

NORTH FERRISBURGH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



Bowling and Laser Tag with the Youth on Feb 4th

A Message from Pastor Kim

During the Olympics, I asked our children during the Time for Children in worship, "Why do you play sports?" The children listed having fun, and staying in shape. Isn't that interesting that none of our kids said "winning"? When high school athletes were surveyed they listed "having fun" as #1. "To win" was down at 10th on their list.

Sure, winning and gold medals are thrilling, but learning, team work, participating, and making friends are more important. What we remember are our relationships with coaches and team

mates. And for Christians, I hope there is one more thing we add to the list: "to glorify God".

Whatever we do, whether it is work, or play, basketball or curling, sports, Scouting, music, or theatre, as Christians we bring our best to glorify God. If we are there to glorify God then we will focus on the best things first: relationships, learning, good-sportsmanship, and using our talents well.

Grace and Peace, Kim

Events Link

- ☉ Men's breakfast: Sat. March 10th, 7:30-8:30am in Fellowship Hall
- ☉ Spring Forward: March 11th is Day Light Saving Time. Put your clocks one hour ahead Saturday night
- ☉ Chili Sunday: March 11th during coffee hour after Sunday worship.
- ☉ Boy Scout Sunday and Change Round Up: Sunday March 11th
- ☉ Girl Scout Sunday: Sun., March 18th
- ☉ Easter egg hunt: Palm Sunday March 25th 9:30am. Fellowship hall.
- ☉ Wed Lenten Studies 10-11:30am and 7-8:30pm: "What in the World" Discuss the prior Sunday's sermon
- ☉ ALPHA Class: Saturdays 9-10:30am Upper Room. Speak to Ted Marcy for details.

NEWS ITEMS

New High School Class: This is off to a great start! Taught by Kathy Quesnel and Rob McKay, it focuses on teen issues and our faith. Meets every Sunday in the Generosity Room except Communion Sundays March 4, April 8th and May 6th.

Children's Choir is back!: Shirley Parfitt and Vergennes HS Student Sydney Tarte are teaming up to lead the Children's Choir. They rehearse after worship at 11am in the sanctuary on March 4, April 8 and May 6th. They will meet at 9:45am in the Rainbow room and sing in worship: March 11, April 15 and May 13 (Mother's day).

Chili Sunday: On March 11th, warm up with homemade chili after worship this Sunday. Please sign up if you want to bring some chili or cornbread. Sign up on table near Lift Fellowship Hall.

Change Round up and Boy Scout Sunday: Also on March 11th, we will honor our Boy Scouts, and collect change for the UVMHC Children's Hospital

Summer Camps: It's time to sign up for United Methodist summer camps. Here are links to the 2 camps available: [Skye Farm](#) and [Wanakee](#). Go online to learn more and to register. Scholarships for all who go; speak with Pastor Kim. Young people report that they have had a wonderful time. Camp information is on the table in Fellowship Hall by lift.

Souper Bowl Sunday: We gave \$842 towards our NFUMC food shelf – \$542 more than the previous year's offering!

Bob Jenkins Memorial: Soon we will have a new AED (automated external defibrillator) system at church. We purchased this with money given to remember Bob Jenkins. An AED is lifesaving if someone is having a heart attack.

New Members: Are you interested in exploring what our church is all about? Are you ready to join? See Pastor Kim she will start a new member class soon.



Many Thanks to: • The many people visiting our shut-ins or helping those with medical appointments • Tom Nold and Ted Marcy for constructing and painting of shelving in Upper Room • Wildberries for the Soup Luncheon • Chick Wood for years of recruiting folks for Coffee Hour • Jim Warden for running the dog obedience classes and donating the proceeds to our church.

Service Opportunity: Are you able to help with in Northern VT after flooding? Teams are currently doing mucking out of flooded homes and basements. Work for now is on Tuesdays and Fridays.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Lift up:

Mary Lou Payne waiting for one final chemotherapy session in April.

Karen Siewert's step-father in the hospital.

Weber's grandson: Damian in prison.

All those grieving around our world and in our nation due to violence from wars or mass shootings.

Rejoice in prayers answered:

Bob Titus, Jill Wilkens, Mary Jane Jenkins, Lyndsey Armell, Bruce Werner, Jeff Siewert all home post surgeries. Pray for continued healing.

Congrats to: Jennifer Steadman and Christofer Wolak on Mt Abe High Honor roll. Olivia Paine and Lindsey Armell on honor roll.

LENT WORSHIP SERIES

Pastor Kim continues the Lenten series entitled "*What are You **Up** To?*" The scriptures ask us to consider all that Jesus is "*up to*" and all that he asks us to be **up to** in his name. What pursuits are we **up to** in our lives that call us to be our best selves, and our best selves as the church?

- Sunday March 4th: "*Take Up*"

Based on [**Mark 8: 31-38**](#). Within this, Jesus says, "*If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.*"

What does it mean to take up our cross? Christians are NOT to take up unnecessary suffering. We are to be faithful witnesses to Jesus' love, no matter the cost.

- Sunday March 11th: "*Light Up*"

Pastor Kim's text is [**John 3:14-21**](#) that includes not only John 3:16 (*for God so loved the world...*), but also "*For those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.*"

- Sunday March 18th: "*Lift Up*"

Based on [**John 12: 20-33**](#) Jesus came so that all people could be lifted up into God's love. What uplifting message do we pass on to others?

- Sunday March 25 Palm Sunday: "*Sit Up*"

[**John 12: 12-16**](#) Jesus enters Jerusalem sitting on a donkey

The powers of that day noticed.

Sermons can be watched on our website at nfumchurch.org

Important Information

	Sunday March 4th	Sunday March 11th
Coffee Hour:	Chris Steadman and Kim Laurie	Chili Sunday
Liturgist	Larry Stoneking	Larry Stoneking
Greeters:	Diane Shortsleeve	Jini Hornung
Nursery:	Chris Steadman	Chris Steadman

“Jesus promised his disciples three things: they would be entirely fearless, absurdly happy, and always in trouble.”

Dr. Maltby

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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