

The Scroll

Newsletter of
Union Church of Proctor

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September 2017

Summer is over, kids are back to school and the Union Church is starting a new church year. We have a few changes this year – we are starting a Sunday School on September 10th and we are starting our journey into the Narrative Lectionary.

Our Sunday School will be from 10:00am to 11am, which is the same time as our worship service every Sunday morning. Parents, you are welcome to bring your children and stay for the worship service. Our intent is to have the Sunday School use the same Bible passages as the worship service so there can be some conversation, perhaps, at home between parents and their children.

Our readings this year are setup using the Narrative Lectionary (NL). The Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) is used by most Christian churches each Sunday. There are a few differences between the two lectionaries.

The NL has a four-year cycle and the RCL has a three-year cycle. The four-year cycle covers more stories from the Bible and each year one of the four Gospels is highlighted, giving greater attention to each gospel. “On the Sundays from September through May each year

the texts follow the sweep of the biblical story, from Creation through the early Christian church. The texts show the breadth and variety of voices within Scripture. They invite people to hear the stories of Abraham and Sarah, Moses and the prophets, Jesus, and Paul. Listening to the many different voices within Scripture enriches preaching and the life of faith.”
(www.workingpreacher.org)

Series 1 (5 wks.):

**God’s Creation, God’s Creatures, Created,
Surprised, Chosen, Called, Fed & Forgiven**

September 10 Creation by the Word
 Genesis 1:1—2:4a

September 17 Binding of Isaac
 Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14

September 24 Jacob’s Dream
 Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17

October 1 God’s Name Is Revealed
 Exodus 2:23-25; 3:10-15; 4:10-17

October 8 God Provides Manna
 Exodus 16:1-18

The Narrative Lectionary is the brain-child of a few pastors in the Lutheran Church and

comes from the Lutheran Seminary. They call the lectionary – “I Love To Tell the Story”!

Please come and join us!

MEMBERSHIP CELEBRATIONS

Here are a couple of trivia questions for you:
(answers found elsewhere in this issue)

- 1) Who are the two newest members to join Union Church?
- 2) Who is the longest-standing member of Union Church and when did they join?



Whether you're 14 or four score, deciding to join a church is an important step in your spiritual journey. We have many, many people who made that commitment to Union Church some time ago and have remained faithful members ever since.

We will be honoring our “10 Years and Up” members throughout the Fall with a special recognition during the 10:00 AM worship service. We hope as many of them as possible will join us according to the following schedule:

Sunday, October 1st– Members for 41 years and up (*amazing!*)

Sunday, November 5th – Members for 26-40 years (*wow!*)

Sunday, December 3rd – Members for 10-25 years (*way to go!*)

Not sure when you became a member? No need to check in old diaries, keepsake boxes or with family and friends with long memories. All celebrants will receive an invitation in the mail inviting them to join us on their special Sunday. Let's all be there, too, to honor these wonderful folks and their commitment over the years to Union Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS SEPTEMBER 10TH



Sunday School classes for the ages 5 through 14 will begin on Sunday, September 10th at the Union Church of Proctor. Sunday School participants will enter the Sanctuary with their parents for the beginning worship services at 10:00 am. After the children's message, children will leave to go to their class in the Parish Hall next door.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Karen Webster at 483-6471.

OUTREACH GIFT MATCH



Kinda like VPR without the 800 number! During the month of September, your Outreach Committee will match your gifts to Habitat for Humanity of Rutland County and the Proctor Pittsford Food Shelf up to \$1000 per organization. As they say on VPR, “That’s \$2,000 on the table!” It works like this: prior to September 30, send or bring your check **made out to each organization you would like to support**, to the church. Your gifts of up to \$1,000 for each organization can potentially double!

OUTREACH IS REACHING OUT!

Do you have a pet charity; one that's near and dear to your heart? The Outreach Committee would like to hear from you about your favorite charities that we may not know about; ones that should be added to our list. Do please let us hear from you. Committee members are Janet Young, Roy Pilcher, Betty Schneider, Bob Webster, Paul Sutherland, Kathy Connors, and Phyllis Lanz.

INTRODUCING... OUR NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR



Guten Tag,

I am beyond excited to be working at the Union Church of Proctor. For August, I have been playing piano and organ while we are in search for an accompanist. The welcome at the beginning of August was incredible, and I am truly blessed to have landed here at the Union Church of Proctor.

Short Biography of Eddie:

Conductor, pianist, and singer Eddie Wilkin encourages all to find their artistic voice through music. He comes to this philosophy from past experiences at home, in school, and through his recent musical activities.

Eddie studied Music Education at Castleton University (formerly Castleton State College), located in Castleton, Vermont. As a result of the opportunities he had with the ensembles under the supervision of Sherrill Blodget and Glenn Giles, he realized that he wanted to pursue conducting. After graduating with a Bachelors degree of Music in Music Education, he went on to pursue a Masters degree in Choral and Orchestral Conducting from the University of Rhode Island where he studied with Mark Conley, Ann Danis, Gene Pollart and Brian Cardany. Currently, he is finishing up at Castleton University for a second Masters in Music Education with a focus on The Community Choral experience and warm-ups designed for the aging singer. He has also accepted admission to the Doctorate of Education program at the University of New England to study Transformational Leadership.

