

# The Federated Church of East Arlington



April 2026

## From the desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus! We begin April in the midst of Holy Week and remembrance of Jesus' final journey to the cross. Holy Week ends with the celebration of the resurrection. It is a time for us to consider the seismic shift in human consciousness that occurred on that fateful day in a sun bleached Roman province, outside the walls of an ancient city. In a world that seems to be continually at strife and in conflict, we may sometimes wonder where we stand in the course of human events. Sun Tzu wrote in *The Art of War*, "all warfare is based on deception." Jesus warned us not to be deceived. On Resurrection Sunday, we celebrated Christ's victory over the grave. As we follow him, we begin to experience the victory of Life, Love and Truth in the midst of what often seems like a lost and desperate world. We are reminded not to fear, not to be dismayed or discouraged. Instead, we are called to live a resurrected life, being faithful to God and one another till the end, claiming the victory that Jesus won.

March was an eventful month at the church. Thank you to everyone who helped with the Mac and Cheese Dinner. Thank you to everyone who served as greeters, ushers and brought altar flowers. If you have not done so yet, or for some time, please sign up for these meaningful roles in our worship services. The Gospel music jam and sing-along in March was fun. Our next gathering will be on April 15. Bring an instrument, come to sing, or just listen. Our Bible study on the book of James concluded in March. We will begin a study of the book of Acts on Thursday, April 9 at 2pm.

Please join us during Holy Week for worship service of lessons and shadows on Thursday, April 2 at 6pm. On Good Friday, April 3, the church will be open all day for anyone who would like time to pray and worship quietly. We will host an egg hunt on Saturday at 9 am sharp. On Resurrection Sunday, April 5, we will have a sunrise service at Mack Molding at 6:30 am followed by a continental breakfast in Bailey Hall. Worship in the sanctuary will begin at 10am.

May peace and blessings be with you during this season of resurrection. As the earth begins to reawaken from its winter slumber, be reminded of the living waters offered to us all through Jesus. May God strengthen and guide you and give you joy as you walk with Christ.

Andris



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### Report of the Financial Secretary, Sandra Grover

2025 Congregational Giving Budgeted:	\$ 70,000.00
Congregational Giving 1/1/26-3/28/26	\$ 29,439.08
Building use 1/1/26-3/28/25	\$ 794.00
Parsonage Rental 1/1/26-3/28/26	\$ 5,400.00



Thank  
you!

### Church attendance

	Adults	Children	Youth	Zoom
3/1	46	7		7
3/8	27	4		7
3/15	33	8		9
3/22	45	11	1	8
3/29 (Psalm Sunday)				



We discussed a number of matters at the March Church Council meeting. No issues were found in the annual inspection of the propane systems. Despite the recent rains and snow melt, the church basement remains dry. All is going well with Christian Education. Mission and Outreach will raise funds for blanket donations in May. Our investment accounts will remain with Beacon Bank while the finance committee continues to investigate other possibilities. Safety plans are in the works for both church and personal safety as well as emergency plans. We have purchased an ad in the Arlington Memorial High School Yearbook. We will again participate in the Arlington Farmers Market this summer.

Our next council meeting will be after church on April 26, one week later than usual. 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. Jenna/Doug Tait
1. Alyson Grzyb	2. Edward Coy
1. Phyllis Warren	2. Diane McConnell
1. Gail Rice	2. Ann Smith

**April Birthdays**

5 – Casey Annunziata  
810 Dunlap Farm Road  
Arlington, VT 05250

7 – Adam Annunziata  
810 Dunlap Farm Road  
Arlington, VT 05250

13 – Phyllis Warren  
61 Borough Road  
Sunderland, VT 05250

**Anniversaries**

10 – Adam and Casey Annunziata  
810 Dunlap Farm Road  
Arlington, VT 05250



**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.

**April 5:** First Congregational Church of Wallingford

**April 12:** United Church of West Rutland

**April 19:** Second Congregational Church of Bennington

**April 26:** United Church of Benson

**CHILDREN'S  
Sunday School**

**Children's Ministry**

**April—What Does Resurrection Mean?**

**Memory Verse:** "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live even though they die." - John 11:25 (NIV)

**Lectionary Readings for April**

**April 5:** Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Colossians 3:1-4; John 20: 1-18

**April 12:** Acts 2:14, 22-32; Psalm 16  
1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

**April 19:** Acts 2:14, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24: 13-35

**April 26:** Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23  
1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

**Scholarship Team**

Federated Church of East Arlington College  
Scholarships Available

If you are a high school senior heading off to college or a current college student that still has another year or two of school and live in the Arlington, Sandgate, Sunderland area, please apply for a scholarship through the Federated Church! Please visit our website [Scholarship info - The Federated Church of East Arlington](#) and apply by April 15th.



**April Helping Hands Needed**

We need helpers to assist with our services.

