

# The Federated Church of East Arlington



May 2025

From the desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus!

In the last few days, the dandelions have sprung up around the church and the crabapple tree is preparing to explode with pink blossoms. New leaves are appearing on the trees and the blush of pale green is beginning to creep up the mountains. This turning of the seasons is a special time of year and I hope that the spirit of rebirth and renewal is dwelling richly in you.

April was an exciting month at the church. There were several activities including a movie night where we screened the documentary film, *Things Hidden: The Life and Legacy of René Girard*. The annual Egg hunt on the Saturday before Easter was a hit. In anticipation of rain, we held the egg hunt in the sanctuary and upstairs in the Sunday school rooms. Many local families participated and our buildings were filled with joyful children and adults. Thank you to Tammy and Scott for doing a wonderful job, as always. Thanks to Carol for bringing her bunny for children to hold and pet and thank you to Patti for donning the bunny costume. Thank you to everyone else who volunteered to help. It is great to open our doors to the community.

Our Holy Week services were special times of worship and remembrance. Beginning with Palm Sunday and continuing through Easter, we worshiped through the reading of scripture, singing, prayer and the sharing of holy communion. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Maundy Thursday evening service of Tenebrae. And thank you to Rev. Jeremy and the people of St. James Episcopal Church who joined with us to worship at the Easter sunrise service.

In other news, I wrote an article for the Bennington Banner which was published during Holy Week.

([https://www.benningtonbanner.com/religion/speaking-of-religion-easter-revelation/article\\_e2895ea5-c5f7-4b64-96cc-d589a37fa286.html](https://www.benningtonbanner.com/religion/speaking-of-religion-easter-revelation/article_e2895ea5-c5f7-4b64-96cc-d589a37fa286.html))

Our Bible study group concluded the gospel of Mark. Studies will continue to be held on Thursdays at 3pm. We also participated in our combined youth group and confirmation classes in April. Youth meetings will continue in May.

Looking ahead, we will be participating in a summer youth camp and a mission trip in July. Our Summer Lunch program will begin in June. We have dates for more movie nights and music in the near future. Keep the church in mind if anyone in the area needs a place for community gatherings and meals.

I look forward to continuing our worship services as we celebrate this Easter season. May the resurrection be in your hearts and the joy, peace and freedom of Jesus Christ be a living present reality for you each day.

May God bless and keep you always,

Andris



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## Report of the Financial Secretary, Sandra Grover

2024 Congregational Giving Budgeted:	\$ 70,000.00
Congregational Giving 1/1/25-4/30/25	\$ 22,783.66
Building use 1/1/25-4/30/25	\$ 1,435.00
Parsonage Rental	\$ 7,200.00
One Great Hour Sharing	\$ 325.00

*Thank you!*

## Church attendance

	Adults	Children	Youth	Zoom
4/6	37	8	1	5
4/13	40	10	1	5
4/20	52	12	1	2
4/27	25	6	0	5



At our April meeting, we discussed scheduling more movie nights, the ongoing boundary line adjustment, parking lot paving and the upcoming summer rummage/tag sale.

As you all know, Federated Church has collected money during coffee hour to support Holy Joe's. After Andris and his family presented slides of their trip to Eritrea, several people suggested that we should do more to increase the funds we send with Andris to distribute there. We decided that the coffee hour funds will now be designated for Eritrea.

Our next meeting will be May 18.

Peace,

Marilyn Warner  
 Council Chair

## Church Council

Moderator	Marilyn Warner
Treasurer	Adam Annunziata
Clerk	
Ex Officio-	Andris Berry
Building and Grounds	Edward Coy
Christian Education	Tammy Lang
Finance	Olavi Wirkki
Worship & Ministry	Karen Coy
Missions & Outreach	Sandy Grover

## Team Members

1. Alyson Grzyb	2. Dennis Warner
1. Casey Annunziata	2. Scott Lang
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1. Phyllis Warren	2. Dianne McConnell
1. Gail Rice	2. Ann Smith

