

The Federated Church of East Arlington



July 2019

Meditation, Meanderings and Musings from Pastor Kathy

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“We shall not cease from exploration, and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time.” - T.S. Elliot

The trips we take have the power to change us. To move from the known and familiar to a place that is new and different is to shift our thinking and our perspective. From a young age, travel helps us learn and appreciate difference and open our eyes to new experiences. As a child sitting in the back of our family station wagon and making the 10-12 hour trip to Ohio to visit my mom’s extended family, we would anticipate all of the things we would get to do and see there and the people we would connect with which was certainly welcome relief from the bickering over who would get to sit in the “way back,” facing backwards with its unique view of the New York State Thruway. School field trips were intended to expand our minds and make real those places and events we studied in classrooms like the Statue of Liberty and the United Nations.

The Bible is a huge cluster of travel stories. There are accounts of pilgrimages and exile. We hear of wanderings and flights from danger to safety. Some are by sea but most often by land. They all somehow include an encounter with God. This summer we will devote the Sundays of July and August to the theme, “Travelers have tales to tell,” which is an Irish proverb that can also be translated to say “Travel broadens the mind.” You are invited to contribute souvenirs of trips you’ve taken to add to the display in front of the altar table that will grow and change over the summer.

It would also be terrific to hear some of your travel stories. If you’re willing to share one please fill out the slip from the bulletin or this newsletter and get it back to me as soon as you are able. To give you a taste of this summer’s journey, here are the themes for each Sunday:

July 7
July 14
July 21
July 28

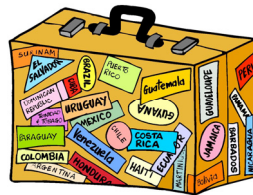
August 4
August 11
August 18

August 25

*Packing
Waiting
Souvenirs
Navigating/
Getting There
Borders
Communication
Practices, Rituals &
Customs
Unpacking*

As the lushness of summer unfolds all around us, may your journeys near and far bring you back to the warmth of God’s abiding presence.

Peace and blessings,
Kathy

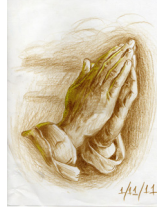


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Report of the Financial Secretary, Sandra Grover

2019 Congregational Giving Budgeted:	\$ 60,000.00
Congregational Giving Received 1/1-6/31	\$ 25,544.00
Building Use 1/1-6/31	\$ 2,818.65
Fundraising 1/1-6/31	\$ 245.50
Steeple Fund 1/1-6/28/31	\$ 23,246.00

Thank You!



Church attendance

	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>
6/2	23	0
6/9	31	1
6/16	Service at the Grange Pavilion	
6/23	30	0
6/30		

Please submit your articles for the August 2019 issue of the newsletter by **July 20th**. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation!



Our Church Council

Chair	Susan Congdon		
Treasurer	Alyson Grzyb		
Clerk	Tammy Lang		
Ex Officio	Pastor Kathy Clark		
Building & Grounds	Olavi Wirkki	1. Alyson Grzyb	2. Jeff McConnell
Education		1. Bernice Gaudette	2.
Finance	Brian Allen	1. Herb Taylor	2. Raebeth Hitchcock
Worship & Ministry	Ginny Wilkins	1. Linda McDevitt	2. Phyllis Warren
Missions & Outreach	Sandy Grover	1. Wendy Bahan	2. Gail Rice

July birthdays

- 6 – Selene Clark
Jen Rosenthal
- 8 – Fred Kerner
- 9 – Leslie Benjamin
- 11 –Bonnie Barnes
- 14 – Marcelo Barrios
- 19 – Dan Rosenthal
- 19 –Anna Bushee
- 30 –Ben Brumaghim
- 31 –John Thompson
John Frost



July anniversaries

- 23 – Lina & Raymond Grover



July Helping Hands

Lay Reader: Kiera Bushee

Council Member:

July 7:

Usher:

Communion Servers: Diane McConnell and Phyllis Warren

Greeter: Michelanne Sylvester

July 14:

Usher:

Greeter: Karen Underhill

July 21:

Usher:

Greeter: Ginny Wilkins

July 28

Greeter: Linda McDevitt

Altar:

Sunshine: Diane McConnell

Fellowship/Coffee Hour

July 7: Phyllis Warren

July 14:

July 21:

July 28:

Altar Flowers

July 7:

July 14:

July 21:

July 28:

**Southwest Association, UCC
Prays for their Churches**

Each week one of the churches in the Southwest Association, UCC, will be prayed for by the other churches in the association.

