

# The Federated Church of East Arlington



June 2021

## Meditation, Meanderings and Musings from Pastor Kathy

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### The Summer Day

Who made the world?  
 Who made the swan, and the black bear?  
 Who made the grasshopper?  
 This grasshopper, I mean—  
 the one who has flung herself out of the grass,  
 the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,  
 who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up  
 and down—  
 who is gazing around with her enormous and compli-  
 cated eyes.  
 Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes  
 her face.  
 Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.  
 I don't know exactly what a prayer is.  
 I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down  
 into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,  
 how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the  
 fields,  
 which is what I have been doing all day.  
 Tell me, what else should I have done?  
 Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?  
 Tell me, what is it you plan to do  
 with your one wild and precious life?  
 —Mary Oliver

The longest day of the year will arrive on June 20 and we will be ushered into the sunshine and warmth of summer. Do you remember how much you looked forward to summer's start when you were a kid? School and all of its responsibilities would fly out of our minds that first day off and many of us would try not to think about it for a good 10 weeks or so.

In my family growing up, summer meant sleeping a bit later and then basically spending the entire day out of the house - on our bikes, at the local pool, hanging out with the neighborhood kids, and sometimes getting into mischief. Often, we wouldn't come back home until supertime and then we would be back outside after we ate, swatting at the mosquitos while playing softball in the middle of the street or hide-and-seek as the sun began disappearing for the day. And then tired and often sunburned, we

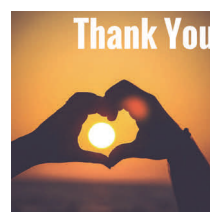
would sleep well and get up and do it all over again the next day.

The pace of summer for grown-ups can often be a welcome change from the rest of the year. Here at the church, we will once again share in the work of the Summer Lunch Program on Tuesdays and the Arlington Village Farmers Market every other Friday. This year we will be outside worshipping God with new and familiar words, some sung, and all speaking to the power of the Almighty in our lives. We get to breathe in the beauty of Vermont in the summer - vivid greens during the day and the vast open sky filled with lightening bugs and stars at night.

Mary Oliver asks the question of what our plan is for this life while painting the picture of the living going on in the creatures that surround us - all created by a God who loves us as we are - not because of our accomplishments. Maybe the doing she points to is the living as people who are blessed. In such a sense of blessedness we can't help but be grateful and that gratitude is best offered in small acts of lovingkindness.

As summer lands here among us, may we find ourselves filled to overflowing in thankfulness to the God of the swan, the bear, the grasshopper, and you and me, knowing we are enough.

Peace and grace,  
 Kathy



# The Federated Church of East Arlington

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## Report of the Financial Secretary, Sandra Grover

2021 Congregational Giving Budgeted:	\$ 60,000.00
Congregational Giving Received 1/1-5/28/21	\$ 19,333.00
OGHS and UMCOR	\$ 1,510.00
Williamstown Church—Altar Bible	\$ 130.00

*Thank  
you!*



## Church attendance

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

About 30 in person!

**GOD is  
so GOOD!**

## *Church is who we are, Not where we go!*

We have been very blessed to have worship outside and also share with people on Zoom. The wonderful news is the Dorset Church is letting us use their tent for our services over the summer. Rain or Shine we will be outside unless there is a hurricane!

We are still looking into getting a bathroom in Dunlap Hall. The Council is looking again at a septic system that we can have for Dunlap Hall. We will let you know when they do the testing for septic system.

Pastor Kathy is still looking into help for audio and video so we can go inside for worship services. We still will have zoom for our people here and in faraway places.

Summer lunch program is starting very soon. We are always looking for snacks to put in their bags.

We will have a table at the Arlington Village Farmers Market every other week this summer. Contact Pastor Kathy if you can help.

We will have a vegetable stand outside again this summer.

If you have any questions, please call me at home 802-442-9574

Peace be with you.

