

The Federated Church of East Arlington



November 2021

Meditation, Meanderings and Musings from Pastor Kathy

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*"I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving." -
Psalm 69:30*

Just since I woke up today, I have seen blooming Jacaranda trees from Brisbane, Australia; vivid fall leaves from Quebec, Canada; seven goats and a cow on a farm in Scognac, France; a palm tree from Cape Town, South Africa; and alpacas from Cheviot, New Zealand. There have also been amazing views of flowers and trees, all sorts of animals and birds, and skylines from Kansas, Nebraska, New Jersey, Alaska, and California. Along with 2.5 million other people from around the world, I am part of a public group on Facebook called **View from My Window** and it is amazing! In the short time I've been a part of this wide-ranging collection of souls, I've seen not just what they look out at from their windows but also many share what they see there and how they got to this place with that view.

What comes out over and over again, from those who are in their first apartment as well as those who are living in homes hundred of years old of all shapes and sizes, are the stories of gratitude. Even those folks from very modest dwellings in inner cities or rural communities express how grateful they are to have the view they have and to be connected with millions of others through this group that gives them a renewed sense of hope in humankind. Some speak of life circumstances that add to their appreciation. Recent entries included a woman whose baby was born right before COVID hit and how important the view she had was to keep her focused on the beauty in the world. Another recent post was from a woman in hospice care whose view outside from her bed was a source of gratitude for her earthly life and the reassurance that life would go on after she was no longer physically there.

This year's Thanksgiving will bring us once again to that place where we acknowledge the blessings we have and raise

our praise and thanksgiving to our loving God, the source of life. Here at the Federated Church of East Arlington we will once again conduct a Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for all those we know who died since last Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 21 during our 10:00 a.m. Worship. Those who will join us from home via Zoom are encouraged to have a candle or two to light if there were some dear ones you would like to remember. As members of the Interfaith Council of the Northshire, we are once again invited to participate in the annual Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 23 which will be both live at 7:00 p.m. at Israel Congregation in Manchester as well as streamed for those who wish to join from home. Information on how to participate will come out in the next few weeks.

However it is that you will be observing Thanksgiving this year, I offer these words titled "Give Thanks" from the Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes (www.unfoldinglight.net):

The Beloved has hidden
in every thing
and with unrestrained generosity
gives gifts of wondrous kinds
in every moment,
every moment.

You can see this miracle
only by giving thanks.
You can actually behold
the divine presence
only by opening your heart
in gratitude.

With every breath,
even when troubled,
give thanks.

May your day be
truly grateful.

In gratitude and peace,

Kathy

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Report of the Financial Secretary, Sandra Grover

2021 Congregational Giving Budgeted: \$ 60,000.00

Congregational Giving Received 1/1-10/28/21 \$ 38,048.50



Church attendance

	Adults	Children
10/3	26	1
10/10	26	6
10/17	24	1
10/24	27	3

Church is who we are, Not where we go!

The Church Council worked on a lot of projects, some completed and others ongoing. I may be redundant in some of my news but this is how we keep up with what is going on.

The 1st Sunday School class had 5 children, it is the second Sunday of each month.

We are still working on recording the service and keeping all our people on line in the loop. We will be switching over to Comcast for all service of phones and Wi-Fi. We are canceling the phone in Bailey Hall.

Olavi has set the thermostats for the sanctuary and Bailey Hall. We are putting programmable remote controls for the Dunlap Hall heaters. The Council has decided that the Garland Stove is using too much gas and is not used that much for cooking so we are going to try to sell it. It is 25 years old but is very functional. We hope that someone would buy it. Let us know if you know of any leads. Also thanks to Olavi and Jeff for doing the work on the front steps of the church.

We are looking into a bathroom in Dunlap Hall again. Decisions, decisions. We are also planning on having Home Maintenance deep clean the sanctuary, Bailey Hall and Dunlap Hall. They are really backed up but promised to get us in the loop.

Hope all is well with you and have a great Halloween.

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

November Birthdays

16 – Cheryl Hess
 PO Box 88
 East Arlington, VT 05252

22 - Chet Koscinski
 52 Dutch Lane
 Arlington



Children and Youth Birthdays

November 18, 2011 Ezra Barrios
 November 26, 2008 Marley Clark
 November 26, 2008 Shelly Clark

November Anniversaries

16 – John & Cheryl Hess
 PO Box 88
 East Arlington, VT 05252



**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.

- November 7:** Pittsford Congregational Church
- November 14:** Grace Congregational Church-Rutland
- November 21:** Congregational Church of Rupert
- November 28:** Shrewsbury Community Church

Fellowship/Coffee Hour

- November 7:**
- November 14:**
- November 21**
- November 28:**

Lectionary Readings for November

- November 7:** Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 127
 Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44
- November 14:** Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16
 Hebrews 10:11-14,(15-18),19-25; Mark 13:1-8
- November 21:** 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12,(13-18)
 Revelations 1:4-8; John 18:33-37
- November 28:** Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10
 I Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

Altar Flowers

- November 7:**
- November 14:**
- November 21**
- November 28:**

In the White Mailbox

Church Directory 2021
November Newsletter
The November/December UPPER ROOM devotional,
 “Where the World Meets to Pray”

Greeter

- November 7:**
- November 14:**
- November 21**
- November 28:**





KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

We will gather together on Saturday, **November 20th 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

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Worship With Us

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

Also: 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.

