

The Federated Church of East Arlington



JULY 2020

Meditation, Meanderings and Musings from Pastor Kathy

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*“Have patience with everything that remains unsolved in your heart.
...Live in the question.” – Rainer Maria Rilke*

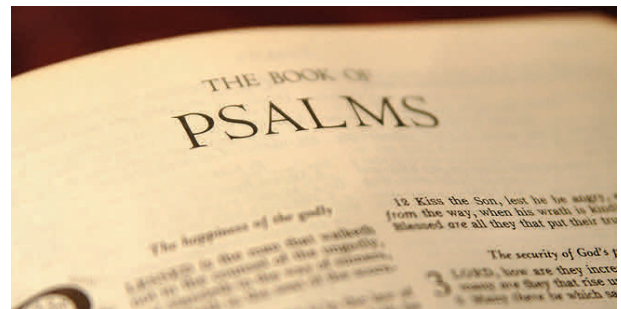
“Summertime and the living is easy...” at least that’s what George Gershwin wrote and Bess sang in the folk opera of *Porgy and Bess*. Right about now it would be nice to have some easy living to look forward to as the temperatures climb. I don’t know if that’s possible as the Coronavirus continues to sicken so many. Easy living is but a dream for those who are demonstrating for racial justice. Living easy is about the last thing that those who’ve lost jobs or seen a cut in hours or pay can imagine. And yet God is still with and among us and there are small joys that enter our days. They come in the form of family time, fireflies and corn on the cob. And that’s what the Psalms are all about – both the lament to and the praise of the God who is smack dab in the middle of our living – the hard and the easy.

This summer we will spend July and August Sundays diving into the Psalms. Each week will be devoted to a different one. Some beloved Psalms are the comfort we lean into when life is hard. Others give words to feelings of joy or love or blessedness or mercy that are so hard for many of us to express. Please let me know if there’s a favorite Psalm that you would like us to explore. A couple of weeks are spoken for but the rest are possibilities and if you submit one you can also ask that we lift up that Psalm on a particular summer Sunday.

With so much weighing us down and so many issues taking up space in our brains and our hearts, I extend the invitation to join with us in finding meaning and an opportunity to bask in the poetry of the Psalms this summer via Zoom or on our YouTube channel or on GNAT-TV. To know that

our Biblical ancestors gave voice to so much that we still carry within as children of God is to know that sometimes there are words that can help us make some sense of the hard-to-explain. From our homes, the places where we rest and find safe haven, let us lift our questions, doubts and prayers to our loving God.

Peace and blessings,
Kathy



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Report of the Financial Secretary, Sandra Grover

2020 Congregational Giving Budgeted:	\$ 60,000.00
Congregational Giving Received 1/1-6/29	\$ 23,901,45
Building Use 1/1- 6/29	\$ 991.35
Fundraising 1/2-6/29	\$ 250.00

Thank You!



Church attendance

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

6/21 (outside) 27 adults 1 child

Federated Church Council

What a glorious day for our outside church service. The sky was sparkling and everyone did social distancing. I was so relaxed and realized that zoom is great but when I sit in my kitchen, I find that I am staring at all the things I need to do! I will change my location going forward.

The council held their meeting under the tree's after church.

Tammy and Kathy are coming up with ideas to connect with the Sunday school children in late summer.

The church dinners are on hold and we need to support the local restaurants that have just reopened for now.

The council has voted to approve signing a net metering agreement for community solar with Power Guru. This would give us a discount on the electric bill of 10%. If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call.

Just to give you an idea what else we went over:

Repairs and painting to Parsonage window frames and doors,

Budget for 2020, donations, trash removal, keeping in touch with our Church people, Summer lunch program, Farmers market, minutes and financials and vacation for Kathy in July.

I hope you are enjoying the summer,

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
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

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



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JULY

this is your month to excel!

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 5:** Brandon Congregational Church
- July 12:** Federated Church of Castleton
- July 19:** Congregational Union Church So. Wallingford
- July 26:** Union Church of Proctor

Lectionary Readings for July

- July 5:** Genesis 24:34-38,42-49,58-67; Psalm 45:10-17
Romans 7:15-25; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
- July 12:** Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112
Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
- July 19:** Genesis 28:10-19; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-23-24
Romans 8:12-25; Mathew 13:24-30, 36-43
- July 26:** Genesis 29: 15-28; Psalm 105:1-11,45
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



Arlington Area Food Shelf

2020

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



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

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. 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

thank you!



Contact Sandy Grover: sandragrover@gmail.com;
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federatedchurch05250@gmail.com



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

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.

Adventures in Reading

We're happy to tell you the 20-21 book list is now
available. There were very few suggestions given
this year. Phyllis Warren has filled in that void with
some relevant book subjects that are related to our
country's "citizen's for change".

Also, Phyllis is to be thanked for obtaining some
of the books recommended but not found at our Ar-
lington Martha Canfield Library.

In the final process for putting out the book list
thanks go to Phyllis Warren, Sandy Grover and
Nancy Schoerke.

The book list will be provided to you as Phyllis and
Janet deliver them at your door (with masks on).

New about having our yearly celebration is unknown
at this time.

Best to all of you in your reading and, hopefully, for
next year, more recommendations.



Christian Education

There are no Sunday School Classes or Girl Scout meet-
ings at this time.

Stay strong and wash your hands.

*We all miss
each other and
the children.*



Children's Sunday School



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 17, 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.



**ARLINGTON VILLAGE
FARMERS' MARKET**

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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 #

Thank You

Thank you so much for all you have done to support me. I love going to church and seeing all of you. I will miss you all very much while I am away for school. I will definitely be thinking of you! I plan to bring the plant (I named him Ivan) with me so that I don't forget how blessed I am to live my life and be able to know friendship and happiness.

Love, Ari

(scholarship recipient)

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.

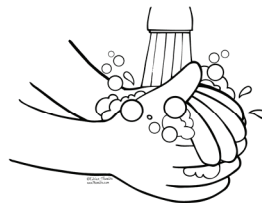


Faith and Nature Camp

Faith and Nature Camp is over, but you're still welcome to participate!! All you have to do is request to join our Facebook Group, called Faith and Nature Camp. You'll have access to all the videos, activities, and worship services that we used throughout the week! Help spread the word and we hope you will join in on all the fun!

Emma

Wash your hands!



Wear a face mask!

