

NORTH FERRISBURGH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sharing Christ's warm transforming love with our community, our state, our nation, and our world



The Valentines Service party made 75 school kits for UMCOR for kids-in-need

A Message from Pastor Kim

March madness is upon us. For basketball fans that means lots of basketball. For St. Patrick fans it means wearing green and remembering on Mar. 17th he was an AMAZING person of faith.

Patrick had a tough and wild life. He was born in 387 AD in England to a Roman Christian family. He was kidnapped by pirates and enslaved in Ireland. Led by a dream, he walked across much of Ireland and onto a boat that took him back to England and freedom.

He became a priest and had another dream that the pagan Irish were calling him back. So at an age when many retired he went back to Ireland and started Christian communities that welcomed the outcast and the misfit. He became so beloved he unified the warring tribes of Ireland and brought peace and the Christian

faith to that country.

Patrick was famous for hospitality, welcoming anyone and everyone. Let him inspire you to be praying for someone who does not have a church home and might enjoy our Lenten worship series. Then invite them!

Or make sure you speak to someone you do not know well for the first 5 minutes after worship so that you can bless them and they can bless you with friendship. THEN invite them to coffee hour and introduce them to someone else!

At Coffee hour is anyone sitting or standing alone? Go introduce yourself. Most of our new members and worship attendees were invited by someone to try us! We have a treasure – God's love. It is to be given away.

Grace and Peace, Kim

Events Link

- Evening Bible study resuming: Thursdays 7pm-8:30pm Upper Room: Everyone welcome. We will look at a different psalm each night.
- Wed Morning Bible Study: Wed 10-11:30am in Upper Room. studying the stories of the prophet Samuel, King Saul and King David in 1 Samuel.
- Worship Sunday, March 19th: 3rd Sunday in Lent. Being Thunderstruck
- Worship Sunday, March 26th: 4th Sunday in Lent. Getting Lost.
- Men's Breakfast: Sat April 8th 7:30-8:30am in Fellowship Hall. All men invited.
- AA: Women only group: Meets every Sunday 6-7pm. Upper Room.

NEWS ITEMS

Youth: Yakking and Yahtzee was FUN! Stay tuned for our Pancake Breakfast so anyone going on the summer Mission trip can raise funds. Parents speak to Joe if you and your teens can help out!



NEW Evening Bible study resuming:

Thursdays 7pm-8:30pm Upper Room: Everyone welcome. We will look at a different psalm each night for five weeks. This study ends Thursday April 13th.

Adult Mission Trip April to New

Jersey: Speak to Ted Marcy if you would like to go and help repair homes damaged by Hurricane Sandy. Cost \$350. He, Tom Nola and Geoff Hurd are going, and other adults are welcome. Charlie Magill is organizing this Volunteers in Mission trip.

Spiritual Growth Opportunity: This fall the men and women's Walk to Emmaus will be held at the Bishop Booth retreat center in Burlington, VT. This is a wonderful experience. Scholarships available. Speak to these folks who have done the Walk to learn more: Pastor Kim, Carole Stoneking, Mary Lou Payne, Sue DeVos, Karen Rose, Ray and Florence Vincent. The Walk walks you through the Christian life in a meaningful

way that is very supportive, and inspiring. Men's Walk October 26-29. Women's Walk is November 16-19, 2017. All walks run Thursday evening - Sunday afternoon. It is rare for this to be offered this close to home in a retreat center!

Cross in Santiago, Chile



Service to Others: We rejoice in the fun at our Valentines Service party that generated 75 school kits for United Methodist Committee on Relief for kids in need and those who invited friends/family to this event. Church members are working with our Old Hollow neighborhood group on requesting a light for the Old Hollow/ Stage Rd /Rt 7 intersection.

Spiritual Direction: Dinny Adamson has the two year training in spiritual direction. She is trained to listen and help you discern God's voice with the insights and practices that work for you. You may reach her by phone 425-4434 or hopkins@sover.net

2017 SUMMER CHURCH CAMP INFORMATION

Our closest local church camps have summer programming for young children through high school, and for families with grandparent/parents. There are even special needs camps. Speak to Pastor Kim if you have any questions.

Skye Farm is a 1 and 1/2 hour drive into the Adirondacks, NY from our church. Click [here](#) for the summer brochure *and go to pgs 21-25*.

Camp Wanakee is about a two and a half hour drive in New Hampshire. Click [here](#) for the summer brochure for this camp.

Camping Scholarships: We give EVERYONE \$100 towards week long camps; \$50 towards half-week or family camps. If you need more speak to Pastor Kim. We have both Ruth Bull memorial money and Rummage Sale money this year for scholarships.



SERMON SERIES FOR LENT

Our Lenten worship series is exploring the Gifts of the Dark Wood. We are looking at how God uses difficult times to help us grow deeper in faith.

March 19: *Being Thunderstruck*

March 26: *Getting Lost*

April 2: *Temptation*

April 9th : Palm Sunday: *Misfits*

PRAYER REQUESTS, RESPONSES, OPPORTUNITIES AND THANKS

Lift up: Alice Griswold on hospice.

Ann Griswold fighting breast cancer.

All those who are grieving.

The School children who will receive our School kits.

Caleb Spell with ongoing health issues.

Mary Jane Jenkins knee surgery moved up to April 17th.

Give Thanks: Bob and Bernice Titus both home and doing better.

Lindsey Armell home and doing well post collapsed lung.

Ann Griswold is doing well post surgery.

Congrats to: Gloria Warden elected Town Clerk for Ferrisburgh.

Denis Armell for running for Selectboard.

Jim Warden who ended many years of service to our Ferrisburgh Select Board.

Mt Abe students: Sofie Wolak high honors and Jennifer Steadman honors

Important Information

	Sunday March 19th	Sunday March 26th
Coffee Hour:	Wildberries	
Liturgist	Carol Stoneking	Ray Vincent
Greeters:	Laurie Curler	Chick Wood
Nursery:	Jamie Steadman	Jamie Steadman

*“God pours light into every cup
quenching darkness.”*

Hafez

If you can volunteer for an open spot email Christine Steadman nfumc@gmavt.net or call the church office at 425 2770. Contact her if you would like to be placed on the email prayer list where we send out prayer requests as they occur.

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