

# The Federated Church of East Arlington



January 2022

## Meditation, Meanderings and Musings from Pastor Kathy

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*“And now we welcome the new year. Full of things that have never been.”*

Rainer Maria Rilke

I have never been very successful at sticking to New Year's resolutions. The idea that on a particular day whatever bad habit I'd like to lose or new practice I would take up would now take on such importance that I would change years or decades of activity or inactivity just never stuck.

Instead, I'm hoping that after almost two years into the pandemic, we have been changed - and in some ways for the better. And perhaps as we welcome 2022 and all it will bring with it we might instead use these questions to reflect back on this past crazy year and realize where the sources of joy and strength and growth came from.

As we say goodbye to 2021, I'm hoping that these reflective questions from Courtney Martin might spark something in us that will help us find a measure of joy in each day and continued glimpses of God's love in the world and in ourselves. These might also be great questions to journal about or share around a table with some treasured family members or friends.

1. What are you craving to learn more about next year? How might you go about it— an online class, a mentor, a book?
2. What was a really nourishing practice for you this year?
3. What did you shed, let go of, or give up this year? How did you get lighter?
4. What do you want to savor more in the year ahead?
5. What was the most overhyped experience you had in 2021?
6. What writer, filmmaker, musician really moved you this year?
7. How has your body been this year—resilient, tired, vital, healing? How would you like to change your relationship with your body in the year ahead?
8. Who made you feel most heard this year? Who did you learn to have better boundaries with?
9. What did you learn about your own capacity for uncertainty this year?
10. What completely ordinary thing are you most grateful for right now in your life?

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May 2022 be a year when the Divine can be seen and felt and known in your life.

Holding you each in prayers of healing and hope.

Peace and blessings,

Kathy

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### Report of the Financial Secretary, Sandra Grover

2022 Congregational Giving Budgeted: \$ 60,000.00

Congregational Giving 1/1/21-12/31/21 \$ 61,626.50



### Church attendance

	Adults	Children
12/5	25	3
12/12	23	3
12/19	33	7
12/26	6	0

And many on Zoom or telephone.

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

We are walking into a new beginning. Christmas was wonderful and the children had a great time. We will present the budget at the Annual Meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup> along with the rest of the meeting. If you have any questions before hand, please give me a call at home 802-442-9574.

We are having the Church cleaned along with Bailey Hall and Dunlap Hall.

I have to say thank you to Pastor Kathy for all the work she has done trying to find the right equipment for the church service. Ann from GNAT has been helping up in the balcony with filming the service and trying to coordinate the sound and zoom. We are also upgrading our quick books and office desktop.

Orvis is sponsoring a Fly-fishing Event April 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> at Arlington Common. The planning committee has asked the church if we would do a dinner on one of those days. Wouldn't that be nice to do something that we have always done.

I hope that you are all well.

Peace be with you  
Sue Congdon, 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. Olavi Wirkki	2. Scott lang
Worship & Ministry	Ginny Wilkins	1. Linda McDevitt	2. Phyllis Warren
Missions	Sandy Grover	1. Wendy Bahan	2. Gail Rice

**January Birthdays**

- 2 – Harriet Welther  
2815 Sunderland Hill Road  
Arlington, VT 05250
- 18 – Kaylee Bushee  
150 Sunderland Hill Road  
Arlington, VT 05250
- 22 – Dottie Kosciński  
55 Dutch Lane  
Arlington, VT 052520
- 26 – Alyson Grzyb  
95 Lost Road  
Sunderland, VT 05250



**January Anniversaries**

- 6 – Michelanne and Bill Sylvester  
3008 Vt. Route 7A  
Arlington, VT 05250

**Children and Youth Birthdays**

- 29, 2011 Trevor Clark

**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.

- January 2:** Brandon Congregational Church
- January 9:** Federated Church of Castleton
- January 16:** Congregational Union Church of South Wallingford
- January 23:** Union Church of Proctor
- January 30:** United Church of Dorset and East Rupert



