

# The Federated Church of East Arlington



July 2023

**Meditation, Meanderings, and Musings from Pastor Kathy**

*"If you look the right way, you can see that the whole world is a garden."*

Frances Hodgson Burnett

What is your garden growing right now? Are there tomatoes or peppers that you can't wait to harvest in August? Maybe you have filled your space with vivid flowers or flowering shrubs that bring you joy. Some of us might do better with pots on a porch or deck or maybe you lean toward a window box as your garden. This is the season when hope springs eternal and from a few tiny seeds you might just have next month's salad or lovely bouquet.

We can find considerable comfort in cultivating and watering and making sure our plants have just the right amount of light. To nurture a plant and be there to realize its full potential is a gift. When we cultivate an idea, it too needs our continuing attention. In this period of transition here at the Federated Church, what ideas might all of us cultivate? Where do we see potential for growth? What practices may need pruning? How do we prayerfully and intentionally keep open the possibility of new germs of ideas? Where is God's light shining a focus for this congregation? Is there food to be harvested or beauty to be spread that will help us live into our call to be bearers of God's love?

Look around and behold all that is growing around us - our children, our community, our world. How will we nurture the growth with a face turned toward the light of justice and peace, grace and mercy, to which God calls us?

I hope you each find delight in summer's bounty and that you will find joy in time spent among the growing things.

Peace and blessings,

*Kathy*



# The Federated Church of East Arlington

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## Report of the Financial Secretary, Sandra Grover

2023 Congregational Giving Budgeted:	\$ 66,000.00
Congregational Giving 1/1-6/28/2023	\$ 23,429.79
Building use 1/1-6/28/2023	\$ 1,600.00
Fundraising 1/1-6/28/2023	\$ 505.00



Thank you!

## Church attendance

	Adults	Children
6/4	26	6
6/11	21	3
6/18	23	1
6/25	24	4



And many on Zoom and by phone

## Our Church Profile

[www.vtcucc.org/pastoral-openings](http://www.vtcucc.org/pastoral-openings)

## Pastor Parish Relations Panel

The Pastor Relations Panel (PPRP) is your church committee that seeks to support and maintain an open and healthy relationship between the pastor and members of our congregation. One of the main ways we can do this is to hear from you, the congregation.

This month we welcome Ann Smith as a new member. If you have any issues you feel we should be aware of or any comments regarding our pastor or any other church-wide issues, please email or contact one of the listed panel members.

## VT Conference UCC E-Kit

[www.vtcucc.org](http://www.vtcucc.org)

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

## ALTAR PANEL

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



## 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.
1. Gail Rice	2. Ann Smith

**July Birthdays**

- 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 –Anna Bushee  
957 Kansas Road  
East Arlington, VT 05252
- 31 –John Frost  
16 Kempton Place, Apt. 6  
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866



**July Anniversaries**

- 17 – Carolyn & Kipper Brown  
26 Jasper Lane  
Arlington, VT 05250



**Youth and Children’s birthdays**

- 8, 2016 Charley Wood



**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 July**

- July 2:** Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13  
Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42
- July 9:** Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:10-17  
Romans 7:15-25; Matthew 11:16-19, 24-30
- July 16:** Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112  
Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
- July 23:** Genesis 28:10-19; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24  
Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30
- July 30:** Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45  
Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

**2023 June Bentley Scholarship Awards**

The Federated Church Scholarship Panel is pleased to announce that six scholarships were awarded to local high school graduates in 2023. The awardees are Jassie Fang, Paige Gunther, Gwendolyn McGowan, Schyler Nolan, Andris Petry, and Sarah Tilley. Upon successful completion of their first semester at college the recipients can claim their awards by sending a copy of their transcripts to the church office.

Congratulations and best wishes to all the recipients!

**July Helping Hands Needed**

We need helpers to assist with our services.

Sign up for:

- Greeter – 1 per service
- Altar flowers each Sunday
- 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

We hope all the children are having a wonderful blessed summer!!

