

The Federated Church of East Arlington



June 2023

Meditation, Meanderings, and Musings from Pastor Kathy

The Sun by Mary Oliver

*Have you ever seen
anything
in your life
more wonderful
than the way the sun,
every evening,
relaxed and easy,
floats toward the horizon
and into the clouds or the hills,
or the ruffled sea,
and is gone--
and how it slides again
out of the blackness,
every morning,
on the other side of the world,
like a red flower
streaming upward on its heavenly oils,
say, on a morning in early summer,
at its perfect imperial distance--
and have you ever felt for anything
such wild love--
do you think there is anywhere, in any lan-
guage,
a word billowing enough
for the pleasure
that fills you,
as the sun
reaches out,
as it warms you
as you stand there,
empty-handed--
or have you too
turned from this world--
or have you too
gone crazy
for power,
for things?*

Even though the calendar says we still have a few more weeks of spring, our thoughts and the temperatures are already feeling like summer.

This past weekend was what some of us wish all of summer was like but variety keeps us on our toes.

This poem of Mary Oliver's speaks of the joy we find in our connections to creation where none of the things we too often value matter much.

There's nothing like hosting a Tag Sale or, in our case, a Moving Sale to help you recognize that so much of what we fill up the space around us is literally not worth very much at all.

To lean into a sunrise or a sunset is to move into an experience that marks us as God's beloved, along with every other creature with whom we share this planet. These are the parts of our lives that have no price tag or title. They are what begin to help us make sense of the notion of grace - we have done nothing to earn them. How richly we've been blessed!

In peace and gratitude,
Kathy



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Report of the Financial Secretary, Sandra Grover

2023 Congregational Giving Budgeted:	\$ 66,000.00
Congregational Giving	\$ 21,596.52
Building use	\$ 1,400.00
Fundraising	\$ 395.00
CWS "blanket the world with love"	\$ 450.00



Thank you!

**Church attendance**

	Adults	Children
4/30	28	2
5/7	31	11
5/14	26	5
5/21	25	9
5/28	24	1

And many on Zoom and by phone

Missions Team

Thanks to all who bought a CWS blanket to "blanket the world with love". \$450.00 (45 blankets) was donated and will make a difference in this world. It's good to "be like Jesus".

We partnered with Arlington Nursing Service to help 2 children go to summer camp.

Sandy, Ann and Gail

**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	Alyson Grzyb
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

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



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 4:** Second Congregational Church of Bennington
- June 11:** United Church of Benson
- June 18:** Brandon Congregational Church
- June 25:** Federated Church of Castleton

Lectionary Readings for June

- June 4:** Genesis 1:1-2:4; Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20
- June 11:** Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12
Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
- June 18:** Genesis 18:1-15; Psalm 100
Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)
- June 25:** Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Romans 6:1-11; Matthew 10:24-39

Our Church Profile

www.vtcucc.org/pastoral-openings

June 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, replace if needed.

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

Thank you to everyone who came for Celebration Sunday, it was a wonderful time!

Have a great summer!!

We will see you in September!!

Bible Study

Friday morning Bible study begins is at **9:00 a.m. via Zoom**. We are diving into the words of 1 Thessalonians and will continue until we finish in June. If you would like the Zoom link sent to you, please be in touch with Pastor Kathy or Sandy at the office.



VT Conference UCC E-Kit

www.vtcucc.org

Click on green circle "subscribe to weekly newsletter" then choose e-kit for weekly news.

Ways we can help!

Thank
You



Individually wrapped snacks for Summer Lunch Program.



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). 99 pounds added =
236 pounds

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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ALTAR PANEL

A person is needed to help set up for Communion on the first Sunday of each month.



Adventures In Reading

The Adventures in Reading group met for pot-luck lunch and discussion on May 22 in Bailey Hall. By general consensus of the attending members, we decided to change the format of the lists. The categories for the 2023-2024 Adventures in Reading lists will be:

- I Spiritual
- II Nonfiction
- III Fiction
- IV Banned Books

We will be announcing the date of our Summer Lunch Celebration soon.

Thanks to all who participated for making it a good season!

If you or someone you know would like to join, please let Phyllis Warren know!



Summer Lunch Program

It takes a village of volunteers!

The Arlington Area Summer Lunch Program begins on Tuesday, June 20, 2020 and runs through August th.

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 to pick up the bags of food.

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.

There is a box in Bailey Hall for individually wrapped snack items for this program.

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, “I know what the Bible means!”

His father smiled and replied, “what do you mean, you know what the Bible means?”

The son replied, “I do know!” “Okay,” said the father, “What does the Bible mean?”

“That’s easy, Daddy” the young boy replied excitedly, “It stands for

- B**asic
- I**nformation
- B**efore
- L**eaving
- E**arth.”



THE SECOND LEG OF THE TOUR DE SWA

Sunday, June 11 is the second leg of the Tour de SWA! Once again, we are joining together throughout the Southwest Association to bring awareness to and support the Vermont Conference UCC's Hope Fund which has a goal of raising \$200,000 to fund new initiatives that will help our churches build relationships with people who are outside of our churches, bring our best to the common good, and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

This leg of the Tour de SWA will begin in Shrewsbury with breakfast at 7:00 AM, then visit our SWA congregations in Wallingford, Rutland, West Rutland, Proctor, Pittsford, and will conclude in Brandon. The 3rd and final leg of the Tour de SWA is on Sunday, Oct. 16 from Manchester to Bennington.

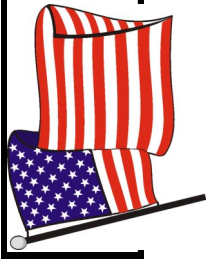
What can you do as congregations to support and participate in the Tour de SWA? Sponsor a rider from your congregation! **Ed Coy will be riding, representing our church.** Thank you Ed! Biker Registration forms are available if anyone would like to join Ed.

Sponsor Ed and the HOPE Fund by signing up on the sponsor sheet that is in the office, will be available Sunday morning at worship, by contacting the officej, or fill out the form below and put in collection plate or give to Sandy. Pledge by the mile or a lump sum donation.

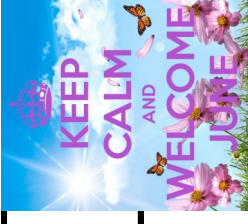
Plan to attend the Annual Meeting in Brandon at 2:30 p.m. to welcome and celebrate the arrival of the riders! Bring your financial contributions for the Hope Fund.



Name	Address	Email & phone	Amount (lump sum or per mile)



June 2023



Flag Day

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 12n-Senior Meals	2 9a-Bible Study on Zoom 1 Thessalonians	3
4 10a-Worship/Communion Service outside and on Zoom 11a-Fellowship time	5	6 12n-Senior Meals	7	8 12n-Senior Meals	9 9a-Bible Study on Zoom 1 Thessalonians	10
11 10a-Worship Service outside and on Zoom 11a-Fellowship time SWA Tour de SWA 2:30p-SWA annual meeting in Brandon	12	13 12n-Senior Meals	14 Flag Day	15 12n-Senior Meals	16 9a-Bible Study on Zoom 1 Thessalonians	17
18 10a-Worship Service with Jane LoBrutto outside and on Zoom 11a-Fellowship time	19	20 12n-Senior Meals Summer Lunch	21	22 12n-Senior Meals	23 9a-Bible Study on Zoom 1 Thessalonians	24
25 10a-Worship Service outside- and on Zoom 11a-Fellowship time	26	27 12n-Senior Meals Summer Lunch	28	29 12n-Senior Meals	30	