



The Federated Church of East Arlington



September 2025

From the desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus!

The Summer Lunch Program has wrapped up after a successful summer. Together with our friends and neighbors at St. James Episcopal Church, we were able to serve almost 50 families and 116 children in the Arlington /Sunderland/Sandgate communities with 10 weeks of meals and assistance. Thank you to all the volunteers and supporters and to you, the church community, who helped make this possible.

I want to thank Karen for leading worship on August 3 while I was away for Rahel's birthday and my children's swim meet. It was good to spend the day with my family.

On August 4, we celebrated the life of Mary McKeighan at Devlin Funeral Home in Bennington. Mary's family and friends continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

I continued visits to CLR and Mission Care in Bennington during the month of August. Thanks to the church which makes it possible for pastoral care to be offered to friends and neighbors in the community.

We had a fun country gospel music night on August 20. We never know who is going to show up. This month we added spoons, comb and mandolin to the band. We are hoping to welcome kazoo and washboard players to our next jam and sing along on September 17.

Looking ahead, we will have adult and youth Bible studies starting again in September. We will also have our Rally Sunday worship service on September 7, to celebrate the official return to Sunday school, even though we have held Sunday school nearly every week this summer. Thank you to all the teachers and to our nursery attendant Sophie.

I hope that you have a blessed month of September and look forward to worshipping with you as we seek to build the body of Christ in our midst. Stay strong in the light of Christ and have courage, knowing you are not alone.

In faith,

Andris

“Keep loving each other like family. ² Don't neglect to open up your homes to guests, because by doing this some have been hosts to angels without knowing it. ³ Remember prisoners as if you were in prison with them, and people who are mistreated as if you were in their place.” — Hebrews 13:1-3



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Report of the Financial Secretary, Sandra Grover

2024 Congregational Giving Budgeted:	\$ 70,000.00
Congregational Giving 1/1/25-8/29/25	\$ 39,382.79
Building use 1/1/25-8/29/25	\$ 2,925.00
Parsonage Rental	\$ 14,300.00
Fundraising 1/1/25-8/29/25	\$ 3,092.51



Thank you!

Church attendance

	Adults	Children	Youth	Zoom
8/3	29	2	0	4
8/10	36	5	1	3
8/17	38	8	2	3
8/24	28	1	0	4
8/31				

The Council had a lot on its agenda for the August meeting. Repairs continue on Dunlap Hall's slate roof, T-shirts should be here soon, and we'll be participating in the library's scarecrow building event.

The council had a lengthy discussion regarding the chicken barbecue that had been planned for September 6, as the Legion scheduled a clambake the same day. The decision was made to cancel the barbecue rather than try to compete with a clambake. We also discussed possible changes to our property and liability insurance, and creating our own Christian Education curriculum.

We will open Dunlap Hall during Norman's Attic weekend for anyone who wants to search for a treasure among the remains of the summer tag sale. Volunteer for short time to be on hand on 9/13.

Our next meeting will be September 21.

Peace,

Marilyn Warner

Council Chair

**Church Council**

Moderator	Marilyn Warner
Treasurer	Adam Annunziata
Clerk	Sandy Grover
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

September Birthdays

- 4 – Sandy Grover
3402 VT Route 7A
Arlington, VT 05250
- 11 – Dennis Warner
367 Berwal Road
Arlington, VT 05250
- 22 – Marie Davies
66 Country View Lane
Arlington, VT 05250
- 27 – Kaitlyn Daniels
6 Tel Road
Bennington, VT 05201
- Patti Cody
348 Green Mountain Road
Manchester Center, VT 05255
- 30 – Jeff McConnell
77 Hagelberg Hill
Arlington, VT 05250
- 30 – Nicole Cassan
851 Sunderland Hill Road
Sunderland, VT 05250



September Anniversaries

- 1 – Diane and Jeff McConnell
77 Hagelberg Hill
Arlington, VT 05250
- 6 – Marilyn and Dennis Warner
367 Berwal Road
Arlington, VT 25250



Children's Ministry:

Rally Sunday: Join us as we kick off a new year of Sunday School! Discover our programs for children ages 1–12, meet our teachers, and learn more about what’s ahead. **Sunday, September 7th at 10:00am**

Children’s Service: A special service where our youth take an active role in leading worship. From reading and singing to lighting candles and handing out bulletins, the children will help guide the service and experience what it means to be an important part of our congregation.

Two Youth group Bible studies are scheduled for September: First Church Manchester on 9/7 at 11:30am and Federated Church Arlington on 9/21 at 2pm

**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.

- September 7:** Congregational Union Church So. Wallingford
- September 14:** Union Church of Proctor
- September 21:** United Church of Dorset and East Rupert
- September 28:** Federated Church of East Arlington

Lectionary Readings for September

- September 7:** Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139
Philemon 1:1-21; Luke 14:25-33
- September 14:** Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10
- September 21:** Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9
1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13
- September 28:** Jeremiah 32:1-3,6-15; Psalm 91:1-6,14-16
1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31



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 during 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

+13017158592,,85851005502#,,,,*481587# US
(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

I'm going to need to have a choice of September 22 or 29 for the first Adventures in Reading potluck and discussion.

