

The Federated Church of East Arlington



April 2023

Meditation, Meanderings, and Musings from Pastor Kathy

*Balloons maybe.
If Jesus were coming here,
maybe we'd line up on either side of his parade route,
and wave balloons as he passed.
Back and forth...a multitude of colors,
and we'd probably shout Yeah! Instead of Hosanna,
and we'd hold up homemade posters saying,
"Welcome, Jesus!"
and as he passed by...probably in one of those
bubble-top cars
because the FBI would not want to be left out of
this one...
On the other hand maybe he'd refuse and ride that
donkey after all
or maybe even walk down the middle of the road with
balloons bobbing
as he walked, and he'd wave to us and bless us.
And we'd follow, and follow, and follow.
What a celebration! What a festival of Faith that
would be!
And when the parade passed by, we'd finally go home,
and look forward to the celebration next Sunday.*

*But what about Holy Week?
The days lengthen
The pear tree flowers white outside my kitchen
window...
In the mysterious Lenten mix of lament and hope the
taunting, blood-splattered
face of war screams into our lives,
and we are tempted to despair.
The TV bleeds and explodes
and the unspeakably obscene inhumanity of war
blares into our ears and our hearts –
and we turn and run.*

*Into a wall –
the same wall we visit each Lent –
trying to get around a Gate called Truth,
trying to go from Palm Sunday
straight to Easter morning,
trying to keep from going into that courtyard
where we must answer whether we know him or not,
trying to keep from going anywhere near that cross.
So give us the palms and give us a parade,
but O God, whisk us right from Palm Sunday
to that "great getting-up morning."*

*Have our Easter baskets filled and waiting for us,
O God,
because this year we're tired and we're scared
and we just want a little peace and quiet.
And so we turn and run
or we kneel and pray for mercy and for miracles
and the eyes to see this Jesus
named Emmanuel,
the eyes to see that God is with us.*

As we consider the power of these words of the writer Ann Weems with their complex mixture of hope and despair, pain and glory, the awful and the beautiful in this poem titled From Hosanna to Horror, the Only Road to Easter, I invite you to join us for the familiar journey through Holy Week beginning with Palm/Passion Sunday, ending with Sunrise and 10:00 a.m. Worship and all that happens in-between. The joy of the arrival at the destination of Resurrection only comes from our appreciation for all that it takes to get there.

Peace and blessings,
Kathy



Holy Week

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YouTube: Federated Church of East Arlington, Vt

Church office: 802-375-2548

Report of the Financial Secretary, Sandra Grover

2023 Congregational Giving Budgeted:	\$ 66,000.00
Congregational Giving	\$ 11,275.00
Building use	\$ 800.00
OGHS and UMCOR	\$ 363.00



Church attendance

	Adults	Children
3/5	25	6
3/12	27	5
3/19	28	6
3/26	22	5

And many on Zoom and by phone



Church Council

Chair	Sue Congdon
Treasurer	Olavi Wirkki
Clerk	Sandra Grover
Ex Officio-	Pastor Kathy Clark
Building and Grounds	Ed Coy
Education	Tammy Lang
Finance	Brian Allen
Worship & Ministry	David Moore
Missions & Outreach	Sandra Grover

Team Members

1. Alyson Grzyb	2. Jeff McConnell
1. Scott Lang	2.
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1. Phyllis Warren	2. Linda McDevitt
1. Gail Rice	2. Ann Smith

April Birthdays

- 5 – Casey Annunziata
810 Dunlap Farm Road
Arlington, VT 05250
- 7 – Adam Annunziata
810 Dunlap Farm Road
Arlington, VT 05250
- 13 – Phyllis Warren
61 Borough Road
Sunderland, VT 05250
- 25 – Arianna Barrios
827 South Road
Sunderland, VT 05252



April Anniversaries – revised 2021

- 10 – Adam and Casey Annunziata
810 Dunlap Farm Road
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.

- April 2:** First Congregational Church of Manchester
- April 9:** Congregational Church of North Bennington
- April 16:** Pawlet Community Church
- April 23:** Pittsford Congregational Church
- April 30:** Grace Congregational Church, Rutland

Lectionary Readings for April

- April 2:** Isaiah 54:4-9; Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27,66
- April 9:** Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2,14-24
Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18
- April 16:** Acts 2:14,23-32; Psalm 16
I Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31
- April 23:** Acts 2:14, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4,12-19
I Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35
- April 30:** Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23
I Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

**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 the box in the garage (small door).

April Helping Hands Needed

We need helpers to assist with our services.

