The following Saturday the 14th we will be hosting a Gospel Choir concert at 3:00 PM for the Festival Guild. Then on the 21st our annual Christmas Fair will happen 9-1. Thursday the 26th is Thanksgiving Day!

November is the traditional month for giving thanks. My hope and prayer is that we celebrate every day God's love and grace poured into our lives!

Peace, Love, and Blessings,
Pastor Scott Tyler





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Now That's A Bright Idea

Colder weather means different work for the Trustees and for Donnie. By the time you read this the Election Day Dinner will be upon us or over. Then we can start getting ready for the four letter word. (SNOW). Bring the snow blower out, put the snow stakes out and find the snow shovel.

I wish I could tell you all that projects are moving along, but I have not heard from the electrician on the two projects we contracted for. I also have not heard anything about the new doors for the "men's" rooms. Hopefully both projects will be at least started this year.

We contacted the company that sealed and lined our driveway eight years ago, (yes it's been eight years) and requested that the large cracks that have developed in the circle be filled before winter. He had an opening and offered to reseal and line the drive for the same price as eight years ago. Such a deal couldn't be passed up. Unexpected but really needed.

Our investments are still doing well. We have planned for all projects this year and are looking to next year. Heating oil will take a much larger piece of the budget than expected. July's fill was $4.50 a gal. and the last fill up was $5.90 a gal. Oil this heating season will be well over $30,000.00. More sweaters……

We will have our final Trustees meeting in December. We will be looking at next year's budget and seeing what projects need doing.

As always if you see something that needs attention, contact myself, Donnie or Pastor Scott and we'll "get er done" or at least put it on the list.

Bill Westervelt, Chair

From the Sexton's Broom

As we go to press for November, a lot is going on here at TFUMC. Turkeys are being cooked, the aroma is EVERYWHERE, for the Election Day Dinner on November 3rd. Get out and vote, and come for dinner afterwards! Champlain Valley Chorale continues to rehearse, the Christmas Fair looms on November 12th, the week before, on November 14, the Ti Festival Guild is hosting a Gospel Choir Concert at 3:000pm in the Sanctuary.

Cleaning and maintenance-wise, the cleaning of the screens has begun, the kitchen floor will be given a good cleaning after the Election Day Dinner, and soon, Bill and I will be breaking out the snow-blower and putting the driveway stakes in the ground for the plow drivers.

We had an infestation of hornets in the space under the Fellowship Hall patio, the BugBeGone man took care of them.

Winter is coming, two quote The Game of Thrones!. Soon it will be ice, snow, salt getting tracked in, ALL that fun stuff! As always, if you see anything that requires my attention, please let me know.
Donnie, The Sexton

Thankful for my family, my church family, my health, my time in the US Navy & our men & women if the armed forces.
- Donnie

Family Corner

Happy Birthday

Betty Rettig	November 2
Marc Cooper	November 11
Beth Hanley	November 18
Olivia Powers	November 19
Judy Woodard	November 22
Deb Endsley	November 28

Happy Anniversary

Joe & Lynn Sawyer	November 11
Bill & Ann Westervelt	November 20
Carl & Jeanne Thatcher	November 26

November 1 All Saints' Sunday
Clocks fall back one hour!
November 7 Church Charge Conference (Peru)
November 14 Gospel Choir Concert
November 21 Church Fair
November 26 Thanksgiving Day

Memorials

Jeannette Newell Meehan
June 2, 1942- January 1, 2026

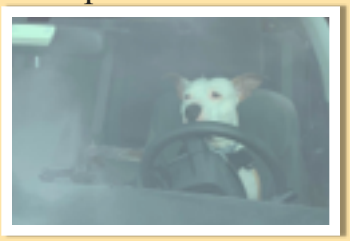
Edgar Moore
December 15, 1935 -June 2026

Carol Barnwell
April 20, 1939-August 27, 2026

Evelyn Shuart
August 13, 1934- October 13, 2026

Richard Tyler
December 15, 1942- October 26, 2026

I am thankful for:
for our pets and their love.



I am thankful for my family and all the support they give me.
Sue Fahey

Book Club

November 4, at 5:00
At Sandy Sprague's house
The Yankee Sphinx
by Mark Frost

Sunday Volunteers

November	Flowers	Readers
1		Donnie Norton
8		Ann Westervelt
15		Bill Westervelt
22		Jeanne Thatcher
29	Advent	Sandy Trepanier

I am so thankful to have been part of this wonderful congregation & to Reverend Scott Tyler for being such an amazing minister.