During his undergraduate and graduate career Eddie has been an active conductor of large choral and instrumental groups such as Concert Choirs, Chamber Ensembles, Symphony Orchestras, Wind Ensembles, as well as Chamber Strings.

Currently, he is the Director of Choral Activities at Fair Haven Union High School, located in Fair Haven, Vermont. He is also the Artistic Director and founder of The Slate Valley Singers, and the Conductor for the Rutland City Band. He has conducted Lakes Region Youth Orchestra, and at Grace Church in Rutland, Vermont.

Residing in Poultney, Vermont, originally from Cresskill, New Jersey, he finds time to enjoy the beauty of nature and what life has to offer. As a side hobby, he enjoys woodworking and traveling. Eddie thoroughly enjoys working with all ages of vocal and instrumental ensembles with varied sizes and experience levels.

Website: www.edwardwilkin.com

CHOIR INFORMATION:

It is almost that time of the year again to start singing in the choir. If you are a singer yourself and want to join, you are always more than welcome. We will start rehearsing and singing on September 10, 2017. Rehearsals will begin at 8:30 AM for 10:00 AM Service. We will explore all sorts of music and genres while seeking the beauty of worship through song. Everyone and anyone, are welcome!

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES RIGHT TO YOUR INBOX



Rather than continuing to include our meeting minutes in The Scroll, the Council has decided to “Go Green.” The minutes will now be available via email. To receive a copy, simply email your request (with your full name included) to Kris Finnigan at kris.finni@gmail.com and she will send them to your inbox monthly. A small number of printed copies will also be available at the back of the church. Either way, please remember that these will be unapproved minutes until the Council approves them at the next meeting the following month. Thanks for helping the environment, and for helping the church reduce printing and processing costs. Every little bit helps!

IT'S REALLY TIME FOR WHITE ELEPHANTS!



White Elephants! We all need to downsize so do your part and contribute to the White Elephant sale! The cupboard (Parish House basement) still has room so now is the time to bring your treasures. Small items or a few boxes, labeled "White Elephants", can be placed in the entrance area in the Parish House. Got a car or truckload? Give Paul Sutherland a call (459-2064) to arrange a time to meet at the bulkhead to the basement or see you after church on Sunday.

Furniture, toasters, microwaves, dishes, toys, books, decorations, tools, electronics and on and on. Most everything will sell! As always, no gigantic old TVs or anything that doesn't work.

It's the beginning of the school year and musical instruments are always welcome (we will do our best to put them back in "play"). Some student would love to play your old trumpet or clarinet taking up space in your attic.

So, let's get busy! People have already circled November 4th on their calendars and we need to be ready! Watch next month's Scroll to schedule your favorite "haul-up, sorting, pricing, prep" days you won't want to miss.

TIME TO ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVE

...and give the gift of life.

Union Church will be hosting a **Red Cross Blood Drive** on **Friday, Sept. 29** from **10:00 AM to 3:00 PM** in the Parish House.

Summer is a wonderful time of year in our beautiful state, but it is also one of the most challenging times of year for blood and platelet donations. People who usually donate are busy



with summer activities or away on vacation. But the need doesn't go away.

According to the American Red Cross, "Every two seconds in the United States blood and platelets are needed to respond to patient emergencies, including accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant procedures, and patients receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle cell disease. The Red Cross must collect nearly 14,000 blood donations every day for patients at approximately 2,600 hospitals across the country."

Now that Fall is rolling around, it's easy to do your part. **To schedule an appointment** for our blood drive, **go online to redcrossblood.org** and click "Find a Drive," **or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)** and follow the prompts. Snacks and drinks will be available at the drive and, of course, walk-ins are always welcome.

Can't give blood yourself? You can still help out by spreading the word to your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers and encouraging them to donate. The more the merrier. Let's make this a great blood drive!

FIDGET QUILTERS



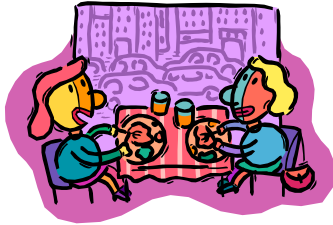
It's time to get back to work making some Fidget quilts. Let's meet

Thursday, August 31 at 6:30 in the parish house. It's an evening of sewing, laughing and making something that provides comfort for another. Everyone is welcome - newcomers encouraged. We invite anyone to join us who wants to help with this outreach program of the church. See you there!

If you are not a seamstress, you can help by donating flannel for the quilt backs; Sew-on Velcro, small zippers, or batting. Each quilt has all of those things. Thanks.

To date, we have made and donated over 100 quilts.

LADIES LUNCH



Our September Ladies' Lunch will take place at the Rutland Country Club at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 12th. Come and join us! Please call Meryl Lisananti at 802-725-8181 if you have any questions regarding the lunch. Thank You.

