

The Federated Church of East Arlington



November 2019

Meditation, Meanderings and Musings from Pastor Kathy

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"Gratitude begins in our hearts and then dovetails into behavior. It almost always makes you willing to be of service, which is where the joy resides. It means that you are willing to stop being such a jerk. When you are aware of all that has been given to you, in your lifetime and the past few days, it is hard not to be humbled, and pleased to give back." - Anne Lamott

My mind is returning to a time when giving thanks was the last thing I was thinking about. With the weather turning cold, the bright colors that were particularly vivid during this foliage season that are now but a memory and the ending of Daylight Saving Time almost upon us with the longer stretches of darkness looming, my head goes back to the fall of 1990. I had started a PhD program at Gallaudet and was living and working on the George Washington University campus in the center of Washington, D.C. and I quickly discovered that I was miserable and the passion I would need for the following five years of the work necessary for the degree was missing. I ultimately made the decision to finish the semester and look for a job but not without first experiencing many sleepless nights and shedding more than a few tears. I turned to Fr. Bob who was the priest at the GW Newman Center. He listened carefully and asked me to consider the gifts I had received during this experience. At first, I was dumbfounded. Here I was pouring out my heart and feeling like a failure and he was searching for gratitude. It took some time but I soon realized that if I was going to move on I needed a change in both attitude and behavior. I came to see that there were so many people who had my back and wanted me to land on my feet. I came to treasure the family I would now get to live closer to than I had in 14 years. I arrived at a place filled with gratitude, even amid the fear and worry and plan-making.

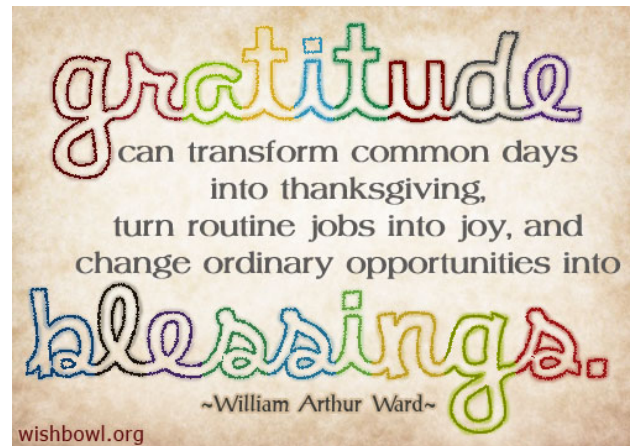
Thanksgiving, that special day set apart, is arriving on the last possible day it can, giving us almost the entire month of November to

bask in its glow. To live a grateful life doesn't take away the lousy and unfair and painful parts of life. Instead, it strengthens us for the hard work of living. It opens us to the idea that none of us does this living thing alone and for we, as lovers of God and followers of Jesus, it heightens our knowledge that there is so much of life to lean into, so many others with whom we are journeying and the promise of becoming that marks each day. For whom or what will you be filled with thanksgiving that it has the power to affect not just your mindset but is translated into action? May your gratitude journey continue and your Thanksgiving Day be blessed with a sense of abundance.

Peace and blessings,

Kathy

Please join with friends and neighbors from throughout the area for the annual Thanksgiving Service sponsored by the Interfaith Council of the Northshire on Tuesday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m. at First Congregational Church, Manchester. Please contact the office if you need a ride.



The Federated Church of East Arlington

Report of the Financial Secretary, Sandra Grover

2019 Congregational Giving Budgeted:	\$ 60,000.00
Congregational Giving Received 1/1-10/28	\$39,039.25
Building Use 1/1-10/28	\$ 3,304.65
Fundraising 1/1-10/28	\$ 842.20

Thank You!



Church attendance

	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>
10/6	36	2
10/13	40	9
10/15	35	4
10/22	28	4

Federated Church Council

We have been blessed to have such a wonderful fall. The trees have come alive and colorful for the longest time. I hope all of you have enjoyed them. The gardens have been put to bed and we had volunteer students for community service day help us clean up the Church grounds.

The first Dinner Church was a great success. The next one is November 21, 5:30-7:00pm.

On Tuesday, November 19th @ 5:30 pm Berkshire Bank will do a presentation of our investments in Bailey Hall. This is the time to ask questions. If you are not able to come but have questions, please call me and I will ask your questions 802-442-9574.

Peace be with you

Sincerely

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 December 2019 issue of the newsletter by

November 20th

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation!



