

The Federated Church of East Arlington



September 2019

Meditation, Meanderings and Musings from Pastor Kathy

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"Look at how a single candle can both defy and define the darkness."

- Anne Frank

Things around here are looking up! Just this week the much anticipated (and desperately needed) painting of the steeple was completed and what a difference it makes in how we appear to the world. Just as with people whom we know who are so much more than their outward appearance, our church is definitely so much more than our buildings. But we also know that many more people see the outside of our buildings than the inside. As one of our neighbors just said to me as she was walking by the church this morning and we both looked up and admired the beautiful paint job and power washing (thank you Olavi!), the improved appearance says, "This church is alive and kicking!" When our gaze moved downward we also took in the beauty of our gardens that our next door neighbor Misty Hosley worked hard to rid of weeds and gave new life to the flowering plants and shrubs. And in this beautiful treasure that we call church there are small acts of love happening every day.

When we look to the news of the world it can sometimes seem difficult to see the light and life abundant that we know is present. With mass shootings and a burning Amazon rainforest it can be hard to wade through it all with any vestige of hope. Immigration and the opioid crisis can leave us full of frustration and wanting to throw in the towel and asking, "How will things change?" They will change because of small acts of kindness continuously offered. When we add your small bit to my small bit which is added to your pew mate's small bit and so on with each of us doing our part, we live out our faith. One example of this is that we face down the hard news of immigrants' suffering on our southern border with the UMCOR Hygiene Kits we've been gathering with some help from our friends and neighbors, including 36 kits from our sister UCC church in St. Johnsbury

which heard that we were doing this and wanted to help. We've also generated financial support for more kits from folks stopping by our table at the Arlington Village Farmers Market.

In the letter to the Hebrews we are encouraged by the words, "Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us." Perseverance, when we witness and hurt because of the pain and suffering of others, is ours to live into while not growing cynical or hopeless. To continue to follow paths of service coupled with prayer can be our means of healing small bits of the world.

Peace and blessings,

Kathy



Desmond Tutu, 21st century

"A person with ubuntu is open and available to others, affirming of others, does not feel threatened that others are able and good, for he or she has a proper self-assurance that comes from knowing that he or she belongs in a greater whole and is diminished when others are humiliated or diminished, when others are tortured or oppressed."

The Federated Church of East Arlington

Report of the Financial Secretary, Sandra Grover

2019 Congregational Giving Budgeted:	\$ 60,000.00
Congregational Giving Received 1/1-8/26	\$ 31,818.00
Building Use 1/1-8/26	\$ 2,965.65
Fundraising 1/1-8/26	\$ 245.50
Steeple Fund 1/1-8/26	\$ 25,343.00

Thank You!



Church attendance

	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>
8/4	34	0
8/11	28	0
8/18	29	0
8/25	23	0

What a wonderful generous community the Church has in East Arlington, Arlington, Sandgate, Sunderland and beyond. The Church steeple is absolutely beautiful and has a new look that is majestic. Thanks to the whole community. The railing going into Bailey hall is installed with a generous donation from Dale Hudson from Jamas Enterprises. Thanks to Olavi Wirkki and Jeff McConnell for installing it.

The Church is busy with many events. Looking forward to the children coming to Rally Day on Sunday September 8th followed by a church picnic for everyone. There will still be Farmers Market thru September 6th. We also have Elisabeth VanTrapp coming on September 29th to perform. There will be a dinner for the Library on October 6th.

Won't you thank the Church Council Chairs for their time that they commit to working for the Church?

Peace
Sue Congdon
Council Chair

Our Church Council

Chair	Susan Congdon		
Treasurer	Alyson Grzyb		
Clerk			
Ex Officio	Pastor Kathy Clark		
Building & Grounds	Olavi Wirkki	1. Alyson Grzyb	2. Jeff McConnell
Education	Tammy Lang	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

Please submit your articles for the October 2019 issue of the newsletter by
September 20th
Thank you for your anticipated cooperation!

