

# The Federated Church of East Arlington



JULY 2026

## From the desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus!

The lectionary readings in the month of June took us through chapters 9 and 10 of Matthew's Gospel. During our worship services we discussed miraculous healings and the sending of the disciples. Scripture shows us that while following Jesus involves a personal relationship with him, it also involves ministry. The disciples are sent on a mission to proclaim the good news and perform the same mighty works as Jesus. Our life in the church is a continuation of that mission and I am thankful that we are called to this work in Christ together.

June was an exceptionally eventful month at the Federated Church. We hosted a clergy Bible study and the annual meeting of the Southwest Association of the UCC. Thank you to everyone who helped set-up, clean-up and host the clergy and delegations from other churches. The tent was set up on the green beside Dunlap Hall. Thanks to the guys who showed up to make that happen. Thanks also to everyone who worked at Dunlap Hall to receive items for our tag sale and everyone who worked at the sale. It was a great success. We had a fun music night this month and our chili at the farmer's market was a hit. Thank to everyone who showed up. The church also hosted a baby shower and a celebration in memory of our dear friend Marie Davies. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare and host these events.

We began the Summer Lunch Program in June. We have well over one-hundred children registered to receive meals this summer and the numbers keep going up. This is a big jump from previous years as there is a lot of need in the community. Thanks to all of you for supporting this important mission that we share with our neighbor church, St. James Episcopal.

Bible studies will continue on Thursdays in July as we explore the book of Acts. Our next music night is on Wednesday, the 15th at 7pm. Everyone is invited

to bring friends and acoustic instruments to play. From July 20-25, we will be involved in the Summer Discovery Camp along with several local churches. The camp will be held at First Congregational church in Manchester. If you know any children ages 5-12 who would like to participate in this free vacation Bible school, please spread the word.

I hope that these long summer days are filled with the light of Christ in your lives. I hope you can take time to listen to the birds and the wind in the trees. I hope that you take time to read scripture and dwell in the gift of God's mercy and grace. I hope that you respond to the call to share the good news with others in whatever ways that God calls you.

May God bless and keep you,

Andris

*<sup>8</sup> You are saved by God's grace because of your faith. This salvation is God's gift. It's not something you possessed. <sup>9</sup> It's not something you did that you can be proud of. <sup>10</sup> Instead, we are God's accomplishment, created in Christ Jesus to do good things. God planned for these good things to be the way that we live our lives. — Ephesians 2:8-10*

Summer  
Blessings

Email: federatedchurch05250@gmail.com  
Church office: 802-375-2548

YouTube: Federated Church of East Arlington, Vt  
Facebook: Federated Church of East Arlington

### Report of the Financial Secretary, Sandra Grover

|                                      |              |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| 2025 Congregational Giving Budgeted: | \$ 70,000.00 |
| Congregational Giving 1/1/26-6/30/26 | \$ 42,162.34 |
| Building use 1/1/26-6/30/26          | \$ 2,245.00  |
| Parsonage Rental 1/1/26-6/30/26      | \$ 10,800.00 |
| Fundraising                          | \$ 1,541.00  |
| OGHS 1/1/26-5/30/26                  | \$ 541.00    |
| CWS Blankets                         | \$ 642.00    |
| Sunrise school in Kenya              | \$ 360.00    |

### Church attendance

|      | Adults | Children | Youth | Zoom         |
|------|--------|----------|-------|--------------|
| 5/31 | 38     | 5        | 1     | 4            |
| 6/7  | 34     | 10       | 1     | 6            |
| 6/14 | 39     | 11       | 1     | 4            |
| 6/21 | 32     | 5        | 1     | no recording |
| 6/28 | 38     | 7        | 2     |              |

Thank you to all who helped make our Tagless Tag Sale a success! Those who donated, sorted and organized, helped on the day of sale, and those who bought items all contributed to making the sale a success. Our next event will be the Chicken BBQ on August 22.

Power washing and painting have been completed for church and Bailey Hall, and the buildings look great! The church council has been discussing options for making more use of Dunlap Hall, including building a riser so the space could be used for movie night or for summer gospel jam. If you have ideas, please share them!

