

The Federated Church of East Arlington



October 2021

Meditation, Meanderings and Musings from Pastor Kathy

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*Don't you imagine the leaves dream now
how comfortable it will be to touch
the earth instead of the
nothingness of the air and the endless
freshets of wind? And don't you think
the trees, especially those with
mossy hollows, are beginning to look for*

*the birds that will come – six, a dozen – to sleep
inside their bodies? And don't you hear
the goldenrod whispering goodbye,
the everlasting being crowned with the first
tuffets of snow? The pond
stiffens and the white field over which
the fox runs so quickly brings out
its long blue shadows. The wind wags
its many tails. And in the evening
the piled firewood shifts a little,
longing to be on its way.*



This poem titled, “Song for Autumn” by the poet Mary Oliver pulls us from our desks or couches or dining rooms out into the beauty that is fall here in Vermont. So many visitors will crowd our roads and restaurants over the next couple of weeks from not so very far away to take in the colors that themselves will arrive in most of the places they’re coming from. But it’s different here. We get to enjoy slower and quieter pace with the opportunity to take in the view from a 360-degree perspective in many settings without buildings or vehicles interrupting the splendor.

Where we come from and the perspective we bring, can make all the difference in how we see the world and all of God’s creation. There are so many hurting places in our country and around the globe and many come here to Vermont not only for what they can see but for the feeling of not being rushed, of there being plenty of space to spread out, and of a sense of peace that may be hard to hold onto in more congested locations.

Let us take full advantage of this most glorious of seasons to see the people and sights around us during this fleeting fall. Whether it’s a long walk on a country road or an afternoon spent picking apples or enjoying the waning warmth on a porch, these are all opportunities to connect with the Divine. Out here, amid the dancing leaves and honking geese, we recognize our connection to all of creation. May that link move us to greater love for God and all God’s children. Happy fall, y’all!

Peace and blessings,
Kathy

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Report of the Financial Secretary, Sandra Grover

2021 Congregational Giving Budgeted: \$ 60,000.00
 Congregational Giving Received 1/1-9/29/21 \$ 34,658.50
 Fundraising—Farmers Market \$ 470.00



Church attendance

20-34 in person!
 Many via Zoom on computers,
 phones and tablets and on tv.
 from many states.



Church is who we are, Not where we go!

We are back in Church and on Zoom. We have Ann from GNAT-TV to help us through the steps for recording and working with all the equipment. We will share learning how to operate everything. We will have to step-up our Wi-Fi in order to do all of this.

We have air filters in all of the buildings. It really makes a difference, it smells better and it is very quiet.

Pastor Kathy and Tammy are working to bring the children back to Church but also programs or workshops they can do. Advent is right around the corner and then the Pageant!! Lots to do and help is always needed.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have. Home phone – 802-442-9574 or Cell- 603-345-8342

Peace be with you,

Sue Congdon
 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

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October Birthdays

- 16 – Nancy Schoerke
212 Middle Road
Shaftsbury, VT 05262
- 22 – Bernice Gaudette
6 Tel Road
Bennington, VT 05201
- 25 – Elaine Peacock
2815 Vt. Route 7A
Arlington, VT 05250
- 30 – Mara Rosenthal
1180 North Road
East Arlington, VT 05252



October Anniversaries

- 16 – Tammy and Scott Lang
- 16 - Sandy & Bonnie Barnes



Children and Youth Birthdays

October 9, 2012 Celia

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 3:** First Congregational Church of Manchester
- October 10:** Congregational Church of North Bennington
- October 17:** Pawlet Community Church
- October 31:** Peru Congregational Church

Fellowship/Coffee Hour

- October 3:** Tammy, Scott and Kelly Lang
- October 10:**
- October 17:**
- October 24:**
- October 31:**

Lectionary Readings for October

- October 3:** Job 1:1,2:1-10; Psalm 26
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 110:2-16
- October 10:** Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22: 1-15
Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10: 17-31
- October 17:** Job 38:1-7,(34-41); Psalm 104:1-9,24,35
Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45
- October 24:** Job 42:1-6,10-17; Psalm 34:1-8,(19-22)
Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52
- October 31:** Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

Altar Flowers

- October 3:** Louise Smith
- October 10:**
- October 17:**
- October 24:**
- October 31:**

In the White Mailbox

Church Directory 2021

October Newsletter

The September/October UPPER ROOM devotional,
"Where the World Meets to Pray"

Greeter

- October 3:** Phyllis Warren
- October 10:**
- October 17:**
- October 24:**
- October 31:**



KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

We will gather together on Saturday, **October 16th at 11:30 a.m.** Bring your lunch.

