November 2026

THE FEDERATED CHURCH OF EAST ARLINGTON

United Church of Christ
United Methodist Church

From the desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus! I hope that this letter finds you in good health and spirits. As the days get shorter, the responsibilities of work and home and the preparation for winter often seem to take more hours than there is daylight. In the midst of all of life's demands, it is good for us to pause, when we are able, to give thanks and breath deeply, remembering in whose image we are created and to whom we belong in spirit.

October was an active time at the church. We continued to host gatherings and meals for our congregation and for the community. Our monthly music night was a lot of fun and the Bible studies resumed. We also hosted a thank-you dinner for the volunteers who helped make the Summer Lunch Program a big success this summer. Thanks to all who helped. We hope to have more volunteers join next year.

In October, we also celebrated the lives of dear friends Sherri Robinson and Sandra Frost. Please continue to remember their families and loved ones in prayer.

Looking ahead, November will be an eventful month. Worship services will focus on honoring our ancestors in faith and blessing our families past and present. A special heritage service will be held on Sunday, November 8. Please bring a piece of fabric that represents your family and a dish prepared from a family recipe to share at the potluck lunch after the service. Other events in November will include an evening Bible study on the 11th at 5:30pm, a concert featuring our music director Rob Ellis on the 15th, and a country gospel sing-along and play-along on the 18th. Bible studies will continue on Thursdays at 2pm.

I look forward to worshiping, learning and working alongside you as we walk together in faith. May your trust in God and your desire to follow Jesus give you strength, light and hope on the journey ahead.

Andris

> [2] *Dear friends, now we are God's children, and it hasn't yet appeared what we will be. We know that when he appears we will be like him because we'll see him as he is.* [3] *And all who have this hope in him purify themselves even as he is pure.*
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> *1 John 3:2-3 - Common English Bib*

The Federated Church of East Arlington

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Report of the Financial Secretary, Sandra Grover

2026 Congregational Giving budgeted:	$70,000.00
1/1/26 – 10-30-26	
Congregational giving (plate)	59,632.85
Building use	3,590.00
Fundraising	3,009.00
Parsonage rental	12,600.00
Parsonage renovations deposited	6,050.00

Church Attendance

	Adults	Children	Youth	Online
10/4	35	8	2	
10/11	32	5	0	4
10/18	33	9	2	5
10/25	43	8	0	2



Reuse, rethink, recycle. Use it up, wear it out, make it do or do without. We're about to make those ideas a bit easier to put into practice. A Free Table will come to Bailey Hall soon, a place to bring those still-usable items that no longer fit your needs. No clothing, please. There will be a list where you can "sign in" items with a date. Please remove your items after 2 weeks.

Do you have a skill or talent or interest to share, and a bit of time? Do you feel the spirit nudging you to share your abilities? Nominations are open for the teams that keep our church running smoothly. Please contact any council member if you, or someone you know, would be willing to serve on one of our five teams: Buildings and Grounds, Christian Education, Financial, Missions, Worship and Ministry. "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." 1 Peter 4:10.

Our next council meeting will be after church on November 22. 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
EX Officio	Andris Berry
Building & Grounds	Edward Coy
Christian Education	Casey Annunziata
Finance	Olavi Wirkki
Worship & Ministry	Karen Coy
Missions & Outreach	Sandy Grover

Team Members

Alyson Grzyb	Dennis Warner
Christy Wood	Jenna/Doug Tait
Alyson Grzyb	Edward Coy
Diane McConnell	Phyllis Warren
Ann Smith	Gail Rice

November Birthdays

13 Dianne Horton
534 Warm Brook Road
Arlington, VT 05250

16 Cheryl Hess
P.O. Box 88
East Arlington, VT 05252

November Anniversaries

16 John & Cheryl Hess
P.O. Box 88
East Arlington, VT 05250

Children & Youth

14, 2010 Kayden
18, 2011 Ezra



Children's Ministry

Theme: Follow, Serve, Tell

Memory Verse: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others"; — 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

Week 1 Mary follows Jesus (Luke 8:1–3)
Week 2 Mary supports Jesus's; ministry (Luke 8:1–3)
Week 3 Mary at the cross (John 19:25; Matthew 27:55–56)
Week 4 Mary at the empty tomb (John 20:1–18)

Arlington Area Food Shelf 2026

The Arlington Area Food Shelf
PO Box 723
Arlington, VT 05250

Please donate non-perishable food. Place in the box in the church entryway.

Lectionary Readings for November

Nov. 1 Micah 3:5-12; Psalm 43
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12
Nov. 8 Joshua 24:1-3,14-25; Psalm 78:1-7
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13
Nov. 15 Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30
Nov. 22 Ezekiel 345:11-16,20-24; Psalm 95:1-7
Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46
Nov. 29 Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

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.

Nov. 1 First Congregational Church of Hubbardton
Nov. 8 First Congregational Church of Manchester
Nov. 15 Pawlet Community Church
Nov. 22 Pittsford Congregational Church
Nov. 29 Grace Congregational Church Rutland

Worship With Us

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86243626013?pwd=zo01hUN6Q4QaozSadxwVLD4k6PooNB.1
Meeting ID: 862 4362 6013
One tap mobile
+13017158592,,85851005502#,,,,*481587# US (Washington DC
+13052241968,,85851005502#,,,,*481587# US
Or join by phone at 1-64-876-9923 and you will be asked for the meeting ID and you should enter 8911943 9251 followed by the # sign.
Watch for an email from Andris with the Sunday bulletin and link to join.

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!

Food from your heritage would be great!

FALL CONCERT

The Federated Church of East Arlington
Sunday, November 8, 2026
2:00 p.m.

Enjoy the talents of
Rob Ellis
Andris Berry
The Church Choir

Free, donations for the parsonage renovations.

Veteran's Day is November 11th

Remember and honor all veterans!

Volunteer for November

Sign-up sheets in Bailey Hall or tell Sandy

Greeter	Sunshine team
Usher	Activity team
Altar flowers	Altar/communion
Sunday school	Choir

November Calendar

Sunday,11/1 (no Zoom)	10am - All Saint's Day, Worship, Communion, Sunday School 11am - Fellowship/coffee time
Sunday,11/8	10am – Heritage Sunday, Worship, Sunday School 11am – Potluck lunch, fellowship 2pm – Youth Group, First Church Manchester
Wednesday,11/11	Veteran's Day – Remember and Honor our veterans!
Sunday,11/15	10am – Worship, Sunday School 11am - Fellowship/coffee time 2pm – Fall Concert in the sanctuary
Wednesday,11/18	7pm – Gospel, Country Music Night in Bailey Hall
Friday, 11/20	4-7pm – Thanksgiving Farmers Market at St. James Church (inside)
Sunday, 11/22	10am - 10am – Worship, Sunday School 11am - Fellowship/coffee time 11:15am – Church Council To be determined – Youth Group, First Church Manchester
Sunday, 11/29	10am – Worship, Sunday School 11am - Fellowship/coffee time