

The Federated Church of East Arlington

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November 2025

From the desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus!

Autumn has fully arrived. The familiar smell of woodsmoke hangs in the air and the mountains have shed their multicolored coats. It is a season of harvest and gathering in and preparation for the winter months.

October went by fast at church. There were many meetings and activities which included our weekly Bible studies. We are halfway through the book of Isaiah and it has been quite a journey thus far. You are welcome to join us on Thursdays at 2pm. We had a fun music night in October and hosted two youth group events. The first was a Bible study dealing with being Christian in an un-Christian world. The second event focused on dealing with fear. We concluded the month's activities by gathering around a fire and enjoying s'mores together.

Our services in October were special times of worship and fellowship. We celebrated World Communion at the beginning of the month and enjoyed a hymn sing on Mary's last Sunday as music director. We continue to lift her up in prayer as she begins a new chapter in her life. On the 19th, the children of the Federated Church offered the service and were fantastic with leading us in worship. It was a wonderful morning for all of us.

I am looking forward to November. We will celebrate communion on November 2 and a special "Kirking of the Tartans" worship service on the 16th where we will offer prayers and blessings for our ancestors. Everyone is encouraged to wear traditional clothing from their heritage and bring a traditional dish for a potluck lunch following the service. We will be hosting a chicken and biscuits dinner on Saturday, November 8 at 5:30 and on Wednesday, November 19 at 7pm we will have our monthly country gospel jam and sing-along. The Interfaith Council will be hosting their annual Thanksgiving service on Tuesday, November 25th, 7pm at Christ Our Savior church in Manchester.

I want to thank Patti for playing piano and leading the choir for us during worship as we searched for a new music director. It was a joy. In November, Rob Ellis will join us as our new music director and organist. We look forward to welcoming him into our church community. Big thanks to the music director search team for their hard work.

As we each in our own way prepare for the cold, it is good to also be mindful of spiritual preparation. Where are we on our walk with God? What are the places in our lives where we can invite the Holy Spirit to breathe new life? How are we being called here and now to follow Jesus? It is also a good time to check on friends and neighbors who may need assistance or a kind word. As surely as we need good tires, fire wood and warm clothing, we need loving kindness, community, and the Spirit to comfort and guide us through this season of life.

May Christ bless and keep you now and always.

Andris

FOREVER
Thankful
ALWAYS
Grateful
ABUNDANTLY
Blessed

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Report of the Financial Secretary, Sandra Grover

2025 Congregational Giving Budgeted:	\$ 70,000.00
Congregational Giving 1/1/25-10/30/25	\$ 47,129.96
Building use 1/1/25-10/30/25	\$ 3,730.00
Parsonage Rental	\$ 17,900.00
Fundraising 1/1/25-10/30/25	\$ 3,707.00



Church attendance

	Adults	Children	Youth
10/5	41	11	0
10/12	38	10	1
10/19	31	9	0
10/26	34	5	0



At our October council meeting, we discussed continuing efforts to get new insurance quotes for the buildings. Projects for next year include repairs to siding and painting trim. We also discussed encouraging more events on Dunlap Hall. Perhaps we could have potluck lunch after church more frequently? If you have an idea for an event, fundraiser or social activity, please contact any council member or attend a council meeting.

Our next meeting will be November 23.

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

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

November Birthdays

- 13 Dianne Horton
534 Warm Brook Road
Arlington, VT 05250
- 16 Cheryl Hess
P.O. Box 88
East Arlington, VT 05252



November Anniversaries

- 16 John & Cheryl Hess
P.O. Box 88
East Arlington, VT 05250



Children & Youth

- 14, 2010 Kayden
- 18, 2011 Ezra



**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 2:** Pittsford Congregational Church
- November 9:** Grace Congregational Church Rutland
- November 16:** Congregational Church of Rujpert
- November 23:** Shrewsbury Community Church
- November 30:** First Congregational Church of Wallingford

Lectionary Readings for November

- November 2:** Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10
- November 9:** Haggai 1:15-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5m, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38
- November 16:** Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19
- November 23:** Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79
Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43
- November 30:** Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

Children's Ministry:

November - Theme: The ten commandments

Memory Verse: "A Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." *Luke 2:11*

- Week 1 & 2 - Pageant Practice
- Week 3 - Pageant
- Week 4 - No Class



Advent Workshop

Sunday December 7th

2-4pm

We are looking for crafters!

Sign up sheet in Bailey Hall for desserts, juice, napkins, and cups.



F.I.R.E.

F.I.R.E. is the regional youth group for FCEA Federated, St. James, St. Peter's, FCC Manchester, Zion Episcopal and Dorset Churches.

It is coordinated by Pastor Bill, Father Jeremy and Pastor Andris.

All youth are invited and welcome!



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

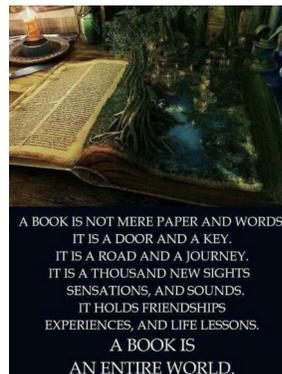
Clerk for the church council
Historical team to organize history records

Adventures In Reading

Thanks to the generous donations of Sharon Davis and Sandy Grover, there are more Adventures in Reading Books at the Martha Canfield Library. Some books might be available through interlibrary loans. Please check your email for the list.