**May Birthdays**

- 7 – Carol Clevenger  
501 Emma Street  
Mt. Holly, NJ 08060
- 12 – Karen Underhill  
983 Berwal Road  
Arlington, VT 05250
- 19 – Kathy Frost  
16 Kempton Place #6  
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
- 21 – Sharon Davis  
3104 Vt. Route 7A  
Arlington, VT 05250

**May Anniversaries**

- 6—Stephanie Adams & Steve Mountain  
107 Munn Terrace  
Arlington, VT 05250
- 13 – Karen and Ed Coy  
449 Sunrise Lane  
Arlington, VT 05250

**Children & Youth**

- 10, 2017 Ronan Caples  
20, 2013 Chelsea Crawford  
20, 2013 Chase Crawford

**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.

- May 4:** Congregational Union Church of So. Wallingford  
**May 11:** Union Church of Proctor  
**May 18:** United Church of Dorset and East Rupert  
**May 25:** Federated Church of East Arlington

**Lectionary Readings for May**

- May 4** Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 30  
Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19
- May 11** Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23  
Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30
- May 18:** Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148  
Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35
- May 25:** Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67  
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29

**Christian Education**

Christian Education we had a wonderful Easter Egg hunt. Lots of children in attendance, it was so much fun !!



This monthly virtue—**Initiative**, seeing what needs to be done and doing it.

Join us in learning our **memory verse**:

“None of you should look out just for your own good. Each of you should also look out for the good of others.” Philippians 2:4, NirV

We offer weekly programming during the 10am Sunday service for kids ages 1-12. We encourage you to invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join us!

**May Helping Hands Needed**

We need helpers to assist with our services.

Greeter—1 per service

Usher—1 per service to assist the greeter

Readers—1 per month, or share with someone

Altar flowers—each Sunday, except Lent

Communion prep—1 or 2 once per month

Refreshment time— set up, clean up, goodies



## Worship With US

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86243626013?pwd=z0OIhUN6Q4Qa0zSadxwVLD4k6PooNB.1>

Meeting ID: 862 4362 6013

Passcode: 932568

### One tap mobile

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(Washington DC)

+13052241968,,85851005502#,,,,\*481587# US

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.

Watch for an email from Andris with the Sunday bulletin and link to join.

## Adventures In Reading

Your list of books that you have read is due by May 15. We suggest that you read at least one book from each group. The only acceptable substitutions are books in the same group by an author on the list or books in the same group from an earlier Adventures in Reading list.

It is much appreciated if you would also recommend books for the following season. I'd prefer having the lists emailed to me to save time. Use this format, please. Author (Last, First). Title. Short description. In which group you think it will fit.

There are four groups:

Spiritual  
Nonfiction  
Fiction  
Banned Book

We will be planning a June lunch to celebrate!

## Arlington Area Food Shelf 2025

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

Please donate non-perishable food.  
Place in the box in the church entry or in Bailey Hall.