November birthdays

16 – Cheryl Hess

18 – Ezra Barrios



November anniversaries

16 – John & Cheryl Hess



November Helping Hands

Lay Reader: Alyson Grzyb

Council Member: Ginny Wilkins

November 3:

Usher: Kathy Frost

Communion Servers: Diane McConnell, Sue & Olavi Wirkki

Sunday School: Kathy Maddaloni

Greeter: Michelanne Sylvester

November 10:

Usher:

Sunday School: Tammy and Scott Lang

Greeter: Karen Underhill

November 17:

Usher: Diane McConnell

Sunday School: Tammy and Scott Lang

Greeter: Ginny Wilkins

November 24

Usher:

Greeter: Linda McDevitt

Sunday School:

Altar: Diane McConnell

Sunshine: Karen Underhill

Fellowship/Coffee Hour

November 3: Janet and Ward Wilson

November 10: Sue and Olaavi Wirkki

November 17:

November 24:



Altar Flowers

November 3: Dottie Kosciński

November 10: Sandy Grover

November 17: Janet Wilson

November 24:

**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.

November 3: The Federated Church of East Arlington

November 10: First Congregational Church of Fair Haven

November 17: First Congregational Church of Hubbardton

November 24: First Congregational Church of Manchester

Lectionary Readings for November

November 3: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalms 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

November 10: Haggai 1:15-2:9; Psalms 145:1-5, 17-21
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

November 17: Isaiah 65:17-25, Isaiah 12; Psalms 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

November 24: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalms 46
Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We are having a lot of fun in Sunday School.

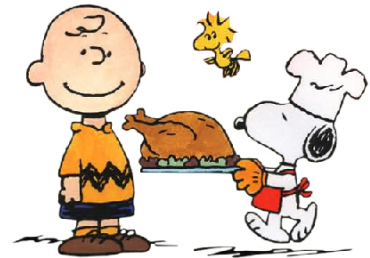
This month we have learned about:

- How to feed hungry people,
- Bullying,
- Listening to Gods Message, and
- Thanking God for giving us what we need.

We had a range of 2 and up to 10 children at Sunday School.

Thank you to all the teachers, Co-Teachers, and all of our extra helpers at Sunday School, we really appreciate it.

Tammy Lang-Christian Education



A brand new 2019
Church Directory

Is now available to pick up on the
"Do Something" table in Bailey Hall



MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

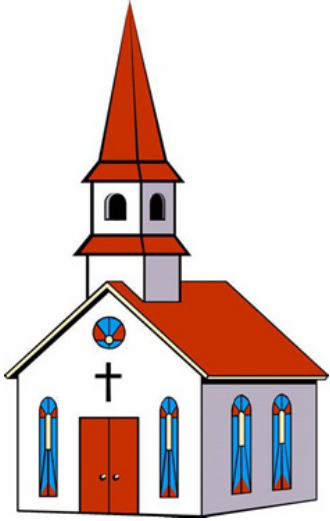
Your missions team has helped with fuel, car repairs, electricity, and gave information for services available.

We were a presence at the Arlington Village Farmers Market and collected items to make 66 hygiene kits to be sent to a UMC facility along the Mexico border for the children. Many thanks to all.

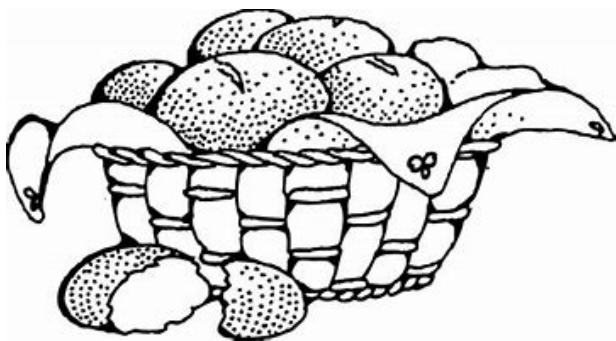
The free Community Thanksgiving Dinner will take
place on

Thursday, November 28 from
1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at
St. Paul's/Christ Our Savior Parish
in Manchester.





Dinner Church - Free to All
Thursday November 21st from 5:30-7:00pm
Federated Church of East Arlington
102 Ice Pond Rd.
Arlington, Vermont



Doors open at 5pm
5:30-6pm Dinner
6-7pm Mini Worship with Activity to follow

ADVENTURES IN READING

Our October 12th get together was filled with good reports on books read from the lavender copy and the pink list as well. In attendance were Kathy Clark, Phyllis Warren, Nancy Schoerke, Gail Rice, Marie Davies and Dottie Thompson, invited by Phyllis, and, we hope she will join us in reading.

Here's a shortened list of books suggested for reading.

- II— McCullers, Carson—The Heart is A Lonely Hunter
- III—Sullivan, Mark—Beneath the Scarlett Sky.
- IV—Penny, Louise—The Long Way Home

November skies are gray
at least they're usually that way.
But doings exist
voting, Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving
head the list.