September Birthdays

- 2 – Savannah Cross
- 4 – Sandy Grover
- 15 – William Cross
- 17 – Pastor Kathy Clark
- 21 – Hunter King
- 22 – Marie Davies
- 27 – Kaitlyn Daniels
Patti Cody
- 28 – Carole Finney
- 29 – Sherrill (Sue) Snow
- 30 – Jeff McConnell



September Anniversaries

- 1 – Diane and Jeff McConnell
- 10 – Linda & Andrew McKeever
- 24 – Kathy & John Frost



September Helping Hands

Lay Reader: Karen Underhill

Council Member: Olavi Wirkki

September 1:

Usher:

Communion Servers: Karen Underhill

Greeter: Michelanne Sylvester

September 8:

Usher: Janet and Ward Wilson

Greeter: Karen Underhill

September 15:

Usher: Diane McConnell

Greeter: Ginny Wilkins

September 22

Usher: Karen Underhill

Greeter: Linda McDevitt

September 29

Usher:

Greeter: Linda McDevitt

Altar:

Sunshine: Janet Wilson

Fellowship/Coffee Hour

- September 1:** Margaret Brown
- September 8:** Rally Day Church Picnic
- September 15:** Margaret Brown
- September 22:**
- September 29:**

Altar Flowers

- September 1:** Ginny Wilkins
- September 8:** Karen Underhill
- September 15:** Louise Smith/Tibbetts Family
- September 22:**
- September 29:** Linda McDevitt

**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.

- September 1:** First Congregational Church of Wallingford
- September 8:** United Church of West Rutland
- September 15:** Second Congregational Church—Bennington
- September 22:** United Church of Benson
- September 29:** Brandon Congregational Church

Lectionary Readings for September

- September 1:** Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalms 81:1,10-16
Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16; Luke 14:1,7-14
- September 8** Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalms 139:1-6,13-18
Philemon 1:1-21; Luke 14:25-33
- September 15** Jeremiah 4:11-12,22-28; Psalms 51:1-10
1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10
- September 22** Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalms 113
1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13
- September 29** Jeremiah 32:1-3a,6-15; Psalm 91:1-6,14-16
1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

Peace Concert



Choirs, soloists and instrumentalists from throughout Vermont will offer a concert promoting peace, unity and friendship throughout the world. A freewill offering will be accepted, and a reception will follow the concert.

September 22, at 4 pm
Grace Church Sanctuary

Hosted by the Southwest Association of the Vermont Conference of the United Church of Christ, and Grace Congregational Church, Rutland.

8 Court Street, Rutland, VT 05701 802.775.4301 www.gracechurchvt.org

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.



FYI DID YOU KNOW?

You can have groceries delivered to your home. You can get the app "instacart" and order online. Shaw's and Price Chopper in Manchester deliver to Arlington. Aldi's delivers to Bennington and Shaftsbury.

There is an annual fee after the initial free time.



ADVENTURES IN READING

We all had a good time at the luncheon. Here are the promised books omitted from your reading list locations.

GROUP I

Taylor, Barbara Brown. HOLY ENVY. The author, an Episcopal priest and former professor tackles the lessons she and her students gleaned when they explored other religions. She highlights those things which, as a Christian, she envies about other traditions.

GROUP III

Gordon, Mary. JOAN OF ARC. Read the facts of Joan's enduring myth.

GROUP IV

Rice, Luana. CLOUD 9. Full of family interactions; illness, dying and love.

Keene, Carolyn. THE SECRET OF THE OLD CLOCK. Nostalgic Nancy Drew read.

A few books on our list did not have locations listed (listed below)

Group I:

Willette, Maria. A SUMER IN THE COUNTRY. FIC Willett

GROUP II.

Mayer, Jack. BEFORE THE COURT OF HEAVEN. FIC Mayer

GROUP IV.

Dubus III, Andre. GONE SO LONG. Library

Gross, Andrew. SABOTEUR. FIC Gross

Keep reading.

Janet S. Wilson

Coordinator



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Saturday, September 21, 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



Annie Howard is at Bromley Manor now and her phone number is:

802-362-6494

(same last 4 digits as her old number)

We pray that God will continue to bless this ministry, its participants and the shawl recipients.



SpeakSooner[®] **Community Forum *Re-defining Quality of Life: Living Fully With Illness, Disability and Aging*, Saturday, September 7 from 6 to 8 PM at Arlington Memorial High School, Arlington, VT**

On Saturday, September 7 from 6– 8 pm the Bennington, VT-based Center for Communication in Medicine (CCM) will offer a *SpeakSooner*[®] community education forum, *Re-defining Quality of Life: Living Fully With Illness, Disability and Aging* at the MACK Performing Arts Center at Arlington Memorial High School in Arlington, VT. The program is free and open to the public.

The forum will explore the complicated issues surrounding quality of life concerns when facing the effects of illness, disabilities and aging. Panelists for the program include: patient Jim Baker, caregiver Kim Baker, family practice physician Dr. Michael Welther and Rev. Kathleen Clark. CCM founder Dr. Bernard Bandman will moderate the program. Attendees will receive a complimentary copy of the *Difficult Conversations Toolkit* and have the opportunity to ask questions of panelists. Refreshments will be served.

