



The Federated Church of East Arlington



September 2026

From the desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus! Our worship services in the month of August focused on revealing who Jesus is. We read passages from the Gospel of Matthew that told of Jesus feeding and healing people and calming a storm. In one passage, Jesus asks his disciples, "who do you say that I am?" (16:15) This question is also directed at us and our response to it is of immeasurable importance. For who he is to us will determine how we follow him.

It has been a fruitful summer at the Federated Church. The Summer Lunch Program expanded this year with lunches provided for a ten-week period to over 100 children and youth in the Arlington, Sunderland and Sandgate communities. This is a ministry we share with our neighbors at St. James Episcopal church. Thanks to all of you for contributing to this mission. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with bagging and distributing the lunches. We received support from grants from Stewarts Shops and Stratton Foundation and generous weekly donations of fresh produce from Clearbrook Farm. Special thanks to Sandy who keeps things running behind the scenes.

In July, we participated with several local churches in the Summer Discovery Camp which offered a fun-filled week to children and youth, centering on God's love and creation. Thanks to everyone who helped out this summer with our table at the Farmer's Market and all those who helped to make the Chicken Barbecue a big success. These events have been a lot of fun and also offered times of fellowship and outreach to the community.

Our lectionary readings in September will continue in the book of Matthew and focus on issues of reconciliation, forgiveness, justice and obedience. Sunday school and nursery care will continue to be offered during our service each Sunday. Please encourage friends and family to join us for worship and special programs and remember to encourage one another in faith and love. Wherever you are in your walk with God, I hope that you are able to take a moment each day to give thanks and set your mind on the blessings that we have been offered through the new life in Christ Jesus.

May God bless and keep you,

Andris

¹¹ Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light;

(Romans 13:11-12)

Forgiveness
Is the
Foundation
for Reconciliation

Blessings

The Federated Church of East Arlington

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Report of the Financial Secretary, Sandra Grover

2025 Congregational Giving Budgeted:	\$ 70,000.00
Congregational Giving 1/1/26-8/30/26	\$ 50,067.64
Building use 1/1/26-8/30/26	\$ 2,835.00
Parsonage Rental 1/1/26-8/30/26	\$ 12,600.00
Fundraising	\$ 2,798.00
OGHS	\$ 541.00

Church attendance

	Adults	Children	Youth	Zoom
8/2	30	4	0	
8/9	38	5	2	2
8/16	43	3	2	4
8/23	24	3	0	3
8/30	28	6	0	5

WARNING

The Church Council is calling for a special congregational meeting on September 13, 2026 at 11:00am following worship to vote on repair and update of the parsonage.

Kitchen cabinets and counters: \$8,300 (installed ourselves)

Carpet upstairs: \$2,000

Stove: \$700

Bathroom vanity: \$700

Bathrooms vinyl floors: \$700

Total: \$12,400

If you would like not tour the parsonage, check with Olavi after worship on 9/6 and 9/13.

September 13, 2026

11:00am following worship

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



September Birthdays

- 4 – Sandy Grover
3402 VT Route 7A
Arlington, VT 052502
- 8 – Susan Congdon
301 Chester Knoll
Bennington, VT 05201
- 11 – Dennis Warner
367 Berwal Road
Arlington, VT 05250
- 27 – Kaitlyn Daniels
6 Tel Road
Bennington, VT 05201
- 27—Patti Cody
348 Green Mountain Road
Manchester Center, VT 05255
- 30 – Jeff McConnell
77 Hagelberg Hill
Arlington, VT 05250
- 30 – Nicole Cassan
851 Sunderland Hill Road
Sunderland, VT 05250



September Anniversaries

- 1 – Diane and Jeff McConnell
77 Hagelberg Hill
Arlington, VT 05250
- 6 – Marilyn and Dennis Warner
367 Berwal Road
Arlington, VT 25250

Adventures In Reading

September is the beginning of school and perhaps of cooler weather. It's time to find the new book from our list and Read, Read, and Read!