July 7: Federated Church of East Arlington

July 14: United Church of Dorset and East Rupert

July 21: Federated Church of East Arlington

July 28: First Congregational Church of Hubbardton

Lectionary Readings for July

July 7:

2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30

Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16

July 14:

Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82

Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

July 21:

Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52

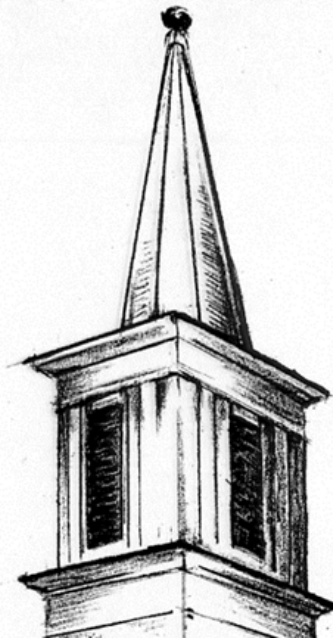
Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

July 28:

Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85

Colossians 2:6-15,(16-19); Luke 11:1-13

Save Our Steeple



The Federated Church of East Arlington is launching its first-ever capital drive. We're raising \$25,000 to repair and paint the church steeple. Everyone sees the steeple, so we're reaching out.

Our Vermont Greek Revival building is one of the oldest in town. The steeple project is long overdue. It'll look great when it is done and contribute to the ongoing spruce-up in East Arlington.

You'll hear more about this project. You can make a dedicated, tax deductible gift to the Steeple Fund, Federated Church of East Arlington, 102 Ice Pond Road, Arlington, VT 05250. We won't barrage you with future mail aside from a hearty thank you and God Bless You!

Brian Allen, Chair
Steeple Fund

*Thank
You*



THE BENTLEY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarship Committee, made up of Alyson Grzyb, Karen Underhill and Phyllis Warren, is happy to announce the recipients of this year's Bentley Family Scholarship Awards. A total of \$7500 has been awarded to local high school graduates Logan Younce, Shaana Staab, Juliana Gabriel, Tess Belnap, Kierstyn Hess, Alyssa Harrington, Daniel Rhodes, and Olivia Volovik, and to Lane Nolan, Katie Berger and Sofia Pedemonti who are post first year students continuing their educations. We wish them well with their studies!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Elisabeth von Trapp will be coming back to the Federated Church of East Arlington in September! Mark your calendars for Sunday September 29th at 4:00 where we will meet in the sanctuary to be wowed by her enchanting voice. Suggested donation of \$10 per person. Elisabeth will also be selling her CDs after the performance.



Guiding Eyes for the Blind

“Guiding Eyes for the Blind” puppies with their program volunteers will give a presentation on August 5, 2019 at the Battenkill Grange #487 Pavilion at 6:00 p.m. The puppies are between 12 to 18 months old and the volunteers will talk about how to interact helpfully with the pups while they are experiencing the sights and sounds of our community. “Guiding Eyes for the Blind” works to enrich the lives of the blind and visually impaired by providing them with superbly bred and expertly trained guide dogs.

Bring a lawn chair and enjoy a free Stewart’s ice cream sundae.



ADVENTURES IN READING

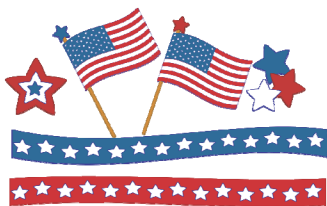


Sixteen Readers have completed our Reading year of 2018 to 2019. Suggested books totaled 54; and 47 or 87% of the total were read by at least one Reader - - - but a number of books were read by several Readers. Discussions about books read as the year progressed certainly drew more Readers to those books.

Our 2019-2020 year should begin in July. Many thanks to those Readers who made suggestions for our choices to read during the coming year. Nancy Schoerke puts all the suggested books into our new listings with Phyllis Warren's work to also list where the books can be located in the Martha Canfield Library; we're moving along. READERS—expect a luncheon get-together again this year. You will be informed of the date. And, thank you for reading with us.

Janet S. Wilson

Coordinator



Dream Big
READ!

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Prayer Shawl Ministry

Saturday, July 15, 2019

11:30 a.m. Bailey Hall

Bring your lunch,

Coffee and Tea provided

Bring your knitting, crocheting or
handiwork.

Questions?

Speak with Raebeth Hitchcock

375-9294



Summer Bible Study

Fridays at 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. at
Chauncey's

July 12 - August 23 (no Bible
Study on August 9)

Bring your favorite Bible and join
in the conversation about the
passages that form the basis for
this summer's sermon series,
"Travelers have tales to tell."