Healthcare decisions and quality of life considerations are making an impact across all sectors of society. For the past 20 years, CCM has developed hands-on tools and educational programs that help to promote open and honest communication between patients, family caregivers and healthcare professionals, resulting in better informed decisions about care, greater patient satisfaction and reduced healthcare costs.

To reserve a place please call CCM at 802-442-5800 or reserve online at <http://speaksoonerarlington.rsvpify.com>

Arlington Memorial High School's MACK Performing Arts Center is located at 529 E Arlington Rd, Arlington, VT 05250.

To learn more about CCM's *SpeakSooner*[®] programs and communication tools visit speaksooner.org



Register today for the 2019 3SquaresVT Statewide Outreach & Policy Conference!

WHEN & WHERE: Thursday, October 10th at Vermont Law School in South Royalton, Vermont.

WHY: 3SquaresVT, the largest federal nutrition program, provides benefits to an average of 70,000 Vermonters each month. This conference will offer an opportunity to gain a deeper knowledge of 3SquaresVT, enhance outreach skills, learn about recent and upcoming policy changes, network with colleagues from your region, and participate in focused discussions with seasoned advocates.

WHAT: Taking place from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Vermont Law School in South Royalton, the conference will offer various trainings, skills, and outreach strategies for new and seasoned advocates alike. *Stay tuned for the full agenda coming soon.* Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided.

WHO: You! A broad range of organizations and people are invited to attend including those from community action agencies, agencies on aging, food shelves, community meal sites, schools, health clinics and hospitals, senior centers, shelters, veterans

Neighbor to Neighbor Pie Auction

Here is some additional information about the Neighbor to Neighbor Pie Auction to be held, Sun, Oct. . 6, 2019 at BBA. We are still seeking some of you skillful pie bakers for our Second Annual Pie Auction

Our tickets are going on sale and pie bakers will be able to purchase a ticket for \$10 rather than the \$15 admission. There are pie dishes available at the Neighbor to Neighbor office for willing pie bakers. Please contact, Sandy Grover in Arl., Anne Ehret at First Cong., Lisa Bendik at Israel Cong. Connie Stewart at Christ Our Saviour, Dee Myrvang or Elizabeth Karet at Dorset or Rose Lewis at Zion or call Robin Galguera at N 2 N at 367-7787.

The Federated Church has a table on the last farmers market on **September 6**

Quilt Raffle to benefit Missions
\$1 each/ 6/\$5
drawing 9/6 at the farmers market

Baked goods

Collecting items for hygiene kits for children at the U.S.—Mexico border



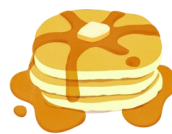
GRANGE BREAKFAST

Sunday, September 15, 2019

7:30—9:30 a.m.

The Federated Church of East Arlington
Bailey Hall

Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs,
sausage gravy, biscuits, home fries, juice, coffee, tea.



"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: 590 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

