



The Federated Church of East Arlington



June 2022

Meditation, Meanderings and Musings from Pastor Kathy

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I have finally gotten used to the idea that in times of celebration or grief or simply sharing a meal, I am considered the professional pray-er. It comes with the job of pastor, and I embrace the honor – most of the time. Occasionally, I become self-conscious, such as the time I was in Hannaford and was asked to pray in the cereal aisle. I quickly realized, though, that the one for whom I was praying was in strong need of prayer and that, to be honest, no one was really paying much attention to us.

This week's deadly shooting at Robb Elementary School in Texas brought many of us to our knees and filled us with a profound sadness. I know my prayers were spilling over with questions. "How long will this continue, God?" "What would you have us do and feel so as not to become hard of heart?" "What can I do to be the change I wish to see in this world, Holy One?" I was reminded that in my favorite of the Epistles, James points out that "Faith without works is dead."

Prayer is the beginning, not the end. I offer then the words of another. This blessing is from Kate Bowler, Duke Divinity School professor and the author of *Good Enough*, which we used for our Lenten Book Study this year.

A Blessing for Collective Grief (When Thoughts and Prayers Are Not Enough)

This world.

Impossible.

Unthinkable.

We are brought to our knees.

God, today, there is no true north.

And when I last checked,
the sun did not rise at all.

Today, the innocent still suffer,
teachers still risk their lives,
families still grieve.

A world has ended without
any reasonable fanfare.

And we are sold the fantasy that nothing can be done.

Help us to know what to feel – rage, grief, sorrow.

And what to do – advocate, protest, lament.

Blessed are we who let reality in,
though our bodies shudder.

Blessed are we who ask and wait and ask again
for the courage to change our culture
whose laws and complicity subsidize death.

God, give us hope that seems hard to find.

When we are at a loss for the right words and our next action, may we lean into our ever-present God for guidance and wisdom and courage.



Peace and grace,
Kathy

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Report of the Financial Secretary, Sandra Grover

2022 Congregational Giving Budgeted:	\$ 60,000.00
Congregational Giving 1/1/22-5/31/22	\$ 28,645.00
Building use 1/1/22-5/31/22	\$ 1,025.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 1,348.00
Fundraising 1/1/22-5/31/22	\$ 751.00

*Thank
you!*



Church attendance

	Adults	Children
5/1	28	1
5/8	18	0
5/15	22	3
5/22	35	7
5/29	25	0

Several on Zoom

Search Team

With Pastor Kathy's announcement of her retirement, the church council would like to establish a search committee this month. We're inviting church members who would like to serve to send a letter of interest to Sandy at your earliest convenience. This letter needn't be too formal and no résumés needed. Please outline what you believe you'd add, remembering that a search for a pastor is a big commitment of time, talent, and energy over many months. Some travel is involved as well.

Our goal is a five member committee that's diverse, collegial, and focused on the whole church rather than one or two individual issues. We're looking for balance. We can't select everyone who volunteers. Some church members can bring strengths no one else has.

Again, let Sandy at the church office know in writing. We're hoping to get a search committee up and running by the end of June.

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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

June Birthdays

- 3 - Janet Wilson
300 Village Lane, #2218
Bennington, VT 05201
- 23 - Pat Taylor
169 Bard Road
Bennington, VT 05201
- 24 - Lina Grover
P.O. Box 113
Cherokee, KS 66757
- 25 - Barb Benjamin
57A Center Lane
Arlington, VT 05250



June Anniversaries

- 7 - Alyson & Steve Grzyb
95 Lost Road
Sunderland, VT 05250
- 10 - Larry & Sharon Davis
3104 Rt. 7A
Arlington, VT 05250
- 13 - Kathy & Roger Clark
P.O. Box 18
East Arlington, VT 05252
- 14 - Olavi & Sue Wirkki
37 Country View Lane
Arlington, VT 05250
- 19 - Nathalie & Bruce Caler
96 Carbonti Circle
Arlington, VT 05250
- 24 - Dan & Jen Rosenthal
1180 North Road
East Arlington, VT 05252
- 27 - Rich & Patti Cody
348 Green Mountain Road
Manchester Center, VT 05255
- 27 - Herb & Pat Taylor
169 Bard Road
Bennington, VT 05201



Youth and Children's birthdays

- 11 Landyn Lavallee



**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.

- June 5:** Union Church of Proctor
- June 12:** United Church of Dorset and East Rupert
- June 19:** Federated Church of East Arlington
- June 26:** First Congregational Church of Fair Haven

Lectionary Readings for June

- June 5:** Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35
Romans 8: 14-17 John 14:8-17, (25-27)
- June 12:** Proverbs 8:1-4; Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15
- June 19:** 1 Kings 19:1-4,(5-7),8-15; Psalm 42 and 43
Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39
- June 26:** 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-220
Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

In the White Mailbox

Church Directory June Newsletter
The May/June UPPER ROOM devotional, "Where the World Meets to Pray"

June 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.



