

The Federated Church of East Arlington



August 2020

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Report of the Financial Secretary, Sandra Grover

2020 Congregational Giving Budgeted:	\$ 60,000.00
Congregational Giving Received 1/1-7/31	\$ 28,412.45
Building Use 1/1- 7/30	\$ 991.35
Fundraising 1/2-7/30	\$ 410.00

Thank You!

Church attendance

Many via Zoom on computers, phones and tablets from many states.

8/16 Worship service outside
Bring your chair; wear face masks



Worship With Us

Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89119439251>.

Or join by phone at 1-646-876-9923 and you will be asked for the Meeting ID and you should enter 891 1943 9251 followed by the # sign.

Our services are on GNAT Sundays at 9:30a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on channels 1074, 1084 and 1094.

Also on our Youtube channel: the federated church of East Arlington.

Watch for an email from Kathy with the Sunday bulletin and link to join.



Church Council

The Council met this month on Zoom. We worked thru a lot of agenda items that keeps our Church going, even for the community. We are very blessed to not have a large outbreak of Covid or any for our church.

If any of you have questions or recommendations, please give me a call at home 802-442-9574. I hope that we will be able to have a Church service out on the lawn on August 16th.

Stay home Stay safe.

Peace

Sue Congdon

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
Christian Education	Tammy Lang	1. Scott Lang	2.
Finance	Brian Allen	1. Herb Taylor	2. Raebeth Hitchcock
Worship & Ministry	Ginny Wilkins	1. Linda McDevitt	2. Phyllis Warren
Missions	Sandy Grover	1. Wendy Bahan	2. Gail Rice

August Birthdays

- 4 – Wendy Bahan
- 4 – Linda McDevitt
- 8 – Kelly Lang
- 9 – Janet Umlauf
- 28 – Dania LaVallee
- 30 – Laura Rosenthal
- 31 – Gail Rice



August Anniversaries

- 6 – Andy & Nancy Schorke
- 27 – Don & Janet Umlauf



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.

- August 2:** United Church of Dorset and East Rupert
- August 9:** Federated Church of East Arlington
- August 16:** First Congregational Church of Fair Haven
- August 23:** First Congregational Church of Hubbardton
- August 30:** First Congregational Church of Manchester

Lectionary Readings for August

- August 2:** Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21
- August 9:** Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22
Romans 10: 5-15; Matthew 14: 22-33
- August 16:** Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28
- August 23:** Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20
- August 30:** Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Christian Education

There are no Sunday School Classes or Girl Scout meetings at this time.

Stay strong and wash your hands.

The end of July we gave out tote bags to 14 children filled with school supplies and Faithful fun activities.

*We all miss
each other and
the children.*

Children's Sunday School



Thank You

As the financial secretary for our Federated Church, I am very thankful to all who continue to send in checks, cash and give online, PayPal and your bank's bill pay. The ministry and mission goes on even though we are unable to physically meet.

Please contact Kathy or the office if you know if anyone who needs assistance.

Sandy Grover,
Financial Secretary

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

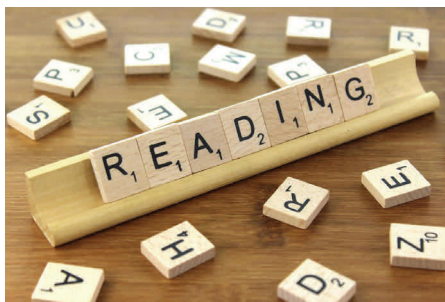


Adventures in Reading

There has been some positive vocal expressions for the subjects of books included in our 2020-2021 list for suggested reading. There has also been some monetary givings from members to the Martha Canfield Library in order to purchase suggested books from the list which are not currently on this library's shelves. We very much thank those members who rovided this help.

We also welcome new members to our group. They are Patti Cody, Elaine Peacock and Ann White. Thus you can understand we are off to a great reading year.

Thank you,
Phyllis Warren



KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

We will gather together when it is safe but until then...
Keep knitting, crocheting and handiwork!
We pray that God will continue to bless this ministry,
it's participants and the shawl recipients.

Questions:

Raebeth Hitchcock
375-9294

Silent Prayer Vigil and Witness in Response to Racism

Every Sunday in front of St. James Episcopal Church on Route 7A, Arlington **from 1:00—1:30 p.m.**

Please bring a sign to hold focused on peace and change based on our deep faith.

For safety, attendees will be spaced 10 feet apart (family groups may stand together).

Please wear a mask.



Arlington Area Food Shelf

2020

Our goal: 2,020 pounds
Received to date: 166 pounds



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

Adult Book study is on Fridays at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91377329294>

or

Dial on your phone
+1 646 876 9923

Meeting ID: 913 7732 9294 followed by the #



Our Arlington Farmers Market Table

Once again we will have a table at the Arlington Farmers Market every other Friday from **4:00 to 7:00 p.m.** The dates we will be there are:

**July 31, August 14, August 28,
September 11**

We will have a Bake Sale each time with all items pre-wrapped. Please do not price your items as we are going to ask for voluntary donations. The baked goods can be dropped off at the table itself or brought to the Church Office on Friday mornings.