No prior experience or knowledge
is needed, only curiosity.

July 2019



Southwest Association
within the Vermont Conference of the UCC
Local Mission Work Week
July 22-26, 2019



The Witness and Mission Committee invites the congregations of the Southwest Association to join in a Local Mission Work Week this summer.

During the LOCAL MISSION WEEK,

July 22-26, congregations will be encouraged to:

- Plan a hands-on mission opportunity within your local community for some time during that week. It could be a one day project or some thing more involved.
- Join with other congregations throughout the SWA to work jointly on a project. The Witness and Mission Committee will identify projects that congregations will be able to advertise and join with others in doing.

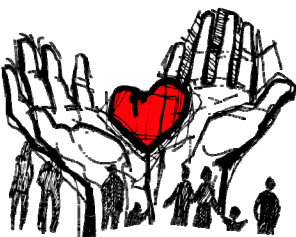
Watch for more information!

- We hope to have a work project and possible potluck supper at Smokey House in Danby at some point during the week.

We would love to have events going on throughout the week of July 22-26 in all areas of the Southwest Association! Let us know if your church is willing to organize an event so we can get the word out association-wide this summer!

Contact Jane LoBrutto jane@dorsetchurch.org

or call 802-867-2260 to let her know your plans!





**Sign up any week right at the market (ages 5-11)!
Special activities happen each Friday in August!**

FUN AND FREE MEET LOCAL

FARMERS

A NEW ACTIVITY EVERY WEEK TRY

NEW FOODS

COMPLETE THE TWO BITE CHALLENGE EARN

POP CLUB BUCKS

PICK OUT/TAKE HOME FRESH PRODUCE

Arlington Village Farmers Market



Every Friday 4-7 PM

June 21-Sept. 6

At the Arlington Inn

Junction of Rte. 7A and Rte. 313

POP Club is made possible with donations from the employees of Battenkill Valley Health Center and the employees of Arlington Memorial High School and Fisher Elementary School, with support from the Arlington Area Renewal Project. Follow us

The Federated Church has a table on the following dates:

July 12

July 26

August 9

August 23

September 6

Quilt Raffle to benefit Missions

\$1 each/ 6/\$5

Cold drinks

Baked goods

Children's activities

Please sign up to help.

"We, the members of the Federated Church of East Arlington, declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming and Reconciling congregation. With God's help, we include all persons in our fellowship, embracing and celebrating differences of gender identity, marital status, age, mental and physical ability, and sexual orientation, as well as racial, ethnic and socio-economic background. We welcome into our community everyone who seeks to share in the work and worship of the church of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."



Contact Sandy Grover: sandragrover@gmail.com; 375-4982; church office 375-2548 or church email federatedchurch05250@gmail.com

Bring your own cup or mug

There is a tray on the pass through counter in the kitchen.

You are welcome to bring your own coffee cup or mug to use each Sunday at Fellowship/Coffee time and it will be placed on the tray after being washed.

CLIPBOARDS NEED NAMES

- Choir Ushers Communion Servers
- Fellowship/Coffee Hour Altar
- Sunshine Flowers Nursery Assistants
- Sunday School Teachers and Helpers
- Special times of need: dinners, etc.

We are a family, we love each other,
we need each other,
we are loved by God.



Arlington Area Food Shelf

2019

Total to date: 364 pounds



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

WEBSITE NEWS

federatedchurchofeastarlington.org

If you would like to add anything (pictures, articles) to the website or have suggestions, contact

Sue Wirkki, 375-9471 sue@wirkki.org

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FROM THE OFFICE

If you know of a prayer request to add or change in the bulletin, please let the office know by Thursday.

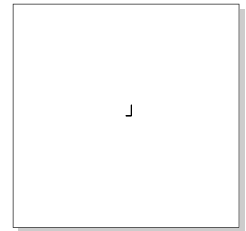
Thank you, Sandy



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The mission of The Federated Church of East Arlington is to welcome all, follow Jesus Christ together, and live God's Word with compassionate service.



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JULY DATES TO REMEMBER

Worship Services at 10:00am:

Sundays—July 7(Communion), 14, 21, 28

Fellowship/Coffee Time at 11:00am:

Sundays—July 7, 14, 21, 28

Bible Study at Chauncey's at 9:30am:

Fridays—July 12, 19, 26

Arlington Farmers Market 4-7:00pm

Fridays—July 5, 12, 19, 26

Prayer Shawl Ministry at 11:30am

Saturday, July 20

Local Mission Week

July 22-26