The Federated Church of East Arlington

Christian Education

We had our Celebration Sunday picnic on Sunday May 22nd and had a wonderfully fun time.

We will see you in the fall for Rally Sunday!

Children's Sunday School



Girl Scout Juniors are going on a Field trip on Sunday June 12th so we will not be needing Bailey Hall till the fall for meetings. Thank you for always letting us have our meetings at church!



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, 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>



Adventures In Reading

Adventures in Reading is wrapping up the 2021 - 2022 season. It's not too late to hand in your list if you have not yet done so. I'd also welcome recommendations for books for the 2022 - 2023 List.

Depending on when the new list is completed and Covid numbers, our annual celebration will be announced in the near future.

We'd like to invite readers to join us. To Be a qualified reader, you must read one book from each list: Group I The Bible, The Church, Spiritual Life, Group II Family, Education, Nature, Psychology, Group III Biography, History, Wider Horizons, and Group IV General Literature. Each list has a variety books to choose from. Please let Phyllis Warren know if you are interested.

Blessings for a special summer.

Phyllis Warren



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).



Thank
You

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers and the gift card. We truly appreciate it very much!! We love being part of the Federated Church family!!

Tammy & Scott Lang
and Kelly



KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

Saturday, June 18, 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

Summer Lunch Program It takes a village of volunteers!

The Arlington Area Summer Lunch Program begins on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 and runs through August 9th.

This program is designed to provide a week's worth of lunch food per child.

Volunteers order the food from Aldi's, as well as milk cards, ice cream cards and egg cards from Stewarts.

Volunteers call the families each week as a reminder.

Volunteers pick up the food and deliver it to the school.

Volunteers pack each bag.

Volunteers distribute the bags. To the families.

Arlington Memorial High School gives us the space and refrigeration to help with this program.

Our church and St. James Episcopal Church collect individually wrapped snack items to be added to the bags.

Thank you all for your donations to this program.

Thanks to all the volunteers.



Welcome

We are pleased to welcome Katie Baroody into the space formerly known as the Christian Ed office. She sees clients here on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Katie Baroody is a trauma-informed licensed clinical mental health counselor and nationally certified counselor who provides therapy services to children, adolescents, and adults. Katie Baroody Mental Health Counselor

baroodycounseling@gmail.com
802-379-9675

Missions Team

OGHS and UMCOR

Our giving to UCC One Great Hour of Sharing and United Methodist Committee on Relief totaled \$674 and was matched from our missions fund (each receiving \$674). These funds are used around the world and in America for relief when there are disasters and other ways to improve the lives of others.

Thank You.

Your Mission Team

Finance Team

The Federated Church has launched a fundraising campaign to pay for needed enhancements on a few fronts. In the next few weeks, I'll be reaching out to church members to join me in supporting the following:

- ◆ All of us enjoyed summer services outdoors but we've been borrowing tents. The church council has authorized the purchase of our own tent, which we'll use for Sunday services if the weather is nice but also make available to other not-for-profits in our area to use in our own inviting lawn.
- ◆ We've been borrowing audio/visual equipment making Zoom services possible. During the COVID crisis, all of us experienced Zoom church. Now, our shut in members want and need to continue to attend Sunday services online. We're aiming at equipment flexible enough for all our needs.
- ◆ Dunlap Hall, once the Methodist church, has no bathroom. We'd like to start the plumbing process by installing a septic system.
- ◆ New railings for the front of the church.

Our target is \$20,000. I hope we can get 100% participation from the congregation. You'll hear from me soon.



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Happy Father's Day



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June 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*Dunlap Hall						
			1	2 12n-Senior Meals	3 9a-Bible Study (Luke) on Zoom 4p-Farmers Market We have a table	4
5 10a-Worship/Communion in person and on Zoom 11a-Fellowship time	6	7 12n-Senior Meals	8	9 12n-Senior Meals	10 9a-Bible Study (Luke) on Zoom	11
12 10a-Worship in person and on Zoom 11a-Fellowship time	13	14 12n-Senior Meals	15	16 12n-Senior Meals	17 9a-Bible Study (Luke) on Zoom	18 11:30a-Prayer Shawl 6p-Remember Baker meeting and presenta- tion/reinactment in Sanctuary
19 10a-Worship in person and on Zoom 11a-Fellowship time	20	21 12n-Senior Meals 3:30-5:30p-Summer Lunch	22	23 12n-Senior Meals	24 9a-Bible Study (Luke) on Zoom	25
26 10a-Worship in person and on Zoom 11a-Fellowship time	27	28 12n-Senior Meals 3:30-5:30p-Summer Lunch	29	31 12n-Senior Meals		