Our next council meeting will be after church on July 19. 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       |



## July Birthdays

- 8 – Fred Kerner  
307 Gage Street  
Bennington, VT 05201
- 11 – Bonnie Barnes  
1999 VT Route 7A  
Arlington, VT 05250
- 30 – Sheila Hathaway  
728 Ball Mountain Road  
Arlington, VT 05250



## July Anniversaries

- 17 – Carolyn & Kipper Brown  
26 Jasper Lane  
Arlington, VT 05250
- 25 – Christy & Aaron Wood  
112 Gingerbread Hill Road  
Arlington, VT 05250



## Children and Youth Birthdays

- |          |              |
|----------|--------------|
| 8, 2016  | Charley Wood |
| 2017     | Dahlia Tait  |
| 2019     | Lily Tait    |
| 16, 2012 | Fern Secoy   |

## 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.

- July 5:** Pawlet Community Church  
**July 12:** Pittsford Congregational Church  
**July 19:** Grace Congregational Church Rutland  
**July 26:** Congregational Church of Rupert

## Lectionary Readings for July

- July 5:** Genesis 34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:10-17  
Romans 7:15-25; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
- July 12:** Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112  
Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
- July 19:** Genesis 28:10-19; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24  
Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
- July 26:** Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45  
Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

# CHILDREN'S Sunday School

## Children's Ministry

### July and August:

Memory Verse: "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." Psalm 19:1

**\*\*No Class: July 19\*\***

## Thank you for Volunteering

Greeter for July: Bernice Gaudette

Usher for July: Diane McConnell

Reader for July: Jeff McConnell

Altar for July: Diane McxConnell

### Please sign up for...

Altar flowers— each Sunday

Refreshment time— set up **11** **C**

Sunshine Team: send cards , etc.

Activity Team: plan events

## The Summer Lunch Program

- Individually wrapped snacks can be placed in the box in Bailey Hall.
- Volunteers needed—contact Sandy or Andris
  - \*pack Tuesday mornings
  - \*help pick up food and take to AMHS cafeteria on Tuesday mornings



### Worship With US

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86243626013?pwd=z0OlhUN6Q4Qa0zSadxwVLD4k6PooNB.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.

### 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.

### Discovery Camp:

We have been asked if our congregation could provide the following snack, delivered to First Congregational NO LATER than 10am on Thurs July 23.

**Fruit Kebabs** - disposable small skewers with pineapple, kiwi, grapes, whatever! And if they would like to supplement the fruit with a packaged breakfast bar, that would be great. We are aiming for NO food dyes or allergens. Annie's brand products are dye-free.

Sign up in Bailey Hall



The Federated Church of East Arlington

@FedChurch05250



**venmo**

Arlington Community-School Collaborative

### Free Math Tutoring

For kindergarten-rising 6th grade students

**Martha Canfield Memorial Free Library**

**528 East Arlington Road, Arlington, VT**

Organized by a licensed educator and offered from 4-6 pm every other Tuesday throughout the summer (6/23, 7/7, 7/21, 8/4, and 8/18).

Questions? Email [jennaleigh.tait@gmail.com](mailto:jennaleigh.tait@gmail.com)

4:00 – 6:00 pm

6/23

7/7

7/21

8/4

8/18

**The Pastor Parish Relations Panel 2026-2027**

The Pastor Parish Relations Panel (PPRP) is a Federated Church of East Arlington committee. The PPRP is a vital church committee that aims for a covenantal relationship that prioritizes our church's mission to support and maintain a healthy relationship between our Pastor and the members of our congregation. The 2026 - 2027 members of the PPRP are Pastor Andris Berry, Donna Stone, Ann Smith, Karen Underhill, Bernice Gaudette and Gail Rice.

We will meet in 2026-2027, in the months of August, November, March and June. Please contact a member of the PPRP should you have church-wide thoughts or suggestions. We appreciate hearing from you.

Theodore Roosevelt stated, "Far and away, the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing." The PPRP definitely has work worth doing! Take time to say thank you to church members for being active members of the Federated Church of East Arlington.

Peace and Blessings,

The Pastor Parish Relations Panel

Pastor Andris Berry  
Donna Stone  
Ann Smith  
Karen Underhill,  
Bernice Gaudette

**2026 Scholarship Awards**

This year the Scholarship Committee has awarded 15 scholarships totaling \$11,500 from the June Bentley Scholarship Fund.

