

The Federated Church of East Arlington

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October 2025

From the desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus!

September was an eventful month at the church as we started up programs that had been on pause during the summer months. I attended meetings with the Interfaith Council of the North shire and the Clergy Bible study of the Southwest Association of the U.C.C.

We started our weekly Bible study again in September. We are doing a 12-week study of the book of Isaiah. All are welcome to join at 2pm on Thursdays. Our joint youth group (F.I.R.E.) has also begun to meet again. This group is made up of youths from several area churches and is led by Pastor Bill from First Church in Manchester, Rev. Jeremy from St. James in Arlington and myself. We had two Bible studies in September and met at the Orvis field in Manchester last Sunday for an epic ultimate frisbee tournament (Canadian rules) where teams competed on the field with frisbees, water balloons, and a frozen pizza to take home the coveted trophy. Teams also performed half-time shows for the cheering audience. We will have two youth Bible studies in October and host the next joint event at the Federated Church on October 26.

The Federated Church hosted a number of events in September including a Singo Bingo fundraiser for the Arlington Area Childcare which was organized through the Lion's Club, a baby shower and a donation based sale during Arlington's annual Norman's Attic event. We also hosted our monthly gospel-country jam and sing-along. Big thanks to everyone who participated and helped out with events at the church.

Thanks to Ed, Dennis and Olavi for taking down the tent and packing it away until next spring. Thanks to all the ushers, greeters, members and friends who perform all the many tasks at church: from decorating the sanctuary, reading scripture and helping with communion, to making the coffee on Sunday mornings and cleaning up the kitchen. Many hands working together make for joyful service and acts of blessing towards one another. Signups for volunteer opportunities are on the table in Bailey Hall.

Looking ahead to October and beyond, we have some special Sunday worship services planned. October 5 is World Communion Sunday with special prayers for the nations of the earth. On October 19, we will have a youth service, led by members of the Sunday school and youth group. On November 16, we will be having a Kirking of the Tartans. This is a service where we will bless our ancestries and the future generations. I encourage all of us to consider wearing traditional clothing from our nations of origin and to bring a traditional dish for a pot-luck lunch after the service.

On Wednesday, October 15, we will have our next music night. Bring friends and instruments. September's kazoo chorus was arguably the most inspired musical moment of the month in the town of Arlington. We could all feel the saints marching in.

Mary Edwards, our music director of 14 years, has announced that she will be leaving her position as music director. October 12 will be her last Sunday with us and we will be celebrating with a pot-luck lunch after the service. Mary has been an incredible gift to our congregation. Among her many talents are her encyclopedic knowledge of music, her ability to listen and respond to the message and her leadership of the choir. Mary has been a wonderful colleague. I have learned a lot from her about music and ways of seeing scripture. One of my many highlights with Mary has been sharing the Blue Christmas service with her the last two years. We will miss her and wish her many blessings on the next chapter of her life's journey.

Let us continue to look to God with thanks and praise and pray for our church, our community, our nation and the earth.

In Peace,

Andris

Certainly the faithful love of the Lord hasn't ended; certainly God's compassion isn't through! They are renewed every morning. Great is your faithfulness! - Lamentations 3:22-23

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Report of the Financial Secretary, Sandra Grover

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| 2025 Congregational Giving Budgeted: | \$ 70,000.00 |
| Congregational Giving 1/1/25-9/30/25 | \$ 43,604.46 |
| Building use 1/1/25-9/30/25 | \$ 3,391.00 |
| Parsonage Rental | \$ 16,100.00 |
| Fundraising 1/1/25-9/30/25 | \$ 3,707.00 |



Thank
you!

Church attendance

| | Adults | Children | Youth |
|------|--------|----------|-------|
| 8/31 | 41 | 7 | 1 |
| 9/7 | 32 | 5 | 0 |
| 9/14 | 35 | 11 | 0 |
| 9/21 | 30 | 6 | 1 |
| 9/28 | 40 | 11 | 1 |

As most of you already know, Mary Edwards' last Sunday as our organist will be October 12. Please join us for a potluck lunch after church to visit with Mary and hear about her retirement plans.

We had a quick council meeting on September 28 to discuss a chicken and biscuit dinner. Karen Underhill will organize this dinner, which will be on Saturday, November 1. It's on my calendar - I really like chicken & biscuits! If anyone has an idea for a fundraiser, please contact any council member.

Our next meeting will be October 19.