**Lectionary Readings for January**

- January 2:** Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20  
Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9), 10-18
- January 9:** Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29  
Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
- January 16:** Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10  
1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11
- January 23:** Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Luke 4:14-21
- January 30:** Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

**January Helping Hands**

- Lay Reader:**
- Council Member:**
- January 2:**  
Greeter:  
Altar Flowers:  
Refreshment time:
- January 9:**  
Altar Flowers:  
Refreshments:
- January 16:**  
Greeter:  
Altar Flowers:  
Refreshments:
- January 23:**  
Greeter:  
Altar Flowers:  
Refreshments:
- January 30:**  
Greeter:  
Flowers:  
Refreshments:

**In the White Mailbox**

- Church Directory 2021
- January Newsletter
- The January/February UPPER ROOM devotional,  
"Where the World Meets to Pray"

# The Federated Church of East Arlington

## **WARNING 2021 ANNUAL MEETING**

To discuss the business of the church

Acceptance of Reports

Vote on proposed 2022 budget

Vote on nominations

Other business

In Bailey Hall immediately following worship over a soup and bread lunch. Please plan to attend. We need everyone's input.

## **ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE TO THE OFFICE**

If you have reports or information to be included in the Annual Report for 2021, please be sure the office has it by January 8th.

Thank you, Sandy Grover

ANNUAL  
REPORT



## **Offering Envelopes**

Offering envelopes for 2022 will be available in Bailey Hall soon.

Please take a box and write your name on the numbered list.

Sandy Grover, Financial Secretary

sandragrover@gmail.com or 802-375-4982

## **De-greening the church**

Saturday, January 8th 9:00 a.m.

Thank you in advance.

Coffee, "goodies" will be provided.

## **Contribution Statements**

Please let me know how you would like your contribution statements for 2021 delivered to you:

postal mail    email    picked up at the office    at Sunday worship

You can contact me anytime to get an update of your giving.

Sandy Grover, Financial Secretary

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**Advent Wreath Candlelighters and Readers**

- November 28 Jeff and Diane McConnell
- December 5 Kathy and John Frost
- December 12 Sue and Olavi Wirkki
- December 19 Patti Cody and Phyllis Warren
- December 24 Tammy, Scott and Kelly Lang

**Lantern Lighters**

- November 28 Janet Wilson
- December 5 Phil Underhill
- December 12 Herb and Pat Taylor
- December 19 Annie Howard

**Arlington Area Food Shelf 2022**

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

Please donate non-perishable food.  
Place in box in church entry or  
in the box in the garage (small door).



**Christian Education**

Children's Sunday School

Sunday School, January 16th, 10:00 a.m.



**Girl Scouts**

Girl Scout meetings for January:

Juniors-Bailey Hall, January 16 and 30th at noon

Cadettes and Seniors Meeting Dunlap Hall, January 16 and 30th at noon

**Martin Luther King Day Service**

Monday, January 17th  
7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

This is an Interfaith Council of the Northshire program.

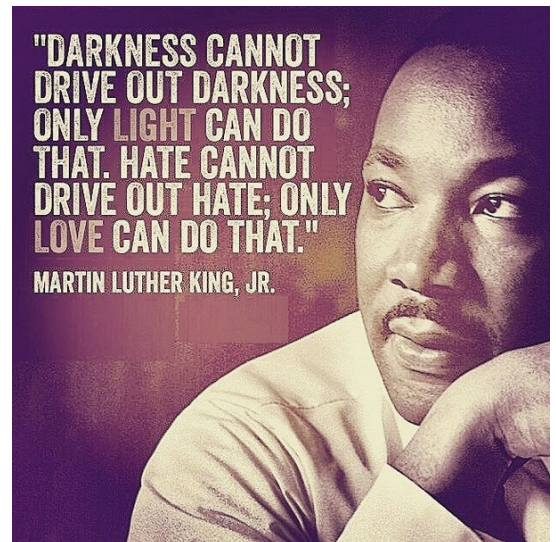
**CHOIR**

Anyone interested in joining the choir, please see Mary.



