

# The Federated Church of East Arlington



May 2022

## Meditation, Meanderings and Musings from Pastor Kathy

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*"Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land."  
- Song of Songs 2:12*

So much expectation comes with the month of May. As the writer Tam Mossman said, "Horticulturally, the month of May is opening night, Homecoming, and Graduation Day all rolled into one." I invite you to take a good look outside the day you read this and maybe jot down a few notes or take a picture of what you see as May begins. On May 31, go back to the same view and compare the two images. We will see a transition that is pretty amazing in just a single month.

With the beauty of spring arriving anew each day, we are already busy making plans to take full advantage of the gorgeous weather we are so fortunate to enjoy here in our part of Vermont. The benches from the Town of Arlington are back and soon the picnic table will make its return. We have just ordered the tent we will be putting up in May and soon we will move our in-person Service of Worship outside again since we had such a lovely experience in 2021. We will continue to be live on Zoom each Sunday, too. May 22 will be Celebration Sunday when we get to lift up and recognize our children and teachers followed by a cookout lunch outside under our new tent. Before you know it, the season of freshly grown produce will be here and so we will bring back the Community Produce Stand where so many leave what they can and take what they need. It's also not too early to be thinking about the Arlington Farmers Market. We will have a table there on Opening Day, June 3.

New possibilities unfold around us each day, some as sweet as fragrant lilacs. Others have to be unearthed from under the debris of the winter of our days. Through all this, God's presence never wavers. May you discover some new beauty or joy or gift this coming month of blooming and may peace, too, prevail on our earth.

Grace and blessings,  
Kathy

P.S. The Vermont Conference U.C.C. is financially providing for my 2 weeks off (May 2-17) as part of their Clergy Support program for which I am very grateful.



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# The Federated Church of East Arlington

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## Report of the Financial Secretary, Sandra Grover

2022 Congregational Giving Budgeted:	\$ 60,000.00
Congregational Giving 1/1/22-4/28/22	\$ 14,579.00
Building use 1/1/22-4/28/22	\$ 650.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 574.00



## Church attendance

	Adults	Children
4/3	21	0
4/10	32	1
4/17 6:15am	19	0
4/17 Easter	44	8
4/24	32	1
Remotely by Zoom and phone: 8-15 weekly		

With the announcement of Paster Kathy retiring in 2023 we will start the search and call process in the near future. There are many thoughts into how we will go. I hope that we can all have input as to how we will continue. What do we want the Church to look like in 10 years? Shall we go on the same way. There is Senior lunch and Girl Scouts - and now we will have our first dinner since Covid started. We have a mentor for the process which will help us tremendously.

As we move into May, hopefully it will start warming up. The daffodils are in bloom -enjoy!

Sincerely

Sue Congdon - Council Chair



## Our Church Council

Chair, Susan Congdon	Treasurer, Olavi Wirkki	Ex Officio, Pastor Kathy Clark	Secretary, Sandra Grover
Building & Grounds	Olavi Wirkki	1. Alyson Grzyb	2. Jeff McConnell
Christian Education	Tammy Lang	1. Scott Lang	2.
Finance	Brian Allen	1. Alyson Grzyb	2. Scott lang
Worship & Ministry		1. Linda McDevitt	2. Phyllis Warren
Missions	Sandy Grover	1. Wendy Bahan	2. Gail Rice

**May Birthdays**

- 9 – Kathy Hayden  
276 Oak Knoll  
Arlington, VT 05250
- 12 – Karen Underhill  
983 Berwal Road  
Arlington, VT 05250
- 19 – Kathy Frost  
16 Kempton Place #6  
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
- 21 – Sharon Davis  
3104 Vt. Route 7A  
Arlington, VT 05250



**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.

**May 1:** Second Congregational Church of Bennington

**May 8:** United Church of Benson

**May 15:**

**May 22:**

**May 29::**

**May Anniversaries**

- 12 – Vic & Michele Lampron  
P.O. Box 233  
Arlington, VT 05250

**Youth and Children’s birthdays**

- 10 - Ronan Caples

**Lectionary Readings for May**

**May 1:** Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Psalm 30  
Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

**May 8:** Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23  
Revelation 7:9-17; John 10: 22-30

**May 15:** Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148  
Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

**May 22:** Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67  
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29

**May 29:** Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 978  
Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21; John 17:20-26

**May Helping Hands Needed**

- Greeters Altar Flowers
- Refreshment/Coffee time

There are sign-up sheets on the table in Bailey Hall

**CHOIR**

Anyone interested in joining the choir, please see Mary.