55 pounds

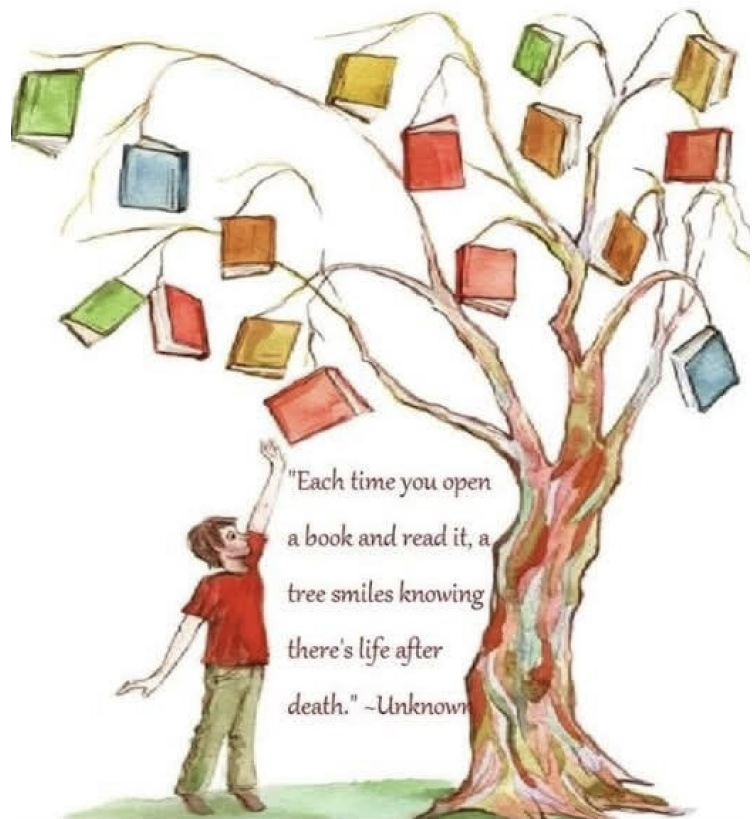
## From the Office

### Any interest? Volunteer?

Once a month breakfast open to the public?  
Summer sale with chicken barbecue?  
Other suggestions:

### Needed

Clerk for the church council  
Secretary for the office  
Publicity person or team  
Historical team to organize history records





**Second Annual  
Summer Rummage Sale and  
Chicken Barbecue  
Coming on June 21st**

Many thanks to Diane Horton for taking the lead on this project.

Many hands are needed, there will be a sign-up sheet in Bailey Hall.

Let's all take part to support our church with work and fun!

For more information or to help or bring items to sell contact:

Church office: 802-375-2548 or

federatedchurch05250@gmail.com

Diane Horton: 802-681-8525 or

kdkabhorton@yahoo.com

Sandy Grover: 802-375-4982 or

sandragrover@gmail.com

**Looking Ahead**

**The Summer Lunch Program** begins June 17 for 9 weeks.

- ♦ Individually wrapped snacks can be placed in the box in Bailey Hall.
- ♦ Volunteers may be needed

**Arlington Farmers Market begins June 6th.**

New market manager, new things happening. Anyone interested, sign up or contact the office or Sandy, decisions need to be made. Thanks to those who have signed up.

**“Blanket the World with Love”**

We honor our mothers on Mother's Day. One way is to give to CWS (Church World Service) to support CWS blankets to offer comfort, hope and warmth to our neighbors during their most challenging times.

\$10 provides a CWS blanket to someone in need.

\$25 provides CWS blanket and a CWS hygiene kit.

\$60 family bundle provides blankets and hygiene kits for an entire family.

Envelopes are in the pews. Checks to Federated Church, CWS in memo. Greeting cards are available.

Be the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

“And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.” - 2 Corinthians 9:11



**Worship and Ministry Team**


The Worship and Ministry Team thanks the Altar Committee for their regular cleaning of the brass. We also thank the congregation for providing flowers for Easter. The church looked beautiful on Easter!





# May 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
FCEA worship services are live on Zoom each Sunday (unless notified otherwise)				1 12n-Senior Meals 3p-Bible Study	2 Vt. Conference UCC Annual Meeting—Rutland	3 Vt. Conference UCC Annual Meeting—Rutland
4 10a-Worship, Communion, Sunday School, nursery 11a-Fellowship time	5 10a-Bone Builders	6 12n-Senior Meals	7 10a-Bone Builders 2:30p-Serenity Singers	8 12n-Senior Meals 3p-Bible Study	9	10
11 10a-Worship, Sunday School, nursery 11a-Fellowship time	12 10a-Bone Builders	13 12n-Senior Meals	14 10a-Bone Builders 7p-Movie Night in Bailey Hall	15 12n-Senior Meals 3p-Bible Study AIR reading list due to Phyllis	16	17 Bailey Hall in use 12-5
18 10a-Worship, Sunday School, nursery 11a-Fellowship time 11:20a-Church Council	19 10a-Bone Builders	20 12n-Senior Meals	21 10a-Bone Builders 2:30p-Serenity Singers	22 12n-Senior Meals 3p-Bible Study	23	24 11a-Graveside service for Carlene Johnson—Ira Allen Cemetery
25 10a-Worship, Sunday School, nursery 11a-Fellowship time	26 10a-Bone Builders	27 12n-Senior Meals	28 10a-Bone Builders 7p-Country Gospel Jam in Bailey Hall	29 12n-Senior Meals 3p-Bible Study 	30	31 