We will sort out the bags of yarn and totes.
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

Sundays in the Sanctuary in person—wear a
mask, 10:00 a.m.

Also: via Zoom using this link:

<https://us02web.zom.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

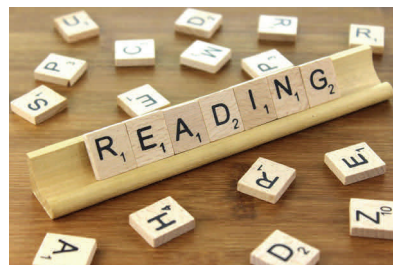
Adventures in Reading members gathered for
our end of the year celebration on July 30 at The
Grille at Mount Anthony Country Club in Ben-
nington, VT.

Janet Wilson retired as chair of Adventures in
Reading after 25 years of devoting time to this
reading club.

Thanks to members' contributions in honor of
Janet to the Janet Wilson Adventures in Reading
Fund, we were able to purchase the books that
were not already owned by the Martha Canfield
Library or kindly offered by Liz Luca or Kathy
Clark.

Janet was presented with a certificate and was
informed of the fund set up in her honor. We are
all grateful for Janet's service.

Phyllis Warren
Coordinator



October 2021 Dates to Remember

* = Dunlap Hall

10/3	10:00am	Worship/Communion in person and Zoom
10/5	12:00pm	Senior Meals
10/7	12:00pm	Senior Meals
10/8	9:00am	Bible study via Zoom, contact Kathy to join
10/10	10:00am	Worship in person and Zoom
	10:00am	Sunday School
	12:00pm	Junior Girl Scouts in Bailey Hall
10/12	12:00pm	Senior Meals
10/14	12:00pm	Senior Meals
10/15	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study, via Zoom contact Kathy to join
10/16	11:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry
10/17	10:00am	Worship in person and Zoom
	11:15am	Church Council meeting
10/19	12:00pm	Senior Meals
10/21	12:00pm	Senior Meals
10/22	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study via Zoom, contact Kathy to join
10/24	10:00am	Worship in person and Zoom
	12:00pm	Junior Girl Scouts in Bailey Hall
10/26	12:00pm	Senior Meals
10/28	12:00pm	Senior Meals
10/29	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study via Zoom, contact Kathy to join
10/31	10:00am	Worship in person and via Zoom

VERMONT CONFERENCE, UCC
BYLAWS CHANGE

At the last Board of Director's meeting of the Vermont Conference, UCC, they approved the final draft of the proposed new VTC UCC Constitution and Bylaws.

A copy of the proposed bylaws will be available in Bailey Hall on Open Door Sunday, September 12th.

Let Pastor Kathy know if you are interested in being a voting delegate at the November 13th special on-line meeting.

WINDOW DRESSERS

Drafty windows? Heat leaking out of your house? An inexpensive insulating window insert, built by community volunteers through Window Dressers, can help button up your house, save you money, save energy and reduce your carbon footprint.

This GNAT segment explains: <https://windowdressers.org/windowdressers-on-vermont-public-access-news/>

Here is the contact information to sign up your windows and to volunteer (no skills needed - training provided!) for the "barn build" style community build workshop, organized jointly by the town Energy Committees of Arlington, Sunderland, Dorset and Manchester:

Arlington Village Farmers Market

Many thanks to all our table volunteers!

Many thanks to all who bake!

Donations

6/18	Federated Church	\$92.00
	Arlington Food Shelf	2.00
7/2	Federated Church	76.00
	Arlington Food Shelf	42.00
7/30	Federated Church	72.00
	Arlington Food Shelf	5.00
8/13	Federated Church	29.00
	Arlington Food Shelf	0
8/27	Federated Church	87.00
	Arlington Food Shelf	6.00
9/10	Federated Church	114.00
	Arlington Food Shelf	0
	Totals, Church	\$470.00
	Food Shelf	\$ 55.00

Arlington Area
Food Shelf 2021

The Arlington Food Shelf
P.O. Box 723
Arlington, VT 05250



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



Book Study

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 #

Be Aware!

There are many different scams currently circulating whether via email, text message, or phone call.

Here are some of the best tricks (courtesy of Yahoo.com) to make sure you are not scammed!

Hang up immediately if you hear a recording when you answer the phone.

Avoid picking up calls from unknown numbers, even if they appear to be local. (This can be applied to emails, as well. Make sure you check the return address to make sure matches the contact information you have even if it appears the sender is a pal, family member, coworker, etc.)

Reporting spam text messages can help cut down on another major technological annoyance.

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The new church directory is available in Bailey Hall
and in the white mailbox