**In the White Mailbox**

Church Directory

May Newsletter

The May/June UPPER ROOM devotional, “Where the World Meets to Pray”

**Sign-up Sheets in Bailey Hall**

We need helpers to assist with our services.

Greeters/usher – 1 per service

Readers – 1 per month, or share with another person

Refreshment time

Altar flowers

Many thanks to all volunteers!



# The Federated Church of East Arlington

## Christian Education

Our last Sunday School will be Sunday May 22nd

Children's Sunday School



## Girl Scouts

### Girl Scout Meetings

May 1st: Junior Meeting Bailey Hall from 12-12:45

May 1st: Cadettes and Senior Meeting from 12-1 in Dunlap Hall



## **Worship With Us**

**Sundays in the Sanctuary in person, 10:00 a.m.**

Masks optional

**Also:** via Zoom using this link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89119439251>.

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.

Our services are on GNAT Sundays at 9:30a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on channels 1074, 1084 and 1094 or go to the GNAT-TV website to view them anytime after Tuesday of each week.

Also on our Youtube channel: the federated church of East Arlington. There's a link on our website:

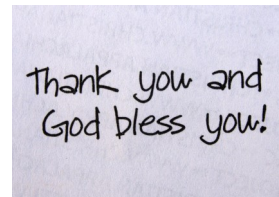
[federatedchurchofeastarlington.org](http://federatedchurchofeastarlington.org)

Watch for an email from Kathy with the Sunday bulletin and link to join.

## Missions

Ukraine Crisis Response:

Our giving totaled \$1,636 and it was matched from our missions fund. So we were able to assist in helping the people of Ukraine by sending \$3,272 to the CWS (Church World Service) Ukraine Crisis Response Fund.



## **Arlington Memorial**

### **DAY OF SERVICE**

**Friday, May 20, 2022**

Does your home/organization need help?

Arlington Memorial is sponsoring a

Day of Community Service

to help Arlington, Sunderland, and Sandgate residents and organizations with projects.

Our students and staff can help with most projects in and around your house and/or business.

If you are interested please contact Kendell Jennings at 802-375-2589 ext. 157 by Monday, May 16, 2022

## **Arlington Area Food Shelf 2022**

The Arlington Food Shelf

P.O. Box 723

Arlington, VT 05250

Please donate non-perishable food.

Place in box in church entry or in the box in the garage (small door).



### United Counseling Service

UCS will be presenting a virtual screening of the Indieflix documentary, *The Upstanders* on **Wednesday, May 4 at 6pm.**

*The Upstanders* delves deep into cyber-bullying, showing the perspectives of those who bully, their victims, and the trauma of the bystander. Woven through this film is the very personal, first-hand account of a family's tragic loss that inspired new legislation to turn the tide against this very real epidemic.

Covid-19 has only exacerbated this problem of cyber-abuse, by providing a bully-ripe environment of isolation, anxiety and increased time on screens. Most often driven by pain, bullies are searching for that jolt of power when putting someone else down – and there is plenty of pain going around now.

The screening of the film will be followed by a panel discussion facilitated by Jason Fleming, UCS' Director of Children, Youth and Family Services Division. "We are excited to continue this UCS Presents series with the community," said Fleming, "It's important for people to understand that their online actions affect real people."

This screening is part of an initiative by Vermont Care Partners and additional screenings will be taking place across the state. This event is free; however, registration is required.

For any questions, please email [dmalinowski@ucsvt.org](mailto:dmalinowski@ucsvt.org).

