



The Federated Church of East Arlington



February 2026

From the church office

SAVE THE DATE

Southwest Association UCC Presents

A winter gathering of our churches

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

At the First Congregational Church of Manchester

THEME:

“The Being and Doing of Church for Troubled Times”

The newly formed Church subcommittee of SWACAM is sponsoring this year’s winter meeting with a focus on ways the churches of the association can better serve and resource each other.

LUNCH will be provided

Please **RSVP** by February 17th to:

Office @fccmanchester.org

Worship With US

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86243626013?pwd=z00lhUN6Q4Qa0zSadxwVLD4k6PooNB.1>

Meeting ID: 862 4362 6013

Passcode: 932568

One tap mobile

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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.

Contribution Statements

Please let me know how you would like your 2025 contribution statements delivered to you:

postal mail email picked up at the office

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

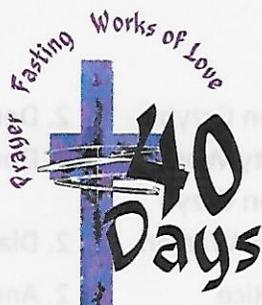
Sandy Grover, Financial Secretary

sandragrover@gmail.com or 802-375-4982



Ash Wednesday

— Lent Begins



Arlington Area Food Shelf 2026

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.

Email: federatedchurch05250@gmail.com

YouTube: Federated Church of East Arlington, Vt

Report of the Financial Secretary, Sandra Grover

2025 Congregational Giving Budgeted:	\$ 70,000.00
Congregational Giving 1/1/25-1/30/25	\$ 2,137.77
Building use 1/1/25-1/30/25	\$ 301.00
Parsonage Rental	\$ 1,800.00
Fundraising 1/1/25-1/30/25	\$ 0.00

*Thank
you!*

Church attendance

	Adults	Children	Youth	Zoom
1/4	43	10	3	9
1/11	40	10	4	7
1/18	33	12	3	8
1/19	35	IFCN honoring MLK service		
1/25	20	3		10

Many thanks to all who contributed soup, bread and goodies to our Annual Meeting. We accomplished a lot in 2025, and I hope we can add to our list of successful projects and events in 2026.

Our newly formed Activity Group will have its first meeting after church on February 1. We'll discuss setting dates for Sunday morning breakfasts and ideas for other events, including fundraisers, social events and learning opportunities. I'm hoping we can coordinate with other groups in town to create a joint calendar of events. If you're interested, please join us!

Our next council meeting will be after church on February 15. Please remember that all members are welcome to attend council meetings and contribute to discussions. We allow time at the beginning of each meeting for members to ask questions or bring up concerns.

Marilyn Warner

Council Chair

**Church Council**

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

Team Members

1. Alyson Grzyb	2. Dennis Warner
1. Christy Wood	2. Doug, Jenna Tait
1. Alyson Grzyb	
1. Phyllis Warren	2. Diane McConnell
1. Gail Rice	2. Ann Smith

February Birthdays

- 10 – Olavi Wirkki
37 Country View Lane
Arlington, VT 05250
- 15 – Sue Wirkki
37 Country View Lane
Arlington, VT 05250
- 22 – Carol Thompson
300 Village Lane
Bennington, VT 05201
- 26 – Michael Welther
2815 Sunderland Hill Road
Arlington, VT 05250



Children & Youth

- 24 Hadley



**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.

- Feb. 1:** Federated Church of East Arlington
- Feb. 8:** First Congregational Church of Fair Haven
- Feb. 15:** First Congregational Church of Hubbardton
- Feb. 22:** First Congregational Church of Manchester

Lectionary Readings for February

- Feb. 1** Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12
- Feb. 8** Isaiah 58:1-10; Psalm 112:1-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Matthew 5:13-20
- Feb. 15:** Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2
2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9
- Feb. 22:** Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32
Romans 5:1-19; Matthew 4:1-11

**CHILDREN'S
Sunday School**

Children's Ministry

February – Influences and Identity

Memory Verse: No one can serve two masters.
You cannot serve both God and money.
Matthew 6:24

**DRIVER NEEDED FOR THE
HELPING HAND THRIFT SHOP**

We are in need of a driver to pickup and take bags of clothes to Good Will by 11:45 on a Wednesday or Saturday once a month.

Please contact Nathalie Caler at 802-379-2248.



HELPING HAND



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January 2026



Ash Wednesday
---Lent Begins

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Doug Kitchen 10a-Worship, Sunday School 11a-Fellowship time 11:15a-Activity team	2 10a-Bone Builders	3 12n-Senior Meals	4 10a-Bone Builders	5 12n-Senior Meals	6	7
8 Andris Berry 10a-Worship, Communion, Sunday School 11a-Fellowship time and potluck lunch	9 10a-Bone Builders	10 12n-Senior Meals	11 10a-Bone Builders	12 12n-Senior Meals	13	14
15 Julie Demarec 10a-Worship, Sunday School 11a-Fellowship time 11:15a-Church Council	16 10a-Bone Builders	17 12n-Senior Meals	18 10a-Bone Builders ASH WEDNESDAY	19 12n-Senior Meals	20	21 info in Bailey Hall SWA (SW Association UCC) A winter gathering of our churches 9am-2pm FCC Manchester
22 Julie Demarec 10a-Worship, Sunday School 11a-Fellowship time	23 10a-Bone Builders	24 12n-Senior Meals	25 10a-Bone Builders	26 12n-Senior Meals	27	28