

NORTH FERRISBURGH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



ALPHA Class that began on Thursday Sept 15th. You can still join this group for Thursday sessions. Talk to Ted.

A Message from Pastor Kim

Fall is upon us and there are many good things happening. First, let's brag about our Sunday school. We gave out many attendance awards Sept. 11th. Many of our award winners had well over 30 Sundays of attendance. Our top two kids attended 44 and 46 Sundays of the last Sunday school and summer worship year. That is amazing! In fact, with the summer programming and play ground in full use, we easily tripled the number of kids with us on summer Sundays.

We currently have Sunday school teachers who are aged 29-80 years serving as teachers in our Sunday school. This year we welcome Genia Curler to the preschool class. Genia

said, "Thanks for asking me! It is such an honor to teach and I hope I can be as beloved as Lorna."

We also welcome Betsy Brown to the 2nd/3rd grade class. She said, "I think it will be fun." Please thank these new teachers and our experienced teachers: Lorna Brown, Genevieve and Chris Potter, Jeff Jeskie, Randy Gates and Margaret Roddy.

It is not too late to invite someone you know to try our Sunday school. We are blessed by our children, youth, and the adults who teach and help.

Grace and Peace, Kim

Events Link

- New Evening Bible Study: 8 week Bible Study on life of Paul starting Wed, Sept. 21st 7-8:30pm in the Upper Room.
- ALPHA Class: Meets Thurs Sept 22nd thru Oct 13th 7-8:15pm in Upper Room
- Nominations Committee: meets Friday Sept 23rd at 1:30pm in the Upper room.
- Craft Group: Meets at the church Mon, Sept 26th at 6:30-8pm Upper Room
- Confirmation Class for Middle and High School students: Begins Sun, Oct 2nd, 3:30-5:30pm for seven weeks in the Fellowship Hall
- Men's Breakfast: Sat, Oct 8th, 7:30am Fellowship Hall. All men welcome.
- Wed Morning Bible Study: Wed 10-11:30am in Upper Room on Romans.

NEWS ITEMS

New Evening Bible Study: Pastor Kim will offer an 8 week Bible Study starting Wed Sept. 21st 7-8:30pm, Upper Room. We will look at the life of Paul. Open to anyone. Talk to Kim or email khmarcy@comcast.net if you have questions or want to sign up. We already have seven people interested.

New Alpha Class: Running for 5 sessions on Thurs, 7-8:30pm thru Oct 13th. This awesome class looks at the basics of faith and is for anyone who wants to review or learn for the 1st time the basics of our faith. This will function as a New Member Class for those who would like to join the church. Speak to Ted or email tmarcy@uvm.edu if interested.

Night out seeing Lloyd Dugger as Stevie Wonder: Lloyd and Shannon will be at Arts Riot, 400 Pine St Burlington, Sat, Nov. 19th 8:30-9:30pm performing the Stevie Wonder show that some church folks saw last Spring. Tickets cost \$15.11 (includes tax). Go to <http://www.artsriot.com/events/> to order your tickets and print them out.

Wildberries News: Towel donation time! We are collecting new towel sets every Sunday in preparation for decorating the sets and donating them to the Middlebury HOPE Christmas shop for those who do not have the ability to buy presents.

Many thanks to Wildberries for replacing ALL of our old heavy tables with new lighters ones. And for a very successful lunch at the Old Dock in Essex. Their newest attendee thanked everyone multiple times for being included.

New Church T-shirts: Do you need a church t-shirt? We request a \$5 donation if

you can afford it, but we want everyone to have a church t-shirt. Sizes are: youth: small, medium and large and adults: small, medium, large, x-large and 2x. Shirts are 100% cotton and shrink; pick accordingly.

Communion Sundays and Food

Donations: First Sundays of each month. Don't forget the ancient practice of bringing food that Sunday. We bring canned goods etc for our local Food Shelf. The ancient Christians brought all kinds of food and shared it as a meal after worship making sure the poorest in their community had enough to eat. THANKS!



Many Thanks to: John DeVos for coordinating repair of Linden Hall trim, and parsonage repair himself. Irv and Karen Rose for finishing up the Linden hall repair with final painting. Peter Curler for various church projects. Betsy Brown and our Sunday school teachers preparing for and teaching Sunday school. Werners for another awesome Chocolate Sunday Sundae coffee hour that welcomed our new Music Minister Joe Kwiatkowski. Nominating Committee working hard thanking those serving and recruiting new people to serve.

PAT STACY MEMORIAL TO IMPROVE OUR POWER POINT!

Pat Stacy was a loyal member for many years. She died recently of cancer and her friends at Long Point wanted to do something in her memory.

Bruce Werner has put in hours of research on the projection variables. And Bruce arranged for us to have a presentation by a local company on how to improve our power points on Sunday morning so the images are clearer and better.

Ad Council voted on Sept. 18th to pursue the project. All donations are welcome. We would start with a much more powerful projector so that video and photos are projected more clearly on sunny Sundays. Make checks out to NFUMC and put: *Pat Stacy memorial* or *New projector* on the memo line.



SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES: "HOT TOPICS"

Hot Stuff will continue into September and October. When confronted with suffering, we often hear or even say things that are not really in the Bible. What does our faith say about suffering and other tough topics?

- ☉ September 25: "*Do I have to Forgive?*" God's forgiveness as revealed in The Prodigal Son [Luke 15: 11-32](#)
- ☉ October 2nd: "*How Can I Forgive?*"

PRAYER REQUESTS, RESPONSES, OPPORTUNITIES AND THANKS

Lift up: Chris Steadman and family on the death of Chris's mom Patricia Smith.

Margo Emmell's mother in law broke her pelvis and is at Porter Rehab.

Janice Armell is being treated for heart arrhythmia at UVM Med Center.

Joe Kwiatkowski's mom who broke her hip.

Marshal Pregnall, Kim and Ted's nephew, who is fighting metastatic cancer.

Heather Armell's dad had bypass surgery Sept. 15th at UVM Med center, lift him up for full healing.

Ken Theobald facing heart surgery in October.

Rejoice: John DeVos doing better with back pain.

Jack DeVos did get his visa and passport in time to return to England for his first wedding anniversary and to head to London for acting opportunities with his wife.

Bob Titus who lost a second toe but we hope this is it. He was well enough to go on a 4 generation vacation to Maine.

Congrats to: Arielle Dumont one of six kids, representing the 5th /6th grade class of Ferrisburgh Central school for the District Spelling Bee.

Service: Our August Community Meal served 118 meals!

Important Information

	Sunday Sept 25th	Sunday Oct 2nd
Coffee Hour:	Barbara Whitney Marty Partridge	Margo Emmell Diane Shortsleeve
Liturgist	Ed Wilkens	
Greeters:	Mary Lou Payne	Clare Conner
Nursery:	Karina Tarte	Christine Steadman

Discipleship, we might say, is a way to curate your heart, to be attentive to and intentional about what you love....Jesus' command to follow him is a command to align our loves and longings with his – to want what God wants...

From "You are What You Love" by James K.A. Smith

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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