Many of us have many more tote bags than we will ever use (this picture is just a few of the excess ones from Kathy's office) and so, in the spirit of the statewide ban on plastic bags that goes into effect on July 1st, we will offer free tote bags at our table. We will encourage folks to make a monetary donation or bring a non-perishable food item. All food items and monetary donations for the bags will go to the Arlington Food Shelf. Thank you, Fred Kerner, for this great idea! You can drop off clean tote bags (please wash any cloth ones) to the Office at any time or our table on any of the dates above.

We also need volunteers to help set-up, take-down and staff our table on our Fridays at the Farmers Market. If you can help out, please be in touch with Kathy or Sandy in the office and let us know your preferred dates and times.

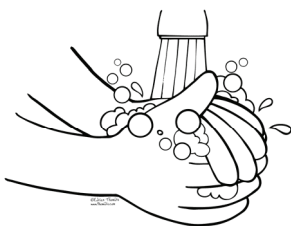
The shifts we need to fill are as follows:

- Set-up 3:30 - 4:00 p.m.
- Clean-up 6:45 - 7:15 p.m.
- Table Volunteer 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
- Table Volunteer 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

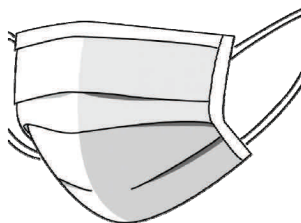


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Wash your hands!



Wear a face mask!



Thank You

Thank you for the scholarship. It will get put to good use!

Matthew Ritchie
(Scholarship recipient)



A Pandemic Poem-Prayer

--by *Phyllis Cole-Dai*, syndicated from *phylliscoledai.com*, Jul 02, 2020

Phyllis Cole-Dai is a writer and poet, perhaps best known for perhaps best known for 'The Emptiness of Our Hands', a spiritual memoir chronicling the 47 days that she and co-author James Murray practiced "being present" while living by choice on the streets of Columbus, Ohio. On her 58th birthday earlier this year, she wrote 58 one-line pandemic prayers and crafted them into a poem. See the text below. Perhaps it will give you a boost. You can listen to Phyllis read the poem [here](#) or download it [here](#).

ON MY 58TH BIRTHDAY: 58 PANDEMIC PRAYERS

May we all survive to another birthday.
 May we greet the sun each morning and rejoice in being alive.
 May we breathe the miracle of fresh air.
 May we honor every moment as a chance to begin anew.
 May we root our faith in richer soil than worry.
 May we let separation knit us close.
 May we see faces besides our own in the mirror.
 May we recognize all people as kin.
 May we cherish them as much as ourselves.
 May we stay home to keep them safe.
 May we nurture the body that houses our soul.
 May we have adequate shelter, food, water, medicine, and rest.
 May we share freely from our abundance.
 May we resist the temptation to hoard.
 May we ask for help without hesitation or shame.
 May we draw comfort from the company of animals, flowers, and trees.
 May we befriend the sounds of silence.
 May we welcome the intimacies of solitude.
 May we dive to the depths of our being and bring up blessings we didn't know we had.
 May we be sanctuary for one another.
 May we refuse to dwell in the blindness of denial, indifference, or contempt.
 May we tame our temper and carry no grudge.
 May we empathize even with those we dislike.
 May we gift one another with radical attention.
 May we listen to one another as if lives depend on it.
 May we speak as if our voice will be the last sound ever heard.
 May we explore how to touch without touching, how to hold without holding.
 May we not be embarrassed by tears and trembling.
 May we learn from our children the joy of unstructured time and the solace of routines.
 May we reassure our children about the monsters beneath their beds.

May we help our society to do better than it has done.
 May we examine problems from all angles and talk straight as lines.
 May we base decisions on collective wisdom rather than contagious fear.
 May we invest our trust in those who are experts, not those who pretend.
 May we value health over wealth.
 May we dedicate our daily work both to those we love and to the common good.
 May we sustain those workers whose invisible labor sustains us all.
 May we protect those who put themselves at risk to protect us.
 May we transform the impossible into the doable.
 May we inquire into the welfare of strangers.
 May we stand up for those who are scapegoated and targeted by hate.
 May we sing porch to porch until all the world is our neighbor.
 May we drop expectations of how hard or long this road will be.
 May we pace ourselves as we go.
 May we each shoulder more of the load so that nobody stumbles beneath it.
 May we prepare ourselves for the unknown.
 May we follow the light of our brightest prayers.
 May we live together into better versions of ourselves.
 May we plant the seeds of a new world in what remains of the old one.
 May we remember in the dark hours that we're not alone.
 May we let no one die forsaken, in pain, or untouched by kindness.
 May we grieve the lost, though we cannot gather.
 May we do right by their memory.
 May we not waste a minute of the precious time they should have had.
 May we love one another as we would be loved.