Sign up for:

- Greeter – 1 per service
- Altar flowers
- Readers – 1 per month, or share with someone
- Refreshment time – set up, clean up
- Altar – 1 or 2 per week – once a month to set up for Communion, polish cross, candleholders if needed, check candles.



Our Church Profile

www.vtcucc.org/pastoral-openings



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CHILDREN'S Sunday School

Christian Education

Sunday School April 2nd

Watch the midweek message for added Sunday School days.

We are collecting wrapped candy for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8th at 9:00 a.m. **sharp** for ages 1-10. Candy should be individually wrapped and small enough to fit in plastic eggs.

Eggs will be filled after worship Sunday 4/2



Candy to fill plastic eggs



April 2 noon-1pm
April 30 noon-1pm
March 26 noon-1pm



Federated Church Scholarships Available to Local High School Graduates and Those Continuing Their Education

The Federated Church of East Arlington will once again be offering "Bentley Family Scholarships." The Bentley Scholarship Fund was established by the Trust of June A. Bentley who taught both music and business in Arlington schools and who believed in developing the potential that each of us has within us. Anyone who lives in Arlington, Sandgate, or Sunderland, or who went to Arlington Memorial High School, and will be attending college or graduate school in the Fall of 2023 is welcome to apply

Scholarship applications (different for college and graduate school) can be found on the Federated Church's website, www.federatedchurchofeastarlington.com-scholarshipinfo.

Scholarship applications are due to the church office (102 Ice Pond Rd, Arlington, VT 05250) by April 15th, 2023, at which time they will be reviewed by the scholarship panel. The scholarship panel will contact potential recipients to schedule virtual interviews if deemed necessary. Scholarships funds will be awarded after transcripts depicting a successful semester have been submitted to the church office. Any and all who meet the requirements should apply!

Ways we can help



Thank You



Adventures In Reading

9 members of Adventures In Reading gathered for potluck and book discussion on March 27. We heard about books we'd recommend (or not) reading from the list and a preview of books that will be suggested for next year's list.

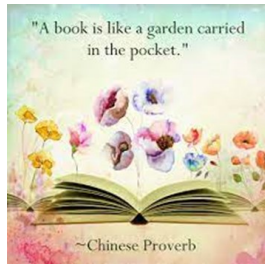
Our next potluck and discussion will be May 22 at noon in Bailey Hall. You can turn in your list of Books Read at that time. You can also email me your list if you kept track on your computer.

As a reminder:

To Be a qualified reader, you must 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.

If you would please, email me the books that you will recommend for next year. Include author's name (last, first), the book title and a short blurb about the book. If you know which list it would be on, add that as well.

Happy Spring Reading!
Phyllis Warren



Easter Flowers

We all have the opportunity to make our sanctuary beautiful to celebrate the Risen Christ!

I will bring a potted flowering plant in memory of or in honor of:

Given by:

I will give \$ 18.00 per plant to be purchased for Easter Sunday (checks to The Federated Church) in memory of or in honor of:

Given by:

I will make a donation to the Pastor's Fund:
In memory of or in honor of:

Given by:

(Checks to be made out to "The Pastor's Fund")

The plants can be brought to Bailey Hall on Friday, April 7th or Saturday, April 8th, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Worship With Us in person and on Zoom

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.

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



THE VIRTUAL DEMEN- TIA TOUR®

Apr 04, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
The Arlington Common, 3938 Vermont Rte 7A, Arlington, VT 05250, USA

The Virtual Dementia Tour® (VDT®) is a scientifically proven method that builds sensitivity and awareness in individuals caring for those with dementia by temporarily altering participants' physical and sensory abilities.

This evidence-based program simulates changes associated with cognitive decline. Geriatric specialist P.K. Beville authored and created the VDT as her post-graduate work.

This patented program offers hope by providing practical ways to create an environment that supports the disease and increases understanding. Your window into their world. Join us for this unique experience hosted by Shires Housing. Free. Registration is required. Space is limited.

Social Hour and Free Blood Pressure Clinic

The first Thursday of the month. Socialize and check your blood pressure.

Apr 06, 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM
The Arlington Common, 3938 Vermont Rte 7a, Arlington, VT 05250, USA

Join SASH for our monthly social hour and free blood pressure clinic!! This event is free and open to the public.

Event will take place at the Fitness Center. Snacks and Refreshments provided! Come learn more about SASH, socialize, and gain tips to maintain healthy blood pressure.

