

The Federated Church of East Arlington



July 2022

Meditation, Meanderings and Musings from Pastor Kathy

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*Summer is extravagant
and over-stated
and showy.*

*Summer colors are bright
and gaudy
and over-the-top.*

*Summer life is abundant
and prolific
and overwhelming.*

*Summer sun is dazzling
and brilliant
and hot -
sometimes.*

*Summer rain is warmer,
but just as wet
as at any other time.*

*Yet summer riots it colors loudest
where sun and showers combine
to ring out the glory.*

*Just as God's blessings abound
in the joy and sorrow
by which all growth comes.*

I love that in this piece titled "Summer Is Extravagant" by Marjorie Dobson, what sets summer apart as well as unites it with other seasons is a sense of intensity. Summer's heat has the power to quiet us enough to seek out shade and coolness and maybe even a nap while also stirring up strong feelings and short tempers.

Throughout history, some of the most memorable events came during this hot season. Those that come to mind from my childhood include the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, the Apollo 11 lunar landing with Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin taking the first human steps on the moon, and the Woodstock music festival that I was too young to attend. These were happening while I was doing what kids do in the heat of summer - go swimming, stay out past dark, ride bikes, and explore the neighborhood - all for as long as we wanted but with the explicit expectation that we would

be home for dinner. And in the very hot week leading up to and through the 4th of July in 1993, my very pregnant body sought out relief anywhere it could be found. The heat wave of that week made me grateful to spend 4 days in the hospital giving birth and recuperating and getting to know my newborn daughter in the comfort of an almost empty air-conditioned maternity wing at SVMC.

When we think of the extravagance that summer presents, we can't help but give thanks for the splashes of color, the ever-growing gardens big and small, the welcome breezes, and the lapping of rivers, streams, and lakes we are surrounded by here in our corner of God's world. Dwelling in such extravagance while quieting ourselves to God's call, gives us time and space to consider how we will serve God and God's people. Summer affords us time to reflect on what we will do with our voices and our resources to further the causes of mercy and justice that cry out to us.

Amid the drone of insects and the varied singing voices of birds, may we carve out moments for extravagant listening. God is still speaking.

Peace and blessings,
Kathy



Summer time!



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Report of the Financial Secretary, Sandra Grover

2022 Congregational Giving Budgeted:	\$ 60,000.00
Congregational Giving 1/1/22-6/30/22	\$ 31,371.00
Building use 1/1/22-6/30/22	\$ 1,025.00
Fundraising 1/1/22-6/30/22	\$ 881.51



Thank
you!

Church attendance

	Adults	Children
6/5	27	3
6/12	22	1
6/19	27	4 (inside-cold)
6/26	23	0
	Several on Zoom	

We have a team for the search for our new pastor. Thanks to Brian for getting them. They are Brian Allen, Christy Wood, Donna Stone, Karen Tibbetts and Karen Underhill. We are on our way!! Please say thank you to all of them and keep this team and our church family in your prayers as we follow God in this search.

The attendance has been great and we have been blessed with great weather. Several on Zoom also join us.

Peace be with you

Sue Congdon, Church 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

July Birthdays

- 6 – Selene Clark
Jen Rosenthal
1180 North Road
East Arlington, VT 05252
- 8 – Fred Kerner
307 Gage Street
Bennington, VT 05201
- 11 – Bonnie Barnes
1999 VT Route 7A
Arlington, VT 05250
- 14 – Marcelo Barrios
827 South Road
Sunderland, VT 05250
- 19 – Dan Rosenthal
1180 North Road
East Arlington, VT 05252
- 19 – Anna Bushee
957 Kansas Road
East Arlington, VT 05252
- 31 – John Frost
16 Kempton Place, Apt. 6
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866



**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 3:** First Congregational Church of Hubbardton
- July 10:** First Congregational Church of Manchester
- July 17:** Congregational Church of North Bennington
- July 24:** Pawlet Community Church
- July 31:** Pittsford Congregational Church

July Anniversaries

- 17 – Carolyn & Kipper Brown
26 Jasper Lane
Arlington, VT 05250
- 23 – Lina & Raymond Grover
P.O. Box 113
Cherokee, KS 66757



Youth and Children's birthdays

- 8, 2016 Charley Wood



Lectionary Readings for July

- July 3:** 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30
Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
- July 10:** Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82
Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37
- July 17:** Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52
Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42
- July 24:** Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85
Colossians 2:6-15,1 (16-19); Luke 11:1-13
- July 31:** Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

July Helping Hands Needed

- We need helpers to assist with our services.
- Greeters/usher – 1 per service
- Readers – 1 per month, or share with someone
- Altar flowers – each Sunday
- Set up for outside services
- Refreshment time – anyone can bring snack to share; anyone can help with cleanup.

In the White Mailbox

- Church Directory July Newsletter
- The July/August UPPER ROOM devotional,
"Where the World Meets to Pray"

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Worship With Us

**Sundays outside under the tent in person,
10:00 a.m.**

Bring a lawn chair. 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.

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

Bible Study will continue in September.



Adventures In Reading

The 2022 - 2023 Adventures in Reading Booklist is in progress. Thank you to all who turned in last year's list and made recommendations for this year!

Our annual luncheon will be announced in the near future.

If you are interested in joining our group, please let Phyllis Warren know.

Phyllis Warren

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Arlington Area Food Shelf 2022

The Arlington Food Shelf
P.O. Box 723
Arlington, VT 05250

291 pounds donated

Please donate non-perishable food.
Place in box in church entry or
in the box in the garage (small door).



Feeding the Community



Christian Education

Christian Education-We hope each child in our Sunday School program is having a fun filled summer!!

**No Prayer Shawl gathering
in July**

See you on August 20th

Raebeth Hitchcock

375-9294




KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.



July 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 4p-Farmers Market We have a table	2
3 10a-Worship in person and on Zoom 11a-Fellowship time	4 	5 12n-Senior Meals	6	7 12n-Senior Meals	8	9
10 10a-Worship/ Communion in person and on Zoom 11a-Fellowship time		12 12n-Senior Meals	13	14 12n-Senior Meals	15	16 1 pm—Funeral for Agnes McDonald
17 10a-Worship in person and on Zoom 11a-Fellowship time	18	19 12n-Senior Meals	20	21 12n-Senior Meals	22	23
24 10a-Worship in person and on Zoom 11a-Fellowship time	25	26 12n-Senior Meals	27	28 12n-Senior Meals	29	30
31 10a-Worship in person and on Zoom 11a-Fellowship time						