Also many thanks to Donna Stone, THE CARPENTER'S SON is available at the Federated Church of East Arlington. There is a sign out sheet for you to sign out/in.

November is the month for giving thanks. I am grateful for the opportunity to connect with others, gain new perspectives on books and life, and expand my reading horizons to new genres and authors. Books provide escape and entertainment, teach new things, and build empathy.



Sunday Volunteer Opportunities

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

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.



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

Wednesday, November 19th
7:00pm



Advent

HOPE PEACE LOVE JOY



Greetings from the PPRP

Members of the Federated Church of East Arlington's **Pastor Parish Relations Panel** are Pastor Andris Berry, Donna Stone, Ann Smith, Karen Underhill, Bernice Gaudette and Gail Rice. The Pastor Parish Relations Panel is our church committee that seeks support and maintains an open and healthy relationship between our Pastor and members of our Congregation.

We met on September 8, 2025 to set our 2025 - 2026 meeting dates and to discuss Church-wide Programs, Community Outreach / Fundraising, Church Mission Statement and so much more. Let us know if you have any ideas for these topics or have new topics for discussion.

Here are the PPRP meeting 2025-2026 Meeting Dates. Feel free to join us! We meet in Pastor Adris's Office. The meeting time will be determined as we get closer to the meeting date.

December 8, 2025 March 2, 2026 June 8, 2026

Thank you, Karen Underhill, for sharing the Chicken and Biscuit Dinner idea with the PPRP. This will be a great Community Outreach/Fundraiser event. We met with the Church Council to discuss this event and now have it planned for November 8, 2025 at Bailey Hall at 5:30PM. Thank you to Church Members who volunteered to cook dinner and work this event. On the night of the dinner, monetary donations for the meal will be accepted. **IT'S A GO! SPREAD THE WORD!**

Let's fill Bailey Hall, enjoy dinner and socialize.

This event will benefit the church's outreach efforts including scholarships for summer camp, college, graduate, and trade school; emergency and heating assistance; and community programs such as the Summer Lunch Program, Habitat for Humanity, the Arlington Food Shelf, and more.

Peace and Blessings!
Donna Stone



The Interfaith Council of the Northshire Thanksgiving Worship Service is

Tuesday, November 25th

7:00 pm at

Christ Our Savior Church in Manchester.

Missions and Outreach

Many thanks to all who brought new socks for the homeless in Bennington county. This project was lead by a AMHS sophomore and the Arlington Lions Club.

The Lion's club pull tabs can was full and was picked up this week. The pull tabs are donated to Shriners Children's Hospital, to help pay for equipment and necessities. Keep filling it up!

We had a request for a gas card for a homeless person temporarily living at Howell's Campground. She transports her young grandson to Bennington for school.

Southwest Association

Within the Vermont Conference

United Church of Christ

Fall Meeting Warning

All ministers with standing in the Southwest Association and four delegates from each member church, and all other interested persons, are hereby warned and invited to be present at:

FEDERATED CHURCH OF CASTLETON

Sunday – November 9, 2025

Registration begins at 2:00 pm

Business Meeting at 2:30 pm

Agenda:

- ✦ Worship
- ✦ Presentation by Paul Sangree on "How is God Calling You?"
- ✦ By-law vote
- ✦ Budget presentation and vote
- ✦ OCWM presentation

Chicken and Biscuit Dinner

At The Federated Church of East Arlington

Saturday, November 8, 2025

5:30 pm until food is gone



Free will offering

Proceeds will benefit the mission and ministry of
the Federated Church of East Arlington.

For more information contact the church office at 802-375-2548

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Email: federatedchurch05250@gmail.com

Website: www.federatedchurchofeastarlington.com

The Federated Church of East Arlington provides summer camp scholarships, college, graduate school and trade school scholarships, and financial support for heating and emergency needs; supports the Summer Lunch Program, Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity, Arlington Food Shelf, the Red Stocking Project, etc. and offers meeting space for a wide range of community organizations.



November 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
FCEA worship services are live on Zoom each Sunday (unless notified otherwise)						1
2 10a-Worship, Communion, Sunday School, nursery 11a-Fellowship time 2p-F.I.R.E, Youth study at FCC	3 10a-Bone Builders	4 12n-Senior Meals	5 10a-Bone Builders 2:30p-Serenity Singers	6 12n-Senior Meals 2p-Bible study	7	8 5:30p-Chicken & Biscuit dinner
9 10a-Worship, Sunday School, nursery 11a-Fellowship time 2p-SWA Fall Meeting-Castleton Federated Church	10 10a-Bone Builders	11 12n-Senior Meals	12 10a-Bone Builders 7p-Country Gospel Jam	13 12n-Senior Meals 2p-Bible study	14	15
16 Kirkin and potluck lunch 10a-Worship, Sunday School 11a-Fellowship time & potluck lunch 2p-Youth Bible Study	17 10a-Bone Builders	18 12n-Senior Meals	19 10a-Bone Builders 7p-Country Gospel Jam	20 12n-Senior Meals 2p-Bible study	21	22
23 10a-Worship, Sunday School, nursery 11a-Fellowship time Combined Youth Event-FCC 11:20a-Church Council	24 10a-Bone Builders	25 12n-Senior Meals 7p-IFC Thanks-giving Service, Christ our Savior,	26 10a-Bone Builders	27 	28	29 30