Vermont Conference UCC ANNUAL MEETING 2023

The Annual Meeting of the Vermont Conference, United Church of Christ, will take place on April 28-29 at Grace Church, UCC in Rutland. Your staff, planning committee and Board of Directors are excited about our upcoming meeting. This year's theme is *And Who is my Neighbor?*

We are excited to announce that our Keynote presenter will be environmentalist, author and journalist **Bill McKibben**. Bill is the Schumann Distinguished Scholar at Middlebury College and leader of the climate campaign group 350.org. He will help us connect the dots between creation justice, racial justice, economic justice and LGBTQ+ justice.

Your Annual Meeting Planning Committee has been hard at work shaping our time together. Expect creative and moving worship and music. We will have the Peacemaker's Gathering on Friday afternoon. Keep checking with the Annual Meeting page at **[Annual Meeting \(vtcucc.org\)](http://vtcucc.org)**. Workshops will be listed for your choices very soon.

We will be offering an online option for plenaries but with limited workshop coverage due to limited available WiFi. for those unable to attend in person. Please be patient with us as we figure out how to do this in a way that will help remote participants to feel included.

As of today, all business of the Annual Meeting requiring a vote and the draft agenda have been posted on the Annual Meeting page of vtcucc.org. Any changes or additions will be posted promptly so you have time to study and talk with your church. There are no proposed resolutions this year. The proposed budget will be posted no later than April 2nd.

I look forward to seeing you on April 28-29!

Lynn Bujnak
Conference Minister



Building and Grounds Monthly Activity

3/1 Observed that vinyl siding is missing from area on front of sanctuary. Picked up pieces off the ground and placed in garage. Contacted Chris Legacy about repairs.

3/2 Met with Chris Legacy at church.

3/4 Shoveled snow from walkways. Noted that kitchen cupboards had been cleaned.

3/7 Obtained quote from Chris Legacy. Members of Buildings and Ground Committee concurred on proceeding with repair.

3/8 Gave Chris Legacy go-ahead for vinyl repair.

3/15 Measured outside areas of buildings to make a rough estimate of cost for replacing all vinyl siding. (Areas of windows and doors not included)

Sanctuary - 3400 sq.ft.

Baily Hall - 2400 sq. ft.

Dunlap Hall - 2800 sq. ft.

Parsonage and Garage - 2400 sq. ft.

Total - 11,000 sq. ft.

Add 10% for cutoff and scrap.

Purchase amount 12,000 sq. ft.

Vinyl costs approx. \$400 per box containing 200 sq. ft.

12000 sq. ft * (\$400 / 200 sq. ft.) = \$24,000 for materials

Double the estimate for labor. (Based on Chris Legacy's repair quote)

Rough estimate to replace vinyl siding \$50,000

However, based on the fact that the painters wanted \$20,000 to paint the interior of the parsonage, this estimate may be too low.

3/17 Water in church basement approximately 6" deep. Problem with sump pump float switch. Got it to turn on by shaking.

3/18 Monthly meeting of church council. Pastor Clark recommended I contact Vt Health Dept. regarding lead paint.

3/19 Used lead test kit to confirm presence of lead in peeling paint on parsonage porch.

3/19 High water in church basement. Sump pump still not coming on on its own. Replaced float switch.

3/20 obtained quote from Chris Legacy for painting interior of parsonage.

3/22 Did a walk-through of parsonage for purpose of assessing if I could paint it myself.

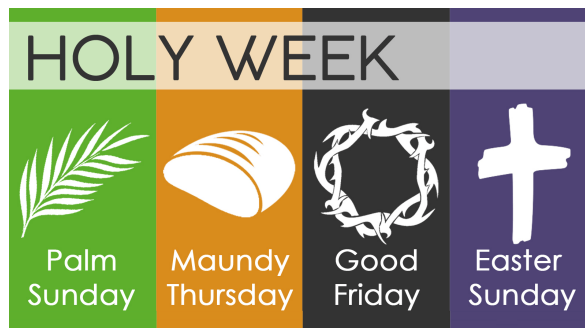
3/24 High water. New pump switch no better than the old one.

3/24 Passed Health department class on "Inspection, Repair and Cleaning Practices" for buildings that contain lead paint.