### New address

Kathy and Roger Clark  
159 Matteson Road  
North Bennington, VT 05257  
Cell phone: 802-733-2162

Ways we can help!

Thank You



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



Individually wrapped snacks for Summer Lunch Program.



## Adventures In Reading

Thanks to Karen Coy and Phyllis Skidmore for editing the new book lists and Sandy Grover for publishing, the 2023 - 2024 Adventures in Reading Book List should be ready soon. Please let Phyllis Warren know if you would like to join Adventures in Reading!

Our annual lunch is set for July 21 at 11 AM at the Grille at Mount Anthony Country Club. More information will be sent via email.

Enjoy reading this summer and remember to hydrate!



## Holy Joe's Café

Holy Joe's Café is a place where military Chaplains are able to bring a taste of home to the tired, the anxious, the angry, the lonely and the wounded. They all get a coffee, a reminder that the world they willingly left behind still cares, and it opens conversations with the chaplains.

Every dollar we put in the basket on Sunday mornings is sent to help support the military chaplains here and around the world. Thank you.



**Empath**

Across the room,  
across the universe,  
and across our souls,  
the invitation to empathy  
is one that dares us

to suspend  
our god of ego,  
in order to crack  
ourselves open  
to the possibility  
of experiencing  
a world in which  
someone else resides.

“Enter at your own risk!”  
is a cosmic understatement  
for this opportunity.

All who immerse themselves  
into such a possibility  
are among the holy,  
whose raison d’être  
is revealed to be  
an invitation  
to sacred community.

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**Worship With Us in person and on Zoom**

**10:00 a.m.**

Masks optional Also: via Zoom using this link:  
<https://us02web.zom.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.

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

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

**Arlington Area Food Shelf 2023**

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**

THE MANCHESTER COMMUNITY LIBRARY



Israel Congregation  
Creating Jewish Community in Southern Vermont

## 2023 JEWISH FILM SERIES

Stories that follow Jews to unlikely places and new lives

7:00 pm Mondays at the Manchester Community Library  
Free and open to the public



**JULY 10 – PLAN A**

Based on the incredible true story of the “Avengers”. A group of Jewish vigilantes, men and women, who after surviving the Holocaust are vowing to avenge the death of their people – “an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth”.



**JULY 17 – JEWS OF THE WILD WEST**

Through on-camera interviews, compelling footage, and historical photographs, the film tells a positive immigration story and highlights the dynamic contributions Jewish Americans made to shaping the Western United States.



**JULY 24 – THE LAST SUIT**

Abraham Bursztein, an 88 year old tailor runs away from Buenos Aires to Poland, where he proposes to find a friend who saved him from certain death at the end of WWI. After seven decades of no contact, Abraham will try to locate him and keep his promise to return one day.



**JULY 31 – THE LITTLE TRAITOR**

The British mandate in Palestine is considered only temporary by Jewish settlers, and they’ll do almost anything to shorten it even more. Even as young Proffi and his buddies plot to blow up a British truck, he develops an unusual relationship with the “enemy”.



**AUGUST 7 – ORCHESTRA OF EXILES**

Explore the life of prodigious Polish violinist Bronislaw Huberman. This great man’s 4-year odyssey culminates in the founding of the orchestra that would become the Israel Philharmonic. His fascinating story touches many of the major themes of the 20th century and the unfolding drama of his life is riveting.

Support the 2023 Israel Congregation Jewish Film Series.  
All will donations are greatly appreciated!  
Simply leave your donation at the door when you attend or call: 802-362-4578


Readers 2023	
January	Alyson
February	Olavi
March	David
April	Jeff
May	Patti
June	Karen U.
July	Phyllis
August	Jeff
September	Karen U.
October	Sue W.
November	Olavi
December	Karen U.



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# July 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
* Dunlap Hall						1
2 10a-Worship/Communion Service under tent and on Zoom 11a-Fellowship time	3	4  12n-Senior Meals Summer lunch	5 Summer Lunch	6 12n-Senior Meals	7	8
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