PRISON VISIT



The September Prison visit will be on Wednesday, September 20th. Anyone wishing to join us is welcome or if someone would like to make something, it would be appreciated. See Sue Osgood or Carol Trudelle for more information

MEN'S COFFEE



Members & friends of Union Church- Join us for Men's Coffee every Saturday from 7-8 a.m. in the Parish House.

MEN'S BREAKFAST



We hold a Men's Breakfast on the second Saturday of each month. Our September Breakfast will be on Saturday, September 9th from 7-8 am in the Parish House dining room.

NOTES FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE



Summer is just about over. I've noticed that the leaves have already started to change on some of the trees. August hasn't been too bad except for the humidity. Lately the evenings have been cooler which makes it easier to sleep.

On August 13, the evening Vesper Service was held in the Sanctuary. This was followed by an Ice Cream Social in the Parish House and everyone (including me) seemed to have a good time.

The Marble Town Seniors held their Annual Summer Picnic at Branbury Beach on August 18. The weather wasn't the greatest but, at least from what I heard, it didn't start to rain until everyone was on their way home. Despite the weather I heard that everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

In case you see this before the end of the month the Fidget Ladies will be getting together at the Parish House on August 31 at 6:30 PM.

Although he has been here filling in since Emily Ross left our new Choir Director, Eddie Wilkin, officially starts September 1. The choir will be back on September 10.

Also in the works is the start of Sunday School again on September 10 at 10 AM. I am looking forward to seeing children around again!

Don't forget that the Men's Breakfast will be held on September 9 in the Parish House. The Ladies Lunch will be held on September 12 at the Rutland Country Club.

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on September 29.

My prayers are with you all.

WE'VE GOT MAIL!



The following email is from a person that found himself in prison years ago and was included in Union Church's church family by the prison ministry. He was sent to Michigan and has stayed in touch with Union Church folks through the years. We are so glad to hear from him and stay in touch with him through our Scroll.

Greetings Friends-

*Vermont DOC has moved us to PA DOC as you all probably already know. Your Scroll brings me to Vermont every month. I would enjoy continuing receiving The Scroll thank you. May God make His face to shine upon you all. Blessings,
Dan*



September Greeters

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| 3 | Phyllis Sawtell |
| 10 | Jean Noren |
| 17 | Elsie Valach |
| 24 | Kathy Connors |



September Birthdays

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| 7 Naomi Northrop | 22 Keith Litts |
| Connie Lenher | Richard Poro |
| 8 Bud Fetterolf | 23 Conner McKearin |
| Ann Smith | 24 Kerry Schock |
| 9 Karen Valach | Patti Toher |
| 13 Meryl Lisananti | Eliza Tooley |
| 14 Jean Hughes | 25 Jessica Kaptur |
| 15 Celia Lisananti | 26 Carol Saceric |
| 19 Jenna Coughenour | 28 Sara Bourn |
| 20 Gretchen Crowley | Bonnie Kelleway |
| Elsie Palmerini | Joe McKearin |
| 21 Jolly Rogers | 30 David Parker |
| | Megan Parker |
| | Andrea Varney |



Answers to the Membership Celebrations trivia questions:

- 1) Janet Young and Debbie Sanborn joined Union Church on Sunday, August 6, 2017 although both have been attending for quite some time and are very active in the church's Outreach work in the community.
- 2) Our longest-standing member is Ruth Partridge who joined Union church in 1931! There's even more reason to rejoice as Ruth will celebrate her 100th birthday on November 5th. Happy (early) Birthday, Ruth!



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Please fill out a form for each person living in your household.

Name _____
First Middle Last

Nickname _____

Address _____
Line 1

Line 2

Town/City State Zip

Alt. Address _____
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*Telephone () _____ () _____
Home Work
() _____ () _____
Cell Alt. Address

*(Please place a "P" beside the phone number you prefer to be used to reach you.)

Email Address _____

Birthday _____
Month Day Year Gender (optional)

How would you like to receive The Scroll? ☐ by Email ☐ by Mail ☐ Both

Please list below the members of your household and their relationship to you:

1. _____ 3. _____
2. _____ 4. _____

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May we identify you by name? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Thank you for furnishing this information. Please notify us promptly if your information changes. You are important to us and we want to stay in touch!

FROM: _____

To: **UNION CHURCH OF PROCTOR**
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September



- 3 Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 5 Church Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 6 Dinner Prep & Meal Sharing at
Rutland Dismas House, 4:30 p.m.
- .9 Men's Breakfast, 7:00 a.m., Parish House
- 10 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
WELCOME EDDIE!!
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 12 Ladies' Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Rutland Country Club
- 17 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 20 Articles & info due for October Scroll
Prison Visit
- 23 Pizza Dinner Prep. and Meal Sharing at the Open Door Mission, 5 p.m.
- 24 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 29 Red Cross Blood Drive, 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Parish House

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by all these lovely TOKENS
september DAYS ARE HERE,
WITH SUMMER'S BEST OF *weather*
AND autumn's
best of cheer.
[h.h. jackson]