Enjoy the month
Janet Wilson
Co-ordinator



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Saturday, November 16, 2019

11:30 a.m. Bailey Hall

Bring your lunch,

Coffee and Tea provided

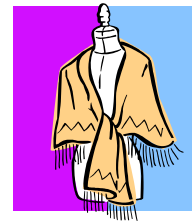
Bring your knitting, crocheting or handiwork.

Questions?

Speak with Raebeth Hitchcock

375-9294

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



GRANGE BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 17, 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.



Vermont Legislature's Climate Solutions Caucus Hosts Bennington County Forum

MONTPELIER, VT — The Vermont Legislature's Climate Solutions Caucus is hosting a series of forums around the state to outline its priorities for the 2020 legislative session and seek input from Vermonters on the solutions they'd like to see advanced. Local legislators Rep. Kathleen James, Rep. David Durfee and Sen. Brian Campion invite you to join them for one of the events in this series on **Wednesday, November 13 from 6:30 to 8 pm at the Federated Church of East Arlington**. Rep. Sarah Copeland-Hanzas, co-chair of the nonpartisan Climate Solutions Caucus, will be the lead presenter.

"Everyone—including every state and nation—has a role to play in addressing this challenge as soon as possible. Vermont is no different," says James. "The forums are intended to focus attention on this critical issue, present practical solutions, and help set the stage for continued action."

"We look forward to connecting with as many people as possible to share our ideas on the solutions we think will begin to meet that obligation, as well as bring real economic and public benefits to *all* Vermonters," says Durfee.

A series of recent reports from the world's leading scientists at the [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change](#) as well as the U.S. federal government in its [2018 National Climate Assessment](#) made clear that dramatic action is required in the next decade to radically reduce fossil fuel use and mitigate the far-reaching effects of a warming world, including serious impacts to human health, ecosystems and economies.

"Vermonters want us to do our part on this pressing issue," says Campion. "They also recognize that taking action can also save people money, improve public health and put people to work in the clean energy economy. We have to get serious, and we look forward to working with as many Vermonters as possible to do that in a way that benefits everyone in our state."

For information on the event, email James: KJames@leg.state.vt.us

Northshire First Responders Appreciation Day

Cookie Baskets, donuts and Thank You notes were delivered to the October meetings of the Arlington Fire Department and Arlington Rescue Squad in celebration of Northshire First Responders Appreciation Day.

Both the State Police at the Shaftsbury Barracks and the Bennington County Sheriffs Department are very appreciative of the 6-Foot-Long Subs that were delivered and the Thank You notes written by our members also in celebration of Northshire First Responders Appreciation Day.

Thank you everyone for making this possible.

A decorative graphic of the words "Thank You" written in a flowing, cursive script.



HARVEST SUPPER & AUCTION

Sunday, November 17 @ 5:30 pm

St. Paul's Church, Bonnet Street, Manchester

**Benefitting the Emergency Needs Fund
Interfaith Council of the Northshire**

**Freewill donation
for potluck supper**

**For information,
call the Dorset Church
(867-2260)**

"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: 718 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.

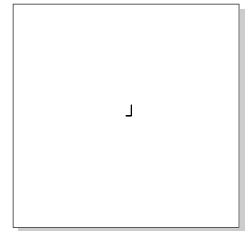
Thank you, Sandy



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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.



November 2019

* Dunlap Hall

- 11/1 9:00am-Bible Study at Chauncey's
- 11/3 10:00am-Worship, Communion, Sunday School
11:00am-Fellowship/coffee time
- 11/8 9:00am-Bible Study at Chauncey's
- 11/10 10:00am-Worship and Sunday School
11:00am-Fellowship/coffee time
3:00-4:30pm-Brownies
*3:00-5:00pm-Cadets
- 11/13 6:30pm-Climate Forum, FCEA
- 11/15 9:00am-Bible Study at Chauncey's
- 11/16 11:30am-Prayer Shawl

- 11/17 7:30-9:30am-Grange Breakfast
10:00am-Worship and Sunday School
11:00am-Fellowship/coffee time
11:15am-Church Council
5:00pm-IFC Potluck/auction, Christ Our Savior
- 11/19 5:30pm-Berkshire Bank Investment Meeting
- 11/21 5:30-7:00pm-Dinner Church
- 11/22 9:00am-Bible Study at Chauncey's
- 11/24 10:00am-Worship and Sunday School
11:00am-Fellowship/coffee time
- 11/26 7:00pm-IFC Thanksgiving Service, First
Congregational Church, Manchester
- 11/28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!