



# The Federated Church of East Arlington



May 2026

**From the desk of the Pastor**

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus!

April began during Holy Week and the days leading up towards Christ's betrayal, death and resurrection. Holy Week is a week full of contrasts between light and darkness, silence and thunder, the sorrow of the tomb and the miracle of Sunday morning. Special events at the Federated Church included our Holy Thursday evening service of Lessons and Shadows, our Saturday morning egg hunt and sunrise service on Sunday morning with St. James. Thanks to everyone who participated in worship services. Thanks to the Lang family for organizing the egg hunt and to everyone who filled and hid eggs and also helped on Saturday morning. There were a lot of local families in attendance and it was fun to see so many children in the sanctuary and Bailey Hall.

A Bible study on the Acts of the Apostles began in April. The book details the beginnings of the early church and its movement from Jerusalem to Judea, Samaria and the world. It is our story as a church and one that involves us here and now. The group meets on Thursdays at 2pm in Bailey Hall.

Our monthly country gospel jam and sing-along was a fun one in April with Leroy on banjo, Ed on guitar, a bold contingent of kazooists and lots of singers. Our next one is on Wednesday, May 20 from 7-8pm. Please join us.

First Sundays of the month will be days on which we share communion in worship and fellowship around the table afterwards. We will be celebrating Holy Communion on Sunday, May 3, followed by a church potluck. Later in May, we will be celebrating Mother's Day on May 10 and Pentecost on May 24.

As the days lengthen and warm, please continue to be diligent in your daily devotions and prayers. As the earth rejoices in color, be reminded that we are a resurrected people, called to live in both body and spirit. Let the season of renewal be a visual reminder of the new life that springs up within us, our families and community when we turn towards God.

May God bless and keep you,

Andris

*"You yourselves are being built like living stones into a spiritual temple. You are being made into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 2:5*



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### Report of the Financial Secretary, Sandra Grover

2025 Congregational Giving Budgeted:	\$ 70,000.00
Congregational Giving 1/1/26-4/30/26	\$ 33,451.57
Building use 1/1/26-4/30/26	\$ 1,401.00
Parsonage Rental 1/1/26-4/30/26	\$ 7,200.00
OGHS 1/1/26-4/30/26	\$ 541.00
CWS Blankets	\$ 280.00



### Church attendance

	Adults	Children	Youth	Zoom
3/29	40	12	1	
4/2	20	Holy Thursday		4
4/5	55	14	4	4
4/12	43	11		8
4/19	28	1		10
4/26	41	9		9



At our April Church Council meeting, we had a presentation by Peggy Hanson from the Arlington Farmers Market regarding a new voucher program created by the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont. Vouchers in the amount of \$5 each will be made available for us to distribute in our discretion which can be used at any Vermont farmers market this summer. We are exploring ways to reduce the cost of our internet service. We don't have a date yet for the exterior painting and repairs. Upcoming events include a community breakfast on June 14, selling chili at the Farmers Market on June 19, a tagless tag sale on June 26, and a Sauced BBQ chicken dinner on August 22.

Our next council meeting will be after church on May 17. 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



## 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.

## Activities Team

Sunday May 10 - Mother's Day – CWS Blanket Sunday

May 31 - Presentation by Wanda Salter about her Sunrise School for autistic children in Kenya

Sunday June 14 - community breakfast - Sign-up sheet for volunteers in Bailey Hall

Friday June 19 - Farmer's Market chili dinner - Sign-up sheet for volunteers in Bailey Hall

Saturday June 27 - Third Annual Tag-less Tag Sale in Dunlap Hall - volunteers needed for clean-up, set up and day of sale. Sign up in Bailey Hall

Saturday August 22 - Chicken BBQ

# VOLUNTEER



## Adventures In Reading

Your list of books that you have read is due by May 15.

We suggest that you read at least one book from each group. The only acceptable substitutions are books in the same group by an author on the list or books in the same group from an earlier Adventures in Reading list.

It is much appreciated if you would also recommend books for the following season. I'd prefer having the lists emailed to me to save time. Use this format, please.

Author (Last, First). Title. Short description.

Which group you think it will fit.

There are four groups:

Spiritual

Nonfiction

Fiction

Banned Book

We will be planning a June lunch to celebrate!

Phyllis Warren



## 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.

### “Blanket the World in Love”

We honor our mothers on Mother’s Day. One way is to give to CWS (Church World Service) to support CWS blankets to offer comfort, hope and warmth to our neighbors during their most challenging times.

\$10 provides a CWS blanket to someone in need.

\$25 provides CWS blanket and a CWS hygiene kit.

\$60 family bundle provides blankets and hygiene kits for an entire family.

Envelopes are in the pews. Checks to Federated Church, CWS or blanket in memo. Greeting cards are available.

Be the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

“And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.” - 2 Corinthians 9:11



### Third Annual Summer Tag-less Tag Sale

Coming on June 27th

Many thanks to the Activities Team for taking the lead on this project.

Many hands are needed, there is a sign-up sheet in Bailey Hall.

Let’s all take part to support our church with work and fun!

For more information or to help or bring items to sell contact:

Church office: 802-375-2548 or

federatedchurch05250@gmail.com

Sandy Grover: 802-375-4982 or

sandragrover@gmail.com

### The Summer Lunch Program

◆ Individually wrapped snacks can be placed in the box in Bailey Hall.

◆ Volunteers may be needed

More information coming soon.



# Moo Doo Day!

Moo Doo Day is a grow-your-own buy one/get one free program to support the abundant harvest program at the Congregational Church of Rupert (CCR). Buy your Mood Doo and veggie plants, feed yourself and others at harvest time! **This is how it works:**

1. Donate \$10 to CCR for one bag of composted cow manure, get one bag free!
2. Purchase one veggie plant, get the second plant free
3. Grow your garden and harvest veggies
4. Share your extra veggies with CCR to help feed your neighbors

Pre-order up to 10 bags by emailing us at [RupertCongregation@gmail.com](mailto:RupertCongregation@gmail.com)



The Congregational Church of Rupert at The 1786 Meetinghouse

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Rupert, Vermont



# May 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
FCEA worship services are live on Zoom each Sunday					1	2 Bailey Hall in use
3 10a-Worship, Communion, Sunday School 11a-Potluck lunch, fellowship time	4 10a-Bone Builders	5 12n-Senior Meals	6 10a-Bone Builders	7 12n-Senior Meals 2p-Bible Study	8	9
10 10a-Worship, Sunday School 11a-Fellowship time	11 10a-Bone Builders	12 12n-Senior Meals	13 10a-Bone Builders	14 12n-Senior Meals 2p-Bible Study	15 AIR reading list due today	16 Spring Tea ?
17 10a-Worship, Sunday School 11a-Fellowship time 11:15a-Church Council	18 10a-Bone Builders	19 12n-Senior Meals	20 10a-Bone Builders 7p-Music Jam Gospel country	21 12n-Senior Meals 2p-Bible Study	22	23
24 10a-Worship, Sunday School 11a-Fellowship time	25 10a-Bone Builders	26 12n-Senior Meals	27 10a-Bone Builders	28 12n-Senior Meals 2p-Bible Study	29	30
31 10a-Worship, Sunday School 11a-Fellowship time Wanda Salter-Sunrise School						