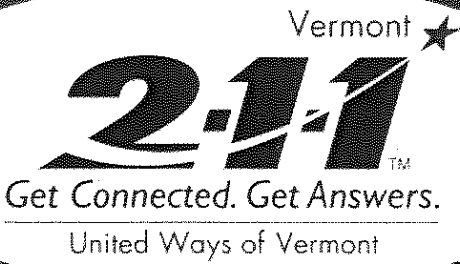
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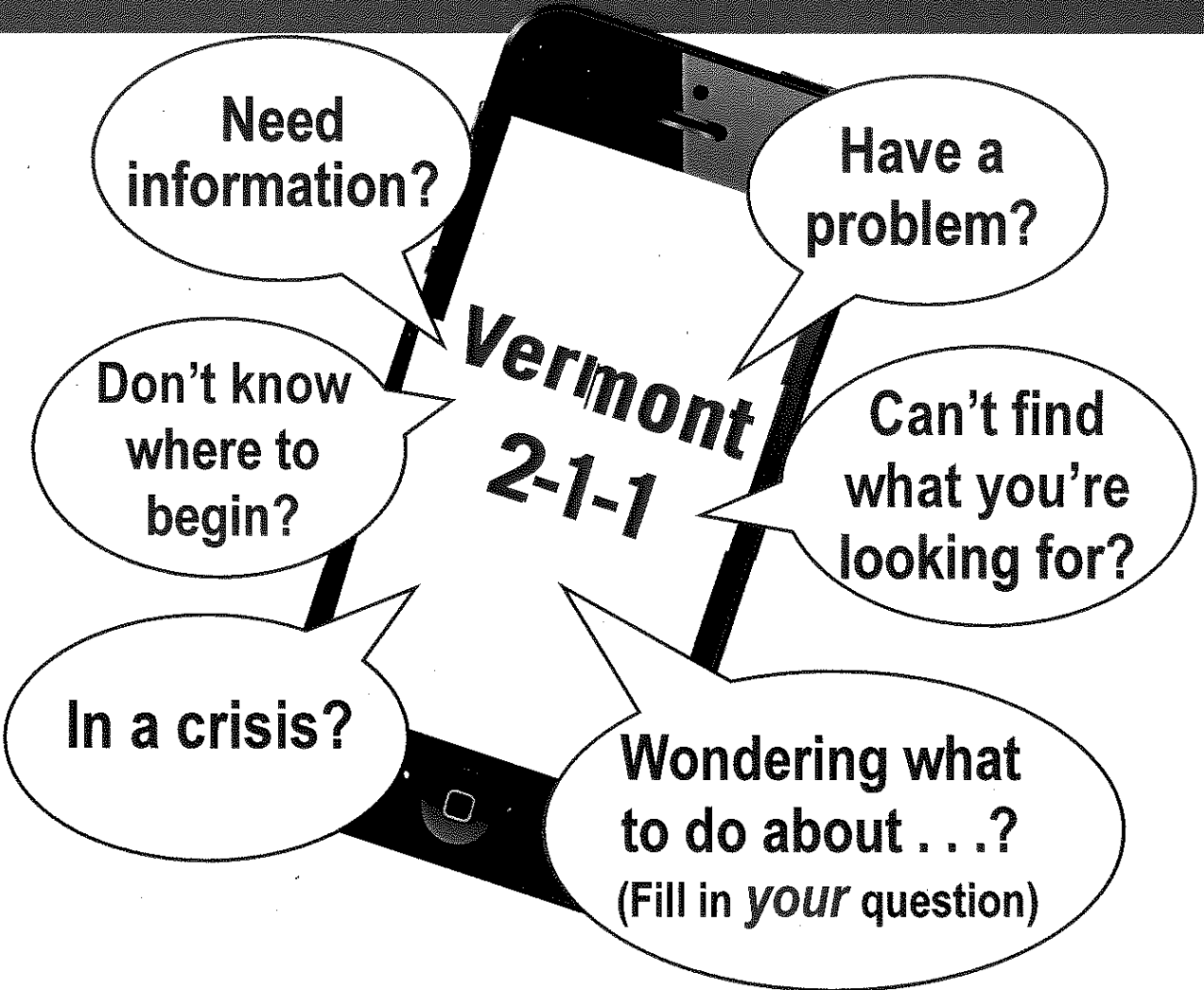
FROM THE OFFICE

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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Rally Sunday-September 8, 2019

Come hang with us and have an amazing 1st day of the Sunday School year!

We will be having registration beginning at 9am.

After Sunday School we will be having a **Rally Sunday and Church Family Picnic** with fun and games.

Please, join us and bring a side dish or dessert and your lawn chair. We will be having a fun time with our church family!

We have lots of fun in store for the Sunday School this year!

We also will be having Dinner Church on Thursday October 17th from 5:30 till 7pm. Doors will be open at 5pm. We will be serving dinner followed by family games and crafts. We hope you all can join us!

We are always looking for teachers and /or co teachers for Sunday School please let me know if you are interested.

Tammy Lang-Christian Education

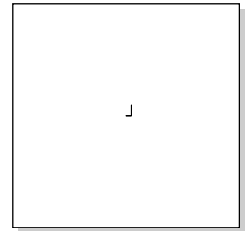




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The mission of The Federated Church of East Arlington is to welcome all, follow Jesus Christ together, and live God's Word with compassionate service.



September 2019

SEPTEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

Worship, 10am	9/1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Rally Day, beginning at 9:00am	9/8—Sunday School Registration
Sunday School, 10:00am	9/8, 15, 22, 29
Communion	9/1 during worship
Fellowship/Coffee, 11am	9/1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Rally Day & Church Picnic	9/8
FCEA at Farmers Market	9/6-4:00-7:00pm
Grange Breakfast	9/15—7:30-9:30am
Prayer Shawl, 11:30am	9/21
Senior Meals, 12 noon	9/3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26
Bone Builders, 11am	9/4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30
Speak Sooner, 6:00-8:00pm	9/7—Re-defining quality of life at MACK performing arts center
Peace Concert, 4 pm	9/22—Grace Church Rutland
Elisabeth VonTrapp Concert	9/29—4:00 pm