Greeter – 1 per service    **||**    **C**

Usher – 1 per service

Readers – 1 per month, or share with someone

Altar flowers – each Sunday

Refreshment time – set up, clean up, goodies

Altar – 1 or 2 per week – once a month to set up for Communion, polish cross, candleholders if needed, check candles.

## 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.

Dear Church Family,

I Would like to formally Thank everyone who volunteered, worked on And accepted positions in the Holy Week Pageant.

I especially want to thank pastor Berry for his time and his suggestions.

This time of year is busy for everyone and it is understandable why the pageant could not be done this year. However, it is all done and ready to go when the time is right.

Again, thank you for your support and understanding.

Love, KU

## 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.

## Easter Plants

Given by:

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

**If you would like to give plants in memory of or in honor of someone, contact Sandy by Thursday, April 3rd.**

federatedchurch05250@gmail 802-375-2548  
sandragrover@gmail.com 802-375-4982

## Adventures In Reading

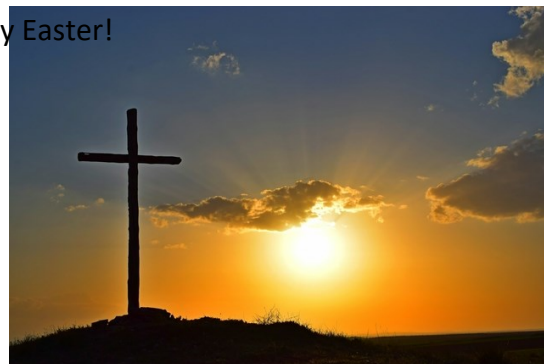
After our third try, 8 members gathered on March 23rd for our book discussion and snacks. Each reader shared memories from this year's book choices as well as several foreshadowing's about future book plots.

A list of books that you have read will be due May 15th . It is much appreciated if you would also recommend books for the following season. Please send your list to Karen Coy.

Please be aware that we will be requesting donations to the Martha Canfield Library, Adventures in Reading Club, in memory of Marie Davies.

Be sure to watch *The Faithful* on Sunday at 8:00 PM on FOX (708 on Xfinity).

Happy Easter!



### Notes from the Activities Committee

Thank you to all who helped with the Community Breakfast on March 1st and the Macaroni & Cheese Extravaganza and Dessert Auction on March 14th. Many hands make light work!

Over the next few months, here are some things to look forward to:

Saturday April 4 - Easter Egg hunt 9AM

Wednesday April 15 - country jam sing a long

Sunday May 10 - Mother's Day - hand out carnations at church

Wednesday May 20 - country jam sing a long

Sunday June 14 - community breakfast 8-9:30AM

Wednesday June 17 - country jam sing a long

Friday June 19 - Farmer's Market chili dinner 4-7PM

Saturday June 27 - tagless tag sale in Dunlap Hall - details TBD

Saturday August 22 - chicken BBQ - details TBD

Sign-up sheets will be put out once we determine what is needed to support each event.

All are welcome to join this group in planning fun activities for our church and greater community. Some other events in the works are concerts in the sanctuary, a chicken & biscuit dinner, a talent show, more breakfasts, a tea and fashion show, and hopefully much more! It is our hope to hold at least one event per month.

### HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Service	Sunday, March 29	10:00am
Maundy Thursday Service	Thursday, 4/2	6:00pm
Good Friday	Friday, 4/3	Sanctuary open 9:00am-3:00pm
Egg hunt	Saturday, 4/4	9:00am sharp
Easter Sunrise Service	Sunday, 4/5	6:30am
Continental breakfast	Sunday, 4/5	7:00am
Easter Worship Service	Sunday 4/5	10:00am



**HOLY WEEK**





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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8				1 10a-Bone Builders	2 12n-Senior Meals 6p-Maundy Thursday Service	3 Good Friday 9a-3p-Sanctuary open for prayer and meditation	4 9a SHARP Easter Egg Hunt
5	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> He Is Risen! 6:30a-Sunrise Service 7a-continental breakfast 10a-Worship, Communion No Sunday School 11a-Fellowship time	6 10a-Bone Builders	7 12n-Senior Meals	8 10a-Bone Builders	9 12n-Senior Meals	10	11 Bailey Hall in use
12	10a-Worship, Sunday School 11a-Fellowship time	13 10a-Bone Builders	14 12n-Senior Meals	15 10a-Bone Builders 7p-Music Jam Gospel country	16 12n-Senior Meals 2p-Bible Study	17	18
19	10a-Worship, Sunday School 11a-Fellowship time	20 10a-Bone Builders	21 12n-Senior Meals	22 10a-Bone Builders	23 12n-Senior Meals 2p-Bible Study	24	25
26	10a-Worship, Sunday School 11a-Fellowship time 11:15a-Church Council	27 10a-Bone Builders	28 12n-Senior Meals	29 10a-Bone Builders	30 12n-Senior Meals 2p-Bible Study		