**"DARKNESS CANNOT DRIVE OUT DARKNESS; ONLY LIGHT CAN DO THAT. HATE CANNOT DRIVE OUT HATE; ONLY LOVE CAN DO THAT."**

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



### 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 or go to the GNAT-TV website to view them anytime after Tuesday of each week.

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.



**KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.**

We gather together on Saturday, January 15th at 11:30 a.m. Bring your own lunch, coffee and tea is provided.

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, lap robes, hats and mittens to be given out.

Yarn is available for anyone needs more to continue knitting and crocheting.



Questions:  
 Raebeth Hitchcock  
 375-9294

### Adventures in Reading

Because of the rise of Covid cases we will be meeting via Zoom in January. I will send an email to announce the date and time.

As 2022 begins, our attention is being drawn to making resolutions. Include in yours to read widely, read with fervor, read to open your mind to new knowledge, read for pleasure.

Wishing you happiness and health in the New Year!

*"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss*

Phyllis Warren  
 Coordinator



We respect **WOMEN**, **MEN** and **NON-BINARY** people • We value **BLACK LIVES** • We stand with our **LGBTQIA+** **COMMUNITY MEMBERS** • We celebrate **CHILDREN** • We stand with **IMMIGRANTS**, **REFUGEES**, with **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**, and **PEOPLES OF ALL FAITHS** • We support **INDIVIDUALS** and **FAMILIES** challenged by mental health, substance use and developmental disabilities.

We stand with our **COMMUNITY**.



The past few years have taken a toll on many. Our agency, like most, is experiencing a surge in demand for our services. In response United Counseling Service (UCS) created **Find Access to Services and Treatment (FAST)**, an innovative process, designed to help people when they need it.

**What does this mean?** We have enhanced our Same Day Access process to not only respond to individuals immediately when they call or come in, but to provide direct access to a clinical team who will work with the individual to help meet their immediate needs.

FAST is available beginning on Monday, January 3 at our main office at 100 Ledge Hill Drive in Bennington. The hours are Monday through Friday during normal business hours.

Individuals seeking help can come in or call and work with the triage team to access what they need immediately.

For more information call 802.442.5491. FAST will be available starting Monday, January 3rd during regular office hours at our main office at 100 Ledge Hill Drive in Bennington.

**Bible Study** (and, no, you do not need to know anything about it to participate)

Our next Bible Study via Zoom begins on Friday, January 7 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. when we will dive into the Gospel of Luke. We will meet each week for as long as it takes to work our way through this Gospel. Feel free to join us any week you can. Here's the link that will be used each Friday morning:

Topic: Gospel of Luke study  
Time: Fridays at 9:00 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91377329294>



### January 2022 Dates to Remember Dunlap Hall

- 1/8 9:00 a.m. De-greening of the church
- 1/15 11:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 1/16 Annual Reports available
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 12:00 a.m. Girl Scouts-Bailey Hall & Dunlap Hall
- 1/17 7:00 p.m. Martin Luther King Service-Zoom
- 1/23 11:00 a.m. **ANNUAL MEETING** following worship and soup & bread lunch



# January 2022



	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>*Dunlap Hall</b>						I
2		3	4 12n-Senior Meals	5	6 12n-Senior Meals	7 9a-Bible Study-Luke On Zoom	8 9a-De-Greening of the church
9	10a-Worship/ Communion 11a-Fellowship time	10	11 12n-Senior Meals	12	13 12n-Senior Meals	14 9a-Bible Study-Luke On Zoom	15 11:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
16	10a-Worship/SS 11a-Fellowship time 12p-G.S. Juniors *12p-G.S. Cadettes/Srs	17 7p-Martin Luther King Service via Zoom	18 12n-Senior Meals	19	20 12n-Senior Meals	21 9a-Bible Study-Luke On Zoom	22
23	10a-Worship 11a-Fellowship time/soup And bread lunch 11:00a-ANNUAL MEETING	24	25 12n-Senior Meals	26	27 12n-Senior Meals	28 9a-Bible Study-Luke On Zoom	29
30	10a-Worship 11a-Fellowship time	31					