Sue Congdon

Church Council Chair

## Our Church Council

Chair, Susan Congdon	Treasurer, Alyson Grzyb	Ex Officio, Pastor Kathy Clark	Clerk, Sandra Grover
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. Olavi Wirkki
Worship & Ministry	Ginny Wilkins	1. Linda McDevitt	2. Phyllis Warren
Missions	Sandy Grover	1. Wendy Bahan	2. Gail Rice

**June Birthdays**

- 3 - Janet Wilson  
300 Village Lane #2218  
Bennington, VT 05201
- 23 - Pat Taylor  
169 Bard Road  
Bennington, VT 05201
- 24 - Lina Grover  
P.O. Box 508  
Arlington, VT 05250
- 25 - Barb Benjamin  
57A Center Lane  
Arlington, VT 05250
- 28 - Don Umlauf  
30 Brookfield Rd.  
Dover, MA 02030



**June Anniversaries**

- 7 - Alyson & Steve Grzyb  
95 Lost Road  
Sunderland, VT 0525
- 10 - Larry & Sharon Davis  
3104 Vt. Route 7A  
Arlington, VT 05250
- 10 - Phillip & Karen Underhill  
983 Berwal Road  
Arlington, VT 05250
- 13 - Kathy & Roger Clark  
P.O. Box 18  
East Arlington, VT 05252
- 14 - Olavi & Sue Wirkki  
37 Country View Lane  
Arlington, VT 05250
- 14 - Betty and Jack Gunther  
P.O. Box 292  
East Arlington, VT 05252
- 19 - Nathalie & Bruce Caler  
96 Carbonti Circle  
Arlington, VT 05250
- 24 - Dan & Jen Rosenthal  
1180 North Road  
East Arlington, VT 05252
- 27 - Rich & Patti Cody  
348 Green Mountain Road  
Manchester Center, VT 05255
- 27 - Herb & Pat Taylor  
169 Bard Road  
Bennington, VT 05201
- 30 - Marcelo and Stephanie Barrios  
827 South Road  
Sunderland, VT 05252



**Children and Youth Birthdays**

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**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.

- June 6:** Congregational Church of North Bennington
- June 13:** Pawlet Community Church
- June 20:** Peru Congregational Church
- June 27:** Pittsford Congregational Church

**Lectionary Readings for June**

- June 6:** 1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20; Psalm 138  
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35
- June 13:** 1 Samuel 15-16:13; Psalm 20  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17; Mark 4:26-34
- June 20:** 1 Samuel 17:32-49; Psalm 9:9-20  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41
- June 27:** 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43



**In the White Mailbox**

**June Newsletter**

**The May/June UPPER ROOM** devotional, "Where the World Meets to Pray"

**Church directory**



**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.

Many thanks to those who have made prayer shawls and  
lap robes to be given out.

There is plenty of yarn in Bailey Hall if anyone needs  
more to continue knitting and crocheting.



Questions:

Raebeth Hitchcock  
375-9294

### **Worship With Us**

Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in person  
outside (bring a lawn chair and a mask) and 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**

History of Adventures in Reading Part II

Part 3 of the History of our Adventures in Reading  
(By Janet Wilson)

A native of the area Nellie Hayden was the wife of  
Harry Hayden. The couple resided in the house just  
north of the Chiselsville Covered Bridge. She was a  
member of the Arlington Methodist Church until it  
became part of The Federated Church of East Arling-  
ton.

For many years in our Arlington community, Nellie  
Hayden was involved in almost every organization  
there was. She was an excellent cook and did much  
for the organizations' needs. She was a great organizer  
and well liked by many.

The statewide reading plan invited churches like ours  
in the state of Vermont to participate in the Reading  
Adventures. Each church needed a coordinator. Who  
else better to take the responsibility than Nellie Hay-  
den. At that time there was a women's group that met  
once a month. The meeting would contain in part  
each participant telling others about the book she had  
read.

We're happy to report that we have received most of  
the reading lists and are working on compiling the  
reading list for 2021 - 2022. The list should be ready in  
June at which time we'll announce when and how  
you'll receive the lists.

Janet Wilson and Phyllis Warren

### **Christian Education**

Bible study, Acts, gathers via Zoom on Friday mornings at  
9:00 a.m. Contact Kathy for the link.

### **Girl Scouts**

Girl Scout Brownies had a meeting on the church lawn  
on May 16th we learned about building a fire.



**Full Plates Vt to replace Farm to Families food box program**

The USDA has announced the launch of **Full Plates VT**. Full Plates VT will distribute food boxes at drive-thru style distributions throughout all fourteen counties in Vermont. The program is currently scheduled to run from June - September, 2021.