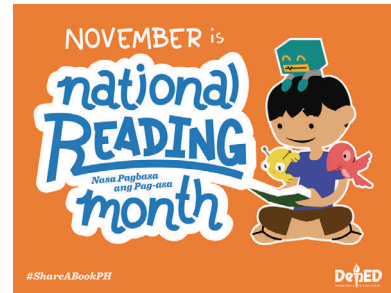
Adventures in Reading

Adventures in Reading members gathered under the tent at the Federated Church of East Arlington on a chilly day to share what we have been reading and making suggestions.

We retreated to Bailey Hall for refreshments and to warm up.

Our next meeting will be planned for January.

Phyllis Warren
Coordinator



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 #

November 2021 Dates to Remember

* Dunlap Hall

11/2	12:00pm	Senior Meals
11/4	12:00pm	Senior Meals
11/5	9:00am	Book study via Zoom, contact Kathy to join
11/6	Daylight Savings ends—turn clocks BACK tonight.	
11/7	10:00am	Worship/Communion in person and Zoom
11/9	12:00pm	Senior Meals
11/11	12:00pm	Senior Meals
11/12	9:00 a.m.	Book Study, via Zoom contact Kathy to join
11/14	10:00am	Worship in person and Zoom
	10:00am	Sunday School
	12:00pm	* Cadettes/Senior Girl Scouts in Dunlap Hall
	12:00pm	Junior Girl Scouts in Bailey Hall
11/16	12:00pm	Senior Meals
11/18	12:00pm	Senior Meals
11/20	11:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry
11/21	10:00am	Worship in person and Zoom
		Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance
11/23	12:00pm	Senior Meals
	7:00pm	IFC Northshire Thanksgiving Service at First Congregational Church, Manchester
11/24	12:00pm	Senior Meals
11/28	10:00am	Worship in person and via Zoom— First Sunday of Advent
	12:00pm	Junior Girl Scouts in Bailey Hall
	12:00pm	*Cadettes/Senior Girl Scouts in Dunlap Hall

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 is available in Bailey Hall.

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

Arlington Area
Food Shelf 2021

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

Christian Education**November 14th**—Sunday School**December 5th** from 2-4pm in Bailey Hall—Advent Workshop

We are looking for people to teach a craft materials will be supplied

Book/Bible StudyFriday mornings, 9:00am via Zoom
Contact Kathy for informationGirl Scouts**November 14 and 28**Juniors at 12 noon in Bailey Hall
Cadettes and Seniors at 12 noon in Dunlap Hall

Bennington County Open Arms

Bennington County Open Arms (BCOA) is an informal group of volunteers preparing since this summer to serve as co-sponsors for refugee families in southwestern Vermont. We are waiting to be assigned a family by a ECDC (<http://www.ecdcus.org>), the refugee resettlement agency contracted by the U.S. Department of State for southern Vermont, through its newly opened office in Brattleboro. With a lot of grace, BCOA has secured an affordable (!) 2-bedroom apartment in Bennington and some home furnishings, initial commitments of funding from individuals and a faith group, and a growing roster of volunteers. If anyone is interested in hosting a family in one's home on a temporary basis with a commitment of at least 5 months or until the refugees can find permanent housing, we would love to hear from you.

We are currently focused on fundraising and expanding the volunteer network to make sure a refugee family is welcomed, and safely and comfortably settled in our corner of Vermont. Help small and large will be welcomed, from moving furniture, driving to appointments, tutoring in English language, providing meals, helping set up financial and utility accounts, completing official forms, taking the family shopping, and inviting them on outings to get to know the area. Financial contributions are very welcome, to cover expenses beyond whatever government support they may receive.

BCOA meets bi-weekly on Zoom and/or in-person, adhering to CDC COVID protocols. For more information or the Zoom links, please email BCOpenArms@gmail.com.

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:

Interfaith Council of the Northshire Auction

The Interfaith Council of the Northshire (IFC) will be holding an online auction to benefit our Emergency Needs Fund which provides thousands of dollars of assistance to those experiencing financial hardship.

As an active member of the IFC, The Federated Church of East Arlington is asking congregants to consider donating new (purchased or regifted) items and/or gift cards that could generate vigorous bidding during the auction which will be held online from November 29 to December 9.

Potential donors are asked to call Lori Hong (609-709-0496) or Phyllis Warren (802-375-6440) if they are interested in adding to the array of auction items.



AUCTION ITEMS **NEEDED!**

The Interfaith Council of the Northshire
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which provides monetary assistance to those
experiencing financial hardship.

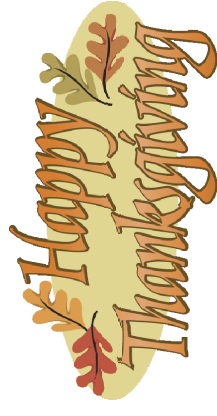
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to discuss your donation.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	*Dunlap Hall					
	1	2 12n-Senior Meals	3	4 12n-Senior Meals 7p-Farmers Market Board Meeting	5 9a-Book Study	6
7 10a-Worship/ Communion 11a-Fellowship time	8	9 12n-Senior Meals	10	11 12n-Senior Meals Veteran's Day	12 9a-Book Study	13
14 10a-Worship/SS 11a-Fellowship time 12p-G.S. Juniors *12p-G.S. Cadettes/ Srs	15	16 12n-Senior Meals	17	18 12n-Senior Meals	19	20 11:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
21 10a-Worship-Service of Thanksgiving & remembrance 11a-Fellowship time 11:15a-Council	22	23 12n-Senior Meals 7p-IFC Thanksgiving Service, First Con- gregational Man- chester	24	25 	26	27
28 10a-Worship 11a-Fellowship time 12p-G.S. Juniors *12p-G.S. Cadettes/ Srs	29	30 12n-Senior Meals				