I am thankful: For Family and Friends.

I am thankful for family members in remission from cancer. God is good!

Thrift Shop News

Fall has been a busy time at the Thrift Shop. Sales have been excellent, and our volunteers have been very busy sorting through myriad donations. Winter is just around the corner. We have sweaters, jackets and coats for sale. Hats, scarves and gloves will be out soon. If you don't find what you're looking for, please ask.

We are looking forward to the Christmas Fair on Nov. 15. All money collected that day is given to the Church. Remember to visit the shop that day!

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



Thank you to all of our volunteers, who make the shop successful! Thank you Walter and John Thorne for taking away cardboard and blue bags every week. Thank you Donnie for taking the trash out, and thank you Bridget for creating signs & forms, and placing orders.

I am thankful: for good health & good friends.

I am thankful to be in a place where I can help others.

Thrift Shop Volunteers

Saturday (9-2pm)	
7	Margot, Wanita, Sandy S., June
14	Joan C., Jeanne, Jeannine, Pam
21	FAIR! Roxanne, Madison, Wanita
28	CLOSED



November 14 at 3:00
the Ti Festival Guild is hosting
The Plattsburgh State Gospel Choir
in the Sanctuary

I am thankful for Your Son and the many years God gave me and all my friends.

I am thankful for:
The beautiful surroundings I get to see every day and most of all, my church family and Pastor Scott!

I am thankful for:
Friends, Family, & Health

I am thankful that God has blessed me and my family

I am thankful for the person who turned my wallet I lost at Walmart to the service desk. . and I thank God for all I have!

The Ticonderoga Food Pantry

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

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

I am thankful for:
Prompt medical help when needed.
I am VERY thankful for volunteers!!

Christmas Fair

November 21, 9-1:00 Luncheon (11-1)



Come see the amazing Silent Auction.
Indulge in the Bake Sale!
Get as start on Christmas shopping
Luncheon of Soups & Sandwiches.
Bring a friend!
Order your wreaths by Nov. 7.



Do you have gently used treasures that would make great gifts?
Leave Gifts Galore donations on stage any time. Silent Auction donations may be brought to the Lounge. Call to say you are on your way.

Community Dinner
Returns in December

Election Day Dinner

Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026

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1045 Wicker Street, Ticonderoga, New York



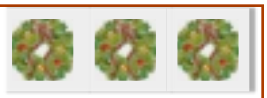
M E N U
Turkey / Dressing
Potatoes / Gravy
Vegetables
Rolls / Butter
Cranberry Sauce
Dessert

4:00 take out, 5:00 dine in
Adults $20.00/ Child $15.00

Many volunteers make this event successful. Please see the sign-up sheets in the main hall.

I am thankful for seeing my classmate who I went to school with through grade school, high school, & the same college. It was a wonderful surprise. Hopefully, we will stay in touch. Sandra T.

I am thankful for: my family, my church family, for sunny warm nice weather,
peace
friends,
My horses- Tank & Blue
my cats: Goldie & Smoky
my dog: Taco



Wreaths
Order by November 7 for Fair delivery
Without bow: $25.00
With bow $30.00

I am thankful:
For God's love, His answers to prayer, his constant walk beside His children.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints' Day 9:00 Worship, Communion Fellowship Clocks fall back!	2	3 Election Day Dinner!!! 4:00-take out 5:00- dine in 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	4 5:00 Book Club	5 10:00 Worship Meeting	6 8:00 Men's & Women's Prayer Breakfasts in Silver Bay	7 9-2 Thrift Shop  **Wreath orders due** Church Charge Conference- Peru
8 9:00 Worship, Communion	9	10 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	11	12	13	14 9-2 Thrift Shop 3:00 Gospel Choir
15 9:00 Worship, Communion Fellowship Coffee	16	17 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	18 Pastor Scott's father's memorial service	19	20	21 9-2 Thrift Shop 9-2 Church Fair
22 9:00 Worship, Communion SPPRC after service	23	24 7:00 Champlain Valley Chorale	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28 Thrift Shop Closed
29 9:00 Worship, Communion	30					

November



Gardening at the First United Methodist Church

The gardens are still beautiful as they shift from summer vibrancy to an autumn glow.



New Member Classes:

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

I am thankful for: My family & friends

I am thankful for my community.

I am thankful for Your Son and the many years God gave me and all my friends.

for Everything- In all circumstances, give thanks to God!

I am thankful for: Being able to afford to heat my home.