Nine of the awardees have just graduated high school and are heading off to college. They are Avrie Aldrich, Kiera Bushee, Shelly Clark, Tobias Counts, Erin McGean, Carley Morse, Ethan Pickering, Diana Tafoya, Sophie West.

Six of the awardees are continuing their education either at the undergraduate level or beyond. They are Savannah Cross, Paige Gunther, Aubrie Hawley, Kyle Hess, Start Reeder, and Jenna Tait.

Scholarship checks will be mailed out once the awardees have successfully completed their fall semester and submitted their grades to the committee.

Congratulations to all!

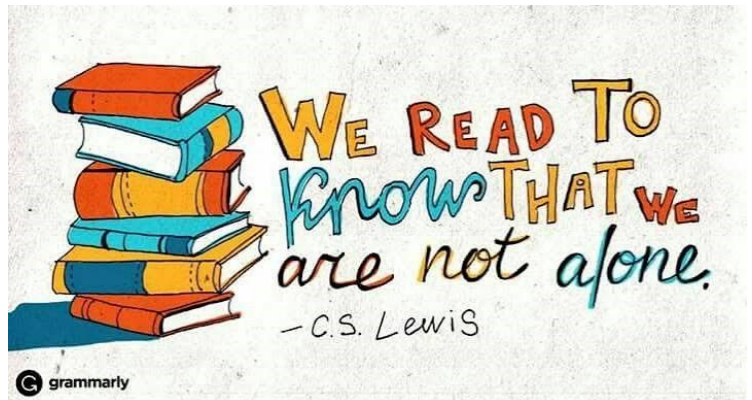
**Adventures In Reading**

Much to my relief, Karen Coy has been working on getting the Adventures in Reading ready for production for the 2026-2027 lists. We are still looking for more books to go on the book lists. We anticipate having the lists being ready by our July lunch. If you have not signed up for the lunch, please do it quickly.

The Adventures in Reading lunch is on July 17 at 1:00 PM at The West Mountain Inn.

I hope each of you are having a good beginning of the summer!

Phyllis



**"We read to know we are not alone." C.S. Lewis**

**Activities Team**

Saturday August 22 - Chicken BBQ

Watch for the sign up sheet

Proceeds from tag sale \$765.00

**Summer Lunch Snacks Needed**

Individually wrapped healthy snacks





# July 2026



| Sun                                                                              | Mon                                            | Tue                                                           | Wed                                                                              | Thu                                                             | Fri                       | Sat |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----|
| FCEA worship services are live on Zoom each Sunday (unless notified otherwise)   |                                                |                                                               | 1<br>10a-Bone Builders                                                           | 2<br>12n-Senior Meals                                           | 3                         | 4   |
| 5<br>10a-Worship, Communion, Sunday School<br>11a-Potluck lunch, fellowship      | 6<br>10a-Bone Builders                         | 7<br>12n-Senior Meals<br>Summer lunch                         | 8<br>10a-Bone Builders<br>Serenity Singers<br>2:30-4:30p                         | 9<br>12n-Senior Meals<br>2p-Bible Study                         | 10                        | 11  |
| 12<br>10a-Worship, Sunday School                                                 | 13<br>10a-Bone Builders                        | 14<br>12n-Senior Meals<br>Summer lunch                        | 15<br>10a-Bone Builders<br>7p-Music Jam                                          | 16<br>12n-Senior Meals<br>2p-Bible Study                        | 17                        | 18  |
| 19 FATHER'S DAY<br>10a-Worship<br>NO Sunday School<br>11a-Fellowship/coffee time | 20<br>9-12 Discovery Camp<br>10a-Bone Builders | 21<br>9-12 Discovery Camp<br>12n-Senior Meals<br>Summer lunch | 22<br>9-12 Discovery Camp<br>10a-Bone Builders<br>Serenity Singers<br>2:30-4:30p | 23<br>9-12 Discovery Camp<br>12n-Senior Meals<br>2p-Bible Study | 24<br>9-12 Discovery Camp | 25  |
| 26<br>10a-Worship, Sunday School<br>11a-fellowship/coffee time                   | 27<br>10a-Bone Builders                        | 28<br>12n-Senior Meals<br>Summer lunch                        | 29<br>10a-Bone Builders                                                          | 30<br>12n-Senior Meals<br>2p-Bible Study                        | 31                        |     |