CHILDREN'S Sunday School

Children's Ministry

Memory Verse: "I can do all things
through Christ who strengthens me."

— Philippians 4:13

Theme: Don't let the wrong voices define
you

WindowDressers

Volunteers are invited to assemble insulating window inserts for the annual WindowDressers Community Builds in Bennington October 15-21, and Manchester October 23-28. No experience or special skills required.

Questions to Bryan Dalton, (202) 575-8492. C

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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.

Lectionary Readings for September

September 6: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149

Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

September 13: Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114

Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

September 20: Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

September 27: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

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.

September 6: United Church of Benson

September 13: Brandon Congregational Church

September 20: Federated Church of Castleton

September 27: Congregational Union Church of South Wallingford

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.

Volunteers Needed

Greeter for September:

Usher for September: Donna

Reader for September: Karen Underhill

Altar for September:

Please sign up for...

Altar flowers – each Sunday

Refreshment time – set up

Sunshine Team: send cards , etc.

Activity Team: plan events



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@FedChurch05250



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Website

Check out our website;

Federatedchurchof-
feastarlington.com

Thank you Casey for
your work maintaining
our website.



Greetings from the PPRP

September 2026

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 meet four times a year. We begin our meetings with an opening prayer. We maintain confidentiality, build strong relationships, and engage with the church council and congregation. Our next three 2026-2027 PPRP meeting dates are:

November 9, 2026

March 8, 2027

June 14, 2027

We meet in Pastor Andris's Office at 1:00PM. Let us know if you have any new topics for discussion. **Feel free to join us!**

We encourage Church members to volunteer for Church-wide events and to volunteer on a monthly basis to be the Church Greeter and Usher for our Sunday Church service.

The PPRP definitely has work worth doing! Let's take a moment to say, "THANK YOU" to each other for being active Church members and so much more.

We thank Pastor Andris for his inspiring sermons, positive leadership and his faithful guidance.

Peace and Blessings

Donna Stone

Food From the Heart

Spread Kindness

Fuel Our Community

The Arlington Lions Club placed a box in Bailey Hall to collect :

Peanut butter

almond butter

jelly

jam

fluff

during September & October.

All items will be donated to Arlington Food Shelf, Hannah's Pantry and Veggie Van Go.

Find Out More About Foster Care

Monday, Sept. 21, 2026 6:30 – 7:30pm

Downstairs in the Missionary Alliance Church, 198 Crescent Blvd, Bennington, VT

(Please park in the rear of the building)

You can ensure that children are safe and well cared for until they can be safely reunified with their parents. A panel of DCF staff, foster parents, and others will join us for this helpful and informative conversation! We will share information, needs, and an invitation for you to get involved by fostering, providing respite care, transportation, and other helpful and needed support for children and families. Join us! There's no obligation. **The Need for Foster Parents:** We need families for children of all ages and experiences, including: Infants, toddlers, young children & teens; children with complex medical or developmental needs; LGBTQ youth; and sibling group **Who Can Apply:** To foster a child in DCF custody, you: Must be at least 21 years old.



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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3	4	5
FCEA worship services are <i>live</i> on Zoom each <i>Sunday</i> (unless notified otherwise)	12n-Senior Meals	10a-Bone Builders	12n-Senior Meals		
6 10a-Worship, Communion, Zoom, Sunday School 11a-fellowship/coffee time	8 12n-Senior Meals	9 10a-Bone Builders Serenity Singers 2:30-4:30p	10 12n-Senior Meals	11	12
13 guest: Doug Kitchen 10a-Worship, Zoom, Sunday School 11a-fellowship/coffee time	15 12n-Senior Meals	16 10a-Bone Builders	17 12n-Senior Meals	18	19
20 guest: Julie Demaree 10a-Worship, Zoom, Sunday School 11a-Fellowship/coffee time 11:20-Church Council	22 12n-Senior Meals	23 10a-Bone Builders	24 12n-Senior Meals	25	26 Bailey Hall in use
27 10a-Worship, Zoom, Sunday School 11a-fellowship/coffee time	29 10a-Bone Builders	30			