Please let Phyllis know by September 15.

I hope all of you have had a wonderful summer.

My favorite thing about reading a good book is when I actually forget that I am reading it. When I devour the words without really being aware of it. When I'm so lost in the world I'm reading about, that I forget I'm not actually there. I hear the voices instead of reading them, I feel the emotions instead of imagining them, I know the characters so well that I forget that they are only words on paper.

GoodwillLibrarian.com



Duties of the Greeter

- ◆ Arrive 9:30 a.m. and wear your name tag.
- ◆ Greet arrivals at the door and hand bulletins.
- ◆ If children are present, give coloring books, etc
- ◆ Locate bell ringer to ring bell at 9:50 a.m.
- ◆ Light altar candles during the first hymn.
- ◆ Time for offering, stand at rear of church with the usher until the pastor signals it is time to come forward.
- ◆ Pastor hands you the offering plates.
- ◆ Start in middle aisle at front, proceed together to the back; allow a little time for people to "dig", some just sign "no" as some give monthly or online.
- ◆ When you come to the end of that aisle, go around to the front of the outside aisle and proceed together down that aisle.
- ◆ Wait at the end of the main aisle for the signal to come forward; give plates to the pastor, turn and return to your seats.
- ◆ After service pick up bulletins and clutter.

The usher will assist the greeter with offering, communion and as needed

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.

Needed

Clerk for the church council
Historical team to organize history records

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Kirkin' of The Tartans Service

November 16, 2025

The Kirkin' O' The Tartans service will be Sunday, November 16, 2025 at the Federated Church of East Arlington. This is a church service blessing and honoring all church families and all of their ethnic backgrounds (clans, or "tartans"), which is traditionally performed at Presbyterian churches. We ask that you wear your family/ancestral heritage traditional clothing (for example, a kilt, kimono or poncho) to church that day to honor your ancestors. Please invite your friends and neighbors. A potluck of traditional food will occur after service.



The Federated Church of
East Arlington's Website:

Federatedchurchofeastarlington.com



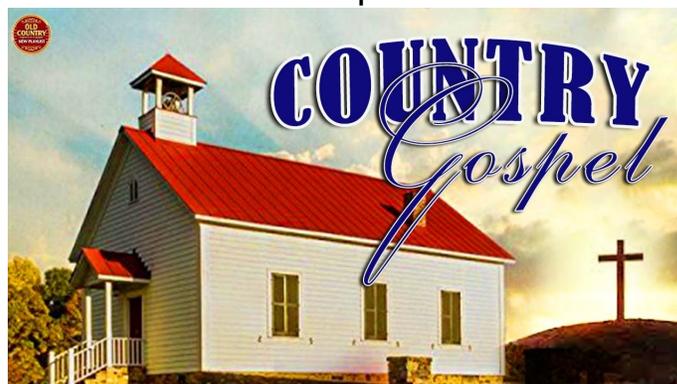
Scarecrow Decorating

The Martha Canfield Library in Arlington is holding a Scarecrow Decorating Event in September and October. Our church has decided to participate. We will be loaned a scarecrow frame and we are looking for "clothes, etc." to dress it in. It will be a fun town event. See if you can spot the scarecrows in front of area businesses!



Country gospel jam sessions at the
Federated Church of East Arlington!

Wednesday, September 17th
7:00pm



"Don't judge each day by the
harvest you reap but by the
seeds that you plant"



September 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
FCEA worship services are live on Zoom each Sunday (unless notified otherwise)	1 10a-Bone Builders	2 12n-Senior Meals	3 10a-Bone Builders	4 12n-Senior Meals	5 AVFM 4-7p We have a table	6
7 Rally Sunday 10a-Worship, Communion, Sunday School, nursery 11a-Fellowship time 11:30am-youth bible study at fccManchester	8 10a-Bone Builders	9 12n-Senior Meals	10 10a-Bone Builders	11 12n-Senior Meals	12	13 Norman's Attic, town wide tag sale.
14 10a-Worship, Sunday School, nursery 11a-Fellowship time	15 10a-Bone Builders	16 12n-Senior Meals	17 10a-Bone Builders 7p-Country Gospel Jam	18 12n-Senior Meals 2p-Bible study	19	20
21 10a-Worship, Sunday School 11a-Fellowship time 11:20a-Church Council 2p-Youth Bible Study at FCEA	22 10a-Bone Builders	23 12n-Senior Meals	24 10a-Bone Builders 3p-Serenity Singers	25 12n-Senior Meals 2p-Bible study	26 7p-Singo Bingo	27
28 10a-Worship, Sunday School, nursery 11a-Fellowship time	29 10a-Bone Builders	30 12n-Senior Meals				