

# The Federated Church of East Arlington



October 2019

## Meditation, Meanderings and Musings from Pastor Kathy

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*“Did I offer peace today?  
Did I bring a smile to someone’s face?  
Did I let go of my anger and resentment?  
Did I forgive?  
Did I love?”*

*These are the real questions*                      *”Henri Nouwen*

Spend any time with a 3- or 4-year old and you will soon realize that they are a fount of never-ending questions to the point that you will probably run out of answers long before their supply of questions is exhausted. To view the world with all its wonders from their 38 inches-from-the-ground perspective is to remember how quickly we adults rush through the world so often devoid of awe. We may have paused this week to take in the beauty of the reds and oranges that paint our morning commute or the view from our kitchen window but we quickly return to the details of work or bill-paying or classes or cleaning or cooking and soon the news from our screens or radios or newspapers cover over that wonder with angry, determined voices heaping on their doom and gloom to the worry list we already have going.

Jesus was known by the questions he asked - 307 of them, if you want a count. He often answered a question with a question, not to frustrate but to get his followers engaged in what he had to teach. When Jesus asked, *Who do you say I am? Do you believe? Do you want to get well? Why are you so afraid?* I don’t think he wanted easy answers. Some questions push us past blind acceptance and that can get uncomfortable pretty quickly if we are caught off-guard. To question assumptions and ingrained stands we’ve taken on issues or people or the reasons behind decisions is to acknowledge that sometimes there is more than one answer. Also, there may be particular details that we aren’t privy to which lead someone with whom we disagree to embrace a view we don’t understand or appreciate. Questions about faith, scripture and religion need not make us defensive. An answer of “I don’t know. Let me think about it” may be

the most positive response we can offer. An examined faith is one that recognizes mystery and that the magnificence of God is partially found in the parts that we may never grasp or understand in this lifetime.

Once again we will bring our many questions and a host of possible responses to the table at **Chauncey’s for Bible study on Friday mornings from October 4 through November 21 (except October 25) at 9:00 a.m.** Come not because you have all the answers but because you want to explore the questions with other seekers. Bring whichever Bible you are comfortable using and you don’t have to order breakfast. Your presence along with your questions will make our time together that much more vibrant.

The quote above of questions from the priest, writer and theologian Henri Nouwen are meant to add meaning to our days. Let us keep asking!

Peace and blessings,

*Kathy*



# The Federated Church of East Arlington

## Report of the Financial Secretary, Sandra Grover

2019 Congregational Giving Budgeted:	\$ 60,000.00
Congregational Giving Received 1/1-9/30	\$ 36,561.00
Building Use 1/1-9/30	\$ 3,154.65
Fundraising 1/1-9/30	\$ 511.20

**Thank You!**



## Church attendance

	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>
9/ 1	37	2
9/ 8	48	8
9/15	31	4
9/22	29	5
9/29	26	1

## Federated Church Council



## 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 November 2019 issue of the newsletter by

**October 20th**

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation!

**October birthdays**

- 15 – Bill Hughes
- 16 – Nancy Schoerke
- 22 – Bernice Gaudette
- 25 – Sonja Mattison
- 26 – Crystal Hughes
- 25 – Elaine Peacock
- 30 – Mara Rosenthal



**October Anniversaries**

- 16 – Tammy and Scott Lang  
Sandy & Bonnie Barnes



**October Helping Hands**

**Lay Reader:** Janet Wilson

**Council Member:**

**October 6:**

- Usher: Kathy Frpst
- Communion Servers: Karen Underhill
- Greeter: Michelanne Sylvester

**October 13:**

- Usher: Phyllis Warren
- Greeter: Karen Underhill

**October 20:**

- Usher: Diane McConnell
- Greeter: Ginny Wilkins

**October 27**

- Usher:
- Greeter: Linda McDevitt
- Altar:
- Sunshine:

**Fellowship/Coffee Hour**

**October 6:**

**October 13:** Kathy and John Frost

**October 20:**

**October 27:**

**Altar Flowers**

**October 6:** Gloria Moffitt

**October 13:** Karen Underhill

**October 20:** Diane & Jeff McConnell

**October 27:**

**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.

**October 6:** Federated Church of Castleton

**October 13:** Congregational Union Church of South Wallingford

**October 20:** Union Church of Proctor

**October 27:** United Church of Dorset and East Rupert

**Lectionary Readings for September**

**October 6:** Lamentations 1:1-6;3:19-26; Psalms 137  
2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

**October 13** Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalms 66:1-12  
2 Timothy 2:8-15;; Luke 17:11-19

**October 20** Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalms 119:97-104  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