To keep wait times to a minimum, reservations will be required for the distributions. Registration will go live on May 24<sup>th</sup> and new dates will be added to the registration website every two weeks. To register and see the dates and locations, please visit [vtfoodbank.org/gethelp](http://vtfoodbank.org/gethelp) or call 833-670-2254 for assistance.

**Congratulates Graduates!!!**



A devastating fire destroyed the Williamstown, VT United Federated Church. Kathy talked with their pastor and we have the opportunity to replace their altar Bible. To contribute, checks can be made to the Federated Church of East Arlington with Bible in the memo.



**Everyone Eats:** This program helps small restaurants and their employees by supplying meals (free) on Wednesdays. We have openings if you or someone you know would like a meal and can pick it up between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. every Wednesday. Call the office, 375-2548, to be added to the list.



**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

Contact Sandy Grover: [sandragrover@gmail.com](mailto:sandragrover@gmail.com); 375-4982; church office 375-2548 or church email

**FROM THE OFFICE**

If you know prayer requests, anyone sick or in the hospital, or needs help, please let Kathy or Sandy know.

Thank you, Sandy

## June 2021 Dates to Remember

6/4	9:00am	Bible study—Acts via Zoom
6/6	10:00am	Worship/Communion via Zoom and in-person outside—bring a lawn chair
6/11	9:00am	Bible study—Acts via Zoom
6/13	10:00am	Worship via Zoom and in-person outside—bring a lawn chair
6/18	9:00am	Bible study—Acts via Zoom
	4:00-7:00pm	Farmers Market at Arlington Rec. Park
6/20	10:00am	Worship via Zoom and in-person outside—bring a lawn chair
	10:45am	Church Council meeting, outside
	9:00am	Bible study—Acts via Zoom
6/22	3:30-5:30pm	Summer Lunch pick up
6/25	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study—Acts via Zoom
	4:00-7:00pm	Farmers Market at Arlington Rec. Park
6/27	10:00am	Worship via Zoom and in-person outside—bring a lawn chair
6/29	3:30-5:30PM	Summer Lunch pick up

## Bible Study

The Acts of the Apostles

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 #

## Arlington Area Food Shelf 2021

Our goal: 2,000 pounds  
Received to date: 625 pounds

The Arlington Food Shelf

P.O. Box 723

Arlington, VT 05250



We are joining with other faith communities and non-profits throughout Bennington County to serve as the Arlington/Sandgate/Sunderland location for the “Menstrual Products for All” program. We have a bin, to the right inside the garage door for gathering items or taking what a girl or woman might need. We will share some of what is gathered in the bin with the school nurse at AMHS to be shared with girls there. This is a program sponsored by Planned Parenthood of Northern New England.



## Our Arlington Farmers Market Table At the Arlington Recreation Park

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:

**June 18, July 2, 16, 30, August 13, 27  
September 10**

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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. 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:

Table Volunteer	3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Table Volunteer	5:30 – 7:00 p.m.



**ARLINGTON VILLAGE  
FARMERS' MARKET**

### Battenkill Grange #487

Monday evening, June 7th, Battenkill Grange #487 will be presenting Mabel Crofut her 70th year membership certificate. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the Grange Pavilion in West Arlington. Due to Covid restrictions each person attending are to bring a box supper. Cake and coffee will be served. This is an open meeting and all are welcome.

Questions call Nathalie Caler. 375-6135.



**Southwest Association  
within the Vermont Conference  
United Church of Christ**



**ANNUAL MEETING WARNING**

All ministers with standing in the Southwest Association and four delegates from each member church are hereby warned and all other interested persons are invited to be present at:

**DORSET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**Registration begins at 1:30 PM**  
**Sunday, June 13, 2021**

The meeting will:

Receive and act on reports of the Scribe, Treasurer, and Nominating Committee.

Receive reports from other committees of the Association.

Conduct such other business as may be appropriate to an Annual Meeting.

1:30 - 2:00 pm Registration, Snacks and Fellowship

2:00 - 2:30 pm Opening Worship

2:30 - 3:15 pm Business Meeting

3:15 - 4:00 pm Program: Rev. Lemuel Haynes

COVID-19 Guidelines:

The Dorset Church has asked that we adhere to the following guidelines for attendance at functions within the Dorset Church building:

For the safety of all, come only if you are fully vaccinated.

All attendees will be asked to wear masks while inside the building.