*This film is being sponsored by the Vermont Department of Mental Health under PIPBHC (CHILD) grant 5H79SM080234004 from SAMHSA.*



## **Local P.F.L.A.G. Chapter Celebrates Its 10th Anniversary With Nationally Acclaimed Transgender Speaker.**

This coming Mother's Day, May 8, 2022 at 4:00 P.M. at The United Church of Dorset and East Rupert marks the 10th anniversary celebration of the only P.F.L.A.G. chapter in Southern Vermont. P.F.L.A.G. stands for "Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays" and is a national network of local groups dedicated to the support and education of all people, straight or gay, on LGBTQ issues. Since its inception more than ten years ago, our local chapter has helped form a vital and caring community around a wide range of topics such as:

support for families and individuals "coming out".

history and updates of A.I.D.S and HIV.

cultural issues such as gay adoption, vacationing, dating, parenting.

awareness of pertinent political issues around the country.

history of The Gay Movement in America.

book, periodical and cinema reviews

well researched and love-based interfaith perspectives on homosexuality.

connections to state-wide and region-wide organizations of a similar mission.

To mark our 10th Anniversary meeting, we invite the wider community to join us and hear in person, nationally acclaimed speaker on transgender issues, Ben Greene, from St. Louis, Missouri. Ben is a winsome and charismatic transgender male who has been educating groups large and small, corporate and religious on transgender issues from A - Z. As it is said, "Anything you ever wanted to know about being transgender and supporting transgender persons but were afraid to ask" Ben loves to address and enlighten.

Following his hour-long presentation, which includes ample Q & A, there will be a reception and anniversary party. THE ENTIRE AFTERNOON'S EVENT IS FREE. If you have any questions please contact The United Church of Dorset and East Rupert at 802-867-2260 or [dorsetchurch@gmail.com](mailto:dorsetchurch@gmail.com). The church is located at 143 Church Street (Off Route 30), Dorset, VT 05251. The white marble just is just past the Dorset Green.



**KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.**

Saturday, May 21, 2022

11:30 a.m.

Bring your lunch, coffee and tea are provided.

If you are interested in attending this group, just bring your knitting or crocheting and join us.

We pray that God will continue to bless this ministry, it's participants and the shawl recipients.

Many thanks to those who have made prayer shawls, lap robes, hats and mittens to be given out.

Yarn is available for anyone who needs more to continue knitting and crocheting. Questions?

Raebeth Hitchcock  
375-9294

## Adventures In Reading

All reading lists should be emailed or mailed to Phyllis by May 15. You can also give the lists to her after church. The lists should include books you have read from the list and books you recommend for the next list. If you know which group the book would be included, please indicate it next to the book.

To Be a qualified reader, you must have read one book from each list. The only acceptable substitutions are books of the same genre by another author on the list or books in the same group from an earlier Adventures in Reading list.

*Phyllis Warren, Coordinator*



Dear Church Family,

There are no words for my gratitude and appreciation for all your support and love throughout Phil's journey. I don't know enough adjectives to show how you—my church family—mean to me and did Phil, as well.

The reception was wonderful and I was blessed to see all of you who were there at a time when you were needed most. It's all God's way and He's in charge.

Love, Karen



See note on bulletin board in Bailey Hall.

**Bible Study**, continuing the book of Luke (and, no, you do not need to know anything about it to participate) will start back up again on May 20th.

Our study via Zoom happens on Fridays from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

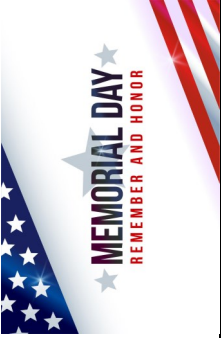
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91377329294>





# May 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*Dunlap Hall						
1 10a-Worship/Communion 11a-Fellowship time 12p-G.S. Juniors *12p-G.S. Cadettes/Seniors	2 8a-12p-Bailey Hall in use	3 12n-Senior Meals	4	5 12n-Senior Meals	6	7
8 10a-Worship-Rev. Holly Ross 11a-Fellowship time	9	10 12n-Senior Meals	11	12 12n-Senior Meals	13	14 11a-Betty Gunther Memorial Service
15 10a-Worship-Jane LoBrutto 11a-Fellowship time 12:30-6p-Bailey Hall in use	16	17 12n-Senior Meals	18	19 12n-Senior Meals	20 Community Day of Service 9a-Bible Study (Luke) on Zoom	21 11:30a-Prayer Shawl
22 10a-Worship/Celebration Sunday, last Sunday School till September 11a-Fellowship time-picnic To celebrate our children	23	24 12n-Senior Meals	25	26 12n-Senior Meals	27 9a-Bible Study (Luke) on Zoom	28
29	30	31 12n-Senior Meals				