**October 27** Joel 2:23-32; Psalms 65  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

# Chili Supper and Pie Auction at the Federated Church of East Arlington Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm \* Free will offering \* Proceeds to benefit the



Martha Canfield Memorial Free Library  
528 East Arlington Rd, Arlington, VT  
[www.marthacanfieldlibrary.org](http://www.marthacanfieldlibrary.org) (802) 375-6153

Federated Church of East Arlington  
102 Ice Pond Road, Arlington, VT  
[www.federatedchurchofeastarlington.org](http://www.federatedchurchofeastarlington.org) (802) 375-2548

## What's on the bulletin board by the library in Bailey Hall?

### Women's Economic Opportunity Conference

Saturday, October 19, 2019

Vermont Technical College

Randolph, Vermont

Presented by U.S.  
Senator Patrick Leahy

Register online: [Leahy.Senate.gov](http://Leahy.Senate.gov)

Information on bulletin board in Bailey Hall

### You are Invited

House Church Training

*With Rev. Pam Lucas*

Bethany United Church of Christ

32 North Main Street, Randolph, VT

October 26, 2019

10:00am—2:00pm

Information on the bulletin board in Bailey Hall

### You Rock!

#### October

There are purple ribbons in Bailey Hall for awareness of the issue of

Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Please take a picture of you and/or your group rocking your ribbons and tag

Project Against Violent Encounters on

Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram on

Purple Thursday, October 24th

If you or someone you know needs help, please call our 24-hour

Hotline at 802-442-2111



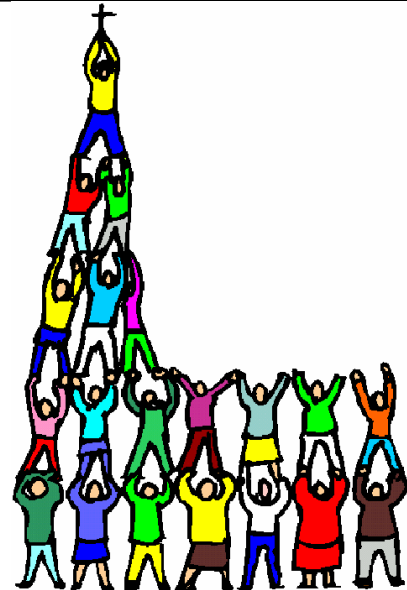
### New Church Directory

coming in October

Please make corrections or additions to the directory below the bulletin board.

Deadline is October 15th.

Thank you!



**ADVENTURES IN READING**

Lynn Friberg, a worshipper at our church, a friend and an Adventures In Reading member died suddenly on August 16th. Lynn decided to live in Vermont a number of years ago through her visits to skiing in this area.

After moving here. Lynn taught first grade at Manchester Elementary School for 15 years. We are missing Lynn. If you want to honor Lynn, read one of the books she recommended for our 2019-2020 reading year.

Group 11: The Invisible Garden by Dorothy Sucher. (VT635)

Group 111: Becoming by Michelle Obama. (BOBAMA,m)

Group 1V: Cloud 9 by Luann Rice.

A get-together will be held on Saturday, October 12th , 10:15 a.m. at my house in Sunderland.

*Janet S. Wilson*  
Coordinator

*To Everything  
there is a Season,  
and a time  
to every Purpose  
under Heaven.  
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Saturday, October 19, 2019

11:30 a.m. Bailey Hall

Bring your lunch,

Coffee and Tea provided

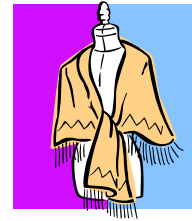
Bring your knitting, crocheting or handiwork.

Questions?

Speak with Raebeth Hitchcock

375-9294

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



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

802-362-6494

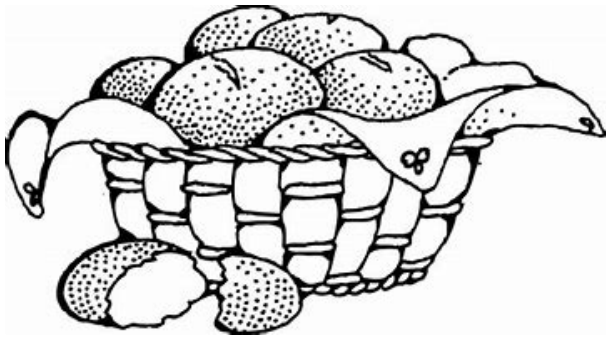
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**FYI DID YOU KNOW?**