Peace,

Marilyn Warner

Council Chair

**Church Council**

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

Team Members

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

October Birthdays

- 11 – David Moore
889 St. Nicholas Avenue
The Bronx, NY 10032
- 16 – Nancy Schoerke
212 Middle Road
Shaftsbury, VT 05262
- 20 – Edward Hulet
851 Sunderland Hill Road
Sunderland, VT 05250
- 22 – Bernice Gaudette
6 Tel Road
Bennington, VT 05201



October Anniversaries

- 16 – Tammy and Scott Lang
25 Glebe Lot Road
Arlington, VT 05250
- 16 - Sandy & Bonnie Barnes
1999 Vt Route 7A
Arlington, VT 05250



Children's Ministry:

October - Theme: Unexpected Heroes
People who, by worldly standards, were unlikely candidates for greatness but were used by God in powerful ways.

Monthly Verse: "People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."
1 Samuel 16:7

Children's Service October 19th: 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.

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 5:** First Congregational Church of Fair Haven
- October 12:** Congregational Church of Hubbardton
- October 19:** Congregational Church of Manchester
- October 26:** Pawlet Community Church

Lectionary Readings for October

- October 5:** Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137
2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10
- October 12:** Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12
2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19
- October 19:** Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 121
2 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13
- October 26:** 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.

Duties of the Usher

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

Altar Panel Volunteer

Sign up in Bailey Hall.

You are responsible for Communion the first Sunday of each month.

Provide juice, bread and gluten free option. Fill juice cups, cut bread for plates, put on communion table, clean up following service.

Polish brass once a month.

Arlington Area Food Shelf 2025

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

Please donate non-perishable food.

Needed

Clerk for the church council
Historical team to organize history records

Adventures In Reading

8 members of the Adventures in Reading Book Club met on September 29 for pot luck and discussion.

We decided to continue meeting 4 times per year in Bailey Hall. The next meeting will be January 26 at 1:00 for coffee/tea snacks and discussion followed by April 27 potluck and July restaurant meeting.

We are keeping the same categories for reading.

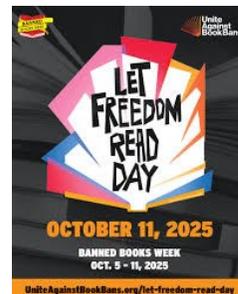
Because of the generous donations from Sharon Davis and Sandy Grover, Kyrre April was able to order many of the books for the Martha Canfield Library that it doesn't already own. 2 members have offered to loan books to the church for borrowing.

There was an extended discussion of "Let Freedom Read Day" led by Donna Stone. "The freedom to read is a shared American value, a cornerstone of democracy, and the right of everyone, no matter their color, background, zip code. Across the nation, everyday people are coming together and fighting censorship in their communities. We've seen major victories, including 10 states passing laws protecting the freedom to read. On October 11, we're asking everyone to take at least one action to help defend books from censorship and to stand up for the library staff, educators, writers, publishers, and booksellers who make them available!"

<https://uniteagainstbookbans.org/let-freedom-read-day/>

We also discussed books that we have read.

If you don't have a list and would like to join the group, please let Phyllis Warren or Sandy Grover know.



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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.



Chicken & Biscuit Dinner

Coming soon

More details will be announced and sent with the midweek messages.



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

Wednesday, October 15th
7:00pm

Potluck Lunch

To show our appreciation to Mary for her many years providing music and friendship.

October 12th following worship



The Federated Church of East Arlington's
Website:

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Check it out!



October 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 2p-Bible study | 3 | 4 |
| 5 <i>World Communion Sunday</i> 10a-Worship, Communion, Sunday School, nursery 11a-Fellowship time | 6 10a-Bone Builders | 7 12n-Senior Meals | 8 10a-Bone Builders 2:30p-Serenity Singers | 9 12n-Senior Meals 2p-Bible study | 10 | 11 |
| 12 10a-Worship, Sunday School, nursery 11a-Fellowship time Potluck lunch for Mary, her last day as our music director | 13 10a-Bone Builders | 14 12n-Senior Meals | 15 10a-Bone Builders 7p-Country Gospel Jam | 16 12n-Senior Meals 2p-Bible study | 17 | 18 |
| 19 <i>Children's Service</i> 10a-Worship, Sunday School 11a-Fellowship time 11:20a-Church Council 2p-Youth Bible Study | 20 10a-Bone Builders | 21 12n-Senior Meals | 22 10a-Bone Builders 2:30p-Serenity Singers | 23 12n-Senior Meals 2p-Bible study | 24 | 25 |
| 26 10a-Worship, Sunday School, nursery 11a-Fellowship time Combined Youth Event | 27 10a-Bone Builders | 28 12n-Senior Meals | 29 10a-Bone Builders | 30 12n-Senior Meals 2p-Bible study | 31 Happy Halloween | November 1 Chicken & biscuit Dinner |

