

The Federated Church of East Arlington



October 2026

From the desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus! I hope that this message finds you in good health and spirits. I took some time to visit family in September and I am very grateful to Doug Kitchen and to Julie Demaree for leading worship while I was away. Thank you all for welcoming them.

After a summer pause, programs will begin again in October. Please join us for Bible studies on Thursday afternoons. We will pick back up in the book of Acts. Country gospel music nights will be held on the third Wednesdays of the month at 7pm. Please join us with an acoustic instrument or come to sing or just listen. All ages are welcome.

On Sunday, October 4, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday, followed by a potluck. We will also kick off our joint youth-group on October 4 in Manchester along with other local churches.

I look forward to our worshipping together and joining in fellowship in the days and weeks ahead.

May God bless and keep you as you strive towards the upwards call in Christ Jesus,

Andris

⁹ *This is my prayer: that your love might become even more and more rich with knowledge and all kinds of insight.*

¹⁰ *I pray this so that you will be able to decide what really matters and so you will be sincere and blameless on the day of Christ.*

Philippians 1:9-10 – Common English Bible



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Report of the Financial Secretary, Sandra Grover

2025 Congregational Giving Budgeted:	\$ 70,000.00
Congregational Giving 1/1/26-9/30/26	\$ 52,624.84
Building use 1/1/26-9/30/26	\$ 3,235.00
Parsonage Rental 1/1/26-9/30/26	\$ 12,600.00
Fundraising	\$ 3,009.00
OGHS	\$ 541.00
Parsonage renovations deposited	\$ 4,700.00
additional pledged	\$ 850.00

Church attendance

	Adults	Children	Youth	Zoom
9/6	32	5	0	3
9/13	32	10	0	4
9/20	36	9	0	2
9/27	34	9	2	5



Thank you to all who attended our special congregational meeting on September 13. At that meeting, we approved renovations to our parsonage, including replacing kitchen cabinets, the kitchen stove, flooring in the kitchen and bathrooms, bathroom vanity, and upstairs carpeting. Our parsonage should be a place we can be proud of, whether our minister lives there or whether it is used as rental property. These improvements will accomplish that.

The total cost of improvements is estimated at \$12,400. We have a challenge from a church member to help with the cost of the improvements, who has pledged \$700 to cover the cost of a new stove IF others will pledge to cover costs of the vanity and flooring. The opportunity to pledge is still open! Many thanks to all who have already pledged. You can send checks in the mail, put in the plate on Sunday mornings, give to Sandy in the office or VENMO.

Our next council meeting will be after church on October 18. 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	Shared by members
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



October Birthdays

- 11 – David Moore
889 St. Nicholas Avenue
The Bronx, NY 10032
- 16 – Nancy Schoerke
212 Middle Road
Shaftsbury, VT 05262
- 20 – Edward Hulet
851 Sunderland Hill Road
Sunderland, VT 05250
- 22 – Bernice Gaudette
6 Tel Road
Bennington, VT 05201



October Anniversaries

- 16 – Tammy and Scott Lang
25 Glebe Lot Road
Arlington, VT 05250
- 16 – Sandy & Bonnie Barnes
1999 Vt Route 7A
Arlington, VT 05250



Lectionary Readings for October

- October 4:** Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20; Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4-14; Matthew 21:33-46
- October 11:** Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6:1-6, 19-23
Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14
- October 18:** Exodus 33:12-33; Psalm 99
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22
- October 25:** Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6,13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

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.

- October 4:** United Church of Proctor
- October 11:** United Church of Dorset and East Rupert
- October 18:** Federated Church of East Arlington
- October 25:** First Congregational Church of Fair Haven



Children's Ministry

Memory Verse: "Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged,
for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go" Joshua 1:9

Theme: Identity, courage, and trusting God

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.

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 C

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.

Website

Check out our website;

[Federatedchurchofeastarlington.com](https://federatedchurchofeastarlington.com)

Thank you Casey for maintaining our website.

Activities Committee Report

*chicken bbq was a huge success! We made over \$1000! Thanks to the many folks who helped to make this happen. I talked with Darrin from Sauted BBQ and he said he thought it had a lot to do with the time of day and suggested that we do that time again next year (they are definitely willing to put us on the calendar again for next year!). Thank you notes were sent to Wilcox Dairy and Sauted BBQ

*Dunlap Hall - we have been continuing to clean out Dunlap Hall - more than half of the tables have been cleared, but there is still more to do - if anyone wants to take a load of stuff to Goodwill, The Free Store, or even the dump, please feel free to pitch in! Music needs to be cleared from filing cabinets. We opened the hall for a couple hours during Norman's Attic and were able to get rid of more stuff and made an additional \$39!

*We need to schedule a meeting soon - many ideas have been floating around, but they will need some manpower to bring them to fruition - chicken & biscuits dinner, pulled pork dinner, breakfast...

Alyson Ruby Grzyb

Heritage Service

Sunday, November 8th at 10:00am

This is a service to honor our ancestors and ask for blessings for them and our current family.

Please wear clothing representative of your heritage. You may bring quilts, fabric, etc. for the processional, to be draped over the front railing.

Potluck lunch in Bailey Hall following the service

October 4—World Communion Sunday

November 1—All Saints Day

Food From the Heart

The Arlington Lions Club placed a box in Bailey Hall to collect the following during September & October:

Peanut butter almond butter jelly jam fluff

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



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@FedChurch05250



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Volunteers for October

Greeters for October:

Ushers for October:

Reader for October: Alyson

Altar for October:

Please sign up for...

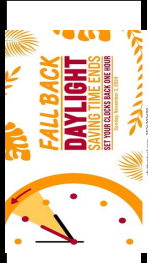
Altar flowers — each Sunday

Sunshine Team: send cards , etc.

Activity Team: plan events



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Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

 world communion sunday	FCEA worship services are live on Zoom each Sunday (unless notified otherwise)			1 12n-Senior Meals	2	3 10a-Sherry Rob- inson Memorial Service
4 World Communion Sunday 10a- Worship, Communion, Zoom, Sunday School 11a-fellowship/coffee time	5 10a-Bone Builders	6 12n-Senior Meals	7 10a-Bone Builders	8 12n-Senior Meals	9	10
11 10a-Worship, Zoom, Sunday School 11a-fellowship/coffee time	12 10a-Bone Builders	13 12n-Senior Meals	14 10a-Bone Builders 2:30p-Serenity Singers	15 12n-Senior Meals	16	17
18 10a-Worship, Zoom, Sunday School 11a-Fellowship/coffee time 11:20-Church Council	19 10a-Bone Builders	20 12n-Senior Meals	21 10a-Bone Builders 7p-Gospel, Country Music Night	22 12n-Senior Meals	23	25
25 10a-Worship, Sunday School 11a-fellowship/coffee time SWA Fall Meeting	26 10a-Bone Builders	27 12n-Senior Meals	28 10a-Bone Builders 2:30p-Serenity Singers	29 12n-Senior Meals	30	31 Daylight Savings Time ends- Clocks back 1 hour at bedtime tonight