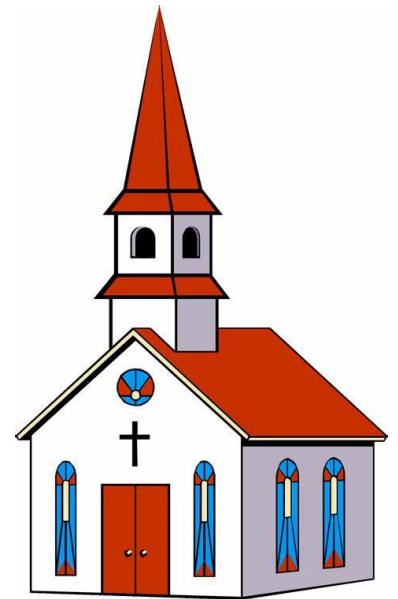
You can have groceries delivered to your home. You can get the app "instacart" and order online. Shaw's and Price Chopper in Manchester deliver to Arlington. Aldi's delivers to Bennington and Shaftsbury.

There is an annual fee after the initial free time.

Dinner Church - Free to All  
Thursday Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> 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





HABITAT FOR HUMANITY  
BENEFIT GALA

*You're Invited to our  
2nd Annual*

**Share  
Your  
Blessings**

at  
**THE PUBLYK  
HOUSE**

**SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 3  
6 - 9 PM**

Tickets are on Sale  
at the Habitat Office (802) 367-1000  
or email [bchabitatoffice@gmail.com](mailto:bchabitatoffice@gmail.com)

*Tickets are \$125 for an elegant evening  
of dinner, drinks and music.  
Silent and Live Auction*



"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

Like the Federated Church of East Arlington on Facebook.



**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



# WARNING

**SOUTHWEST ASSOCIATION  
FALL MEETING WILL BE HELD**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2019**

**2:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

**AT SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
OF BENNINGTON**

All ministers with standing in the SW Association and four delegates from each member church are hereby warned and all other interested persons are invited, to be present on **Sunday, October 13, 2019** at the for the Fall Meeting of the Southwest Association within the Vermont Conference. The meeting will receive reports of officers and committees of the Association; adopt a budget and set the Per Capita rate for 2020; and conduct such other business as may be appropriate at such a session.

*Please bring finger foods, cookies, etc. to share !*

**PLEASE SEND US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS SO WE CAN KEEP YOU INFORMED**

The Southwest Association would like to reach as many people as we can throughout the association. Please send an email to [jane@dorsetchurch.org](mailto:jane@dorsetchurch.org) if you would like to be added to our publicity list. We'd love to hear from you!

## DORSET CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE



**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 5, 2019**

**9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**

**Outside Sales Begin at 8:30 am  
NO EARLY-BIRD SHOPPING!**

**October is the month for  
National Breast Cancer Awareness and  
Domestic Violence Awareness**



**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Rally Sunday was September 8th with 6 children and 3 older children helpers, followed by a church picnic with fun and games. It was a beautiful day.

Sunday September 15th we had a total of 4 children with 1 new child joining us.

We are always looking for teachers and co-teachers. please let me know if you are interested in helping.

On Thursday Oct. 17th we will have our 1st dinner church, 5:30—7:00pm. We will be serving dinner followed by mini worship and an activity, we hope you are all able to join us. Doors open at 5pm, dinner will be served at 5:30. This will be free. Please let your friends and family know.

Tammy Lang



**GRANGE BREAKFAST**

Sunday, October 20, 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.



**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

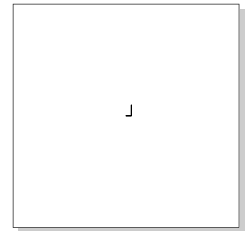
Our tickets are going on sale and pie bakers will be able to purchase a ticket for \$10 rather than the \$15 admission. There are pie dishes available at the Neighbor to Neighbor office for willing pie bakers. Please contact, Sandy Grover in Arl., Anne Ehret at First Cong., Lisa Bendik at Israel Cong. 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.



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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.



## October 2019 Newsletter

### OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER

Worship, 10am	10/6, 13, 20, 27	Sundays
Sunday School, 10:00am	10/6, 13, 20, 27	Sundays
Communion	10/6 during worship	Sunday
Fellowship/Coffee, 11am	10/6, 13, 20, 27	Sundays
Bible Study, 9am	10/4, 11, 18, 25	Fridays at Chauncey's
Grange Breakfast	10/20—7:30-9:30am	Sunday
Prayer Shawl, 11:30am	10/19	Saturday
Senior Meals, 12 noon	10/1,3,8,10,15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31	Tuesdays & Thursdays
Bone Builders, 11am	10/7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30	Mondays and Wednesdays
Chili Dinner, 5:00pm	10/6—Benefit Library	Sunday
SW Assoc. Annual Mtg,2-5	10/13	Sunday at Second Congregational Church
Dinner Church, 5:00pm	10/17	Thursday