Ed Coy, Buildings & Grounds

*Holy Week and Easter 2023**The Federated Church of East Arlington**Palm/Passion Sunday, April 2**10:00 a.m.* The parade of palms will begin the Service of Worship and Celebration of Holy Communion with a dramatic reading of the words and actions of Holy Week. There will be a time of fellowship and refreshment to follow in Bailey Hall.*Maundy Thursday, April 6**7:00 p.m.* Service of Worship to include an observance of the Lord's Supper and the Tenebrae Service of Lessons and Shadows.*Good Friday, April 7**9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.* The church is open for prayer and meditation. Written materials for reflection will be available.*Holy Saturday, April 8**9:00 a.m.* Easter Egg Hunt for children ages one through ten years old including an appearance by the Easter Bunny. The egg hunt begins at *9:00 a.m. sharp.* Bring a bag or basket. The hunt is followed by refreshments and prizes in Bailey Hall.*Easter Sunday, April 9**6:15 a.m.* Sunrise Service on the east facing lawn of the Mack corporate headquarters on Route 313 & Warm Brook Road. Following the service there will be a continental breakfast of coffee, juice, and pastries in Bailey Hall.*10:00 a.m.* Easter Service of Worship with celebratory music offered by The Federated Church Choir, under the direction of Mary Edwards and a message of hope from the Rev. Kathy Clark. The service will be followed by a time of fellowship and refreshment in Bailey Hall where folks are encouraged to bring a baked goodie or treat to share.

For additional information, please contact the church office at 802-375-2548 or email federatedchurch05250@gmail.com or check out the church's Facebook page. To join the Services live via Zoom, go to www.federatedchurchofeastarlington.org.





April 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2 10a-Worship/Communion in person and on Zoom Sunday School 12a-Juniors Girl Scouts 11a-Fellowship time Fill eggs for egg hunt</p>	3	4 12n-Senior Meals	5	6 12n-Senior Meals 7p-Maunday Thursday Worship	7 9a-3p-Good Friday, sanctuary open for prayer and meditation	8 9am sharp—Easter Egg Hunt
<p>9 6:15a-Sunrise Service-MACK Followed by continental breakfast in Bailey Hall 10a-Easter Service in person and on Zoom 11a-Fellowship time</p>	10	11 12n-Senior Meals	12	13 12n-Senior Meals	14	15 2p-Tom Weakley Memorial Service
<p>16 10a-Worship/baptism in person and on Zoom 11a-Fellowship time 11:15a-Church council</p>	17	18 12n-Senior Meals	19	20 12n-Senior Meals	21	23 11:30a-Women's group, knit, croch, fellowship
<p>23 10a-Worship-in person and on Zoom 11a-Fellowship time</p>	24	25 12n-Senior Meals	26	27 12n-Senior Meals	28 UCC Annual Meeting-Rutland	29 UCC Annual Meeting-Rutland Martha Canfield Library gathering
<p>30 10a-Worship in person and on Zoom 11a-Fellowship time 12p-Junior Girl Scouts</p>						

Dorset Church Rummage Sale

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE most fabulous shopping experience of the spring season which will take place in Dorset on **April 29, 2023** when the Dorset Church holds its **Spring Rummage Sale** from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Outside sales begin at 8:30 a.m. There will be no EARLY-BIRD SHOPPING!! The bag sale will take place from 12:00 Noon-1:00 PM.

If you've shopped with us before, you'll remember that a few years ago we did some reorganizing which was a big hit and we want you to come to make it an even bigger hit!!! We will continue to have all of our **Babies' and Children's items** outside as well as **Linens and Crafts, Books**, and our "**This and That**" tent which will offer household appliances, pet equipment, small furniture and many unusual treasures. **All of these tents will be open for shopping at 8:30 a.m.**

The **Inside** of the church will be overflowing with clothing and household items at reasonable prices. There will be Men's and Women's clothing and shoes, Ladies Boutique, Jewelry and Accessories, Attic Treasures, and Housewares. Men's and Women's Sweaters and Jeans will be inside with other clothing.

Spring and Summer clothing in good condition, jewelry, women's accessories, shoes, linens, kitchen and household items, toys, tools, sports gear, plants, garden equipment, small appliances and books will be accepted. Other items not listed are also accepted. **Please bring only items in good condition and be sure that everything is in working order!!**

We may accept by approval some larger items. Please contact Sandi at sandihedman@yahoo.com at 362-1459 or Ellen at ellen5150@gmail.com or 362-3610 to discuss the item or if you have any questions about donations.

We are sorry but we **cannot accept**: children's car seats, encyclopedias, large furniture or any items with mold.

Donations will be accepted from Monday, April 24th through Wednesday, April 26th, from 9 a.m.