

The Scroll

Newsletter of
Union Church of Proctor

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REV JOHN SANBORN

I was
born in
Burlington,
VT and
moved to
Rutland when



I was nine. I am married to my lovely wife, Deborah (we attended Castleton State College together – but she is a much younger woman) and we have three great daughters, a great son-in-law and two beautiful granddaughters, all of whom live in California. If you look at the map, you know we are a long way away from our granddaughters!!

I've had many jobs over the years – after serving four years in the Air Force during Vietnam, I went back to college to get my teaching degree. I taught fifth & sixth grade at Castleton Elementary School, High School math and computers at MSJ, twenty-six years working as a CPA with my sister Pat, twelve years teaching accounting and QuickBooks at CVC, through it all, I spent twenty-two years in the VT



Army National Guard, retiring in 2001 and since 2010, I have been a pastor with the United Church of Christ. In many of those years, I had two or three of the jobs at the same time. It has been an interesting journey, to say the least.

All of my jobs throughout the years have been preparing me to be a minister. I served the church in Pawlet, VT for four years before coming to the Union Church of Proctor.

My sense of ministry comes from the life and words of Jesus Christ, who taught us to love God and to love each other. That 'love each other' part is difficult at times and many intrusions from the world get in the way, but in prayer and community, we can change our ways and move out into the world to be the salt of the earth and the light unto the world. I believe that is what Jesus calls us to do. And while we are doing those great missions outside of the church, we have to foster a relationship with God, Jesus Christ and the Spirit. We cannot work well outside of the church without taking care of ourselves and our community. So, we work together, remembering that we all are the beautiful children of God.



WARNING OF SPECIAL MEETING

Congregational Meeting

Upon the recommendation of the Pastoral Search Committee, the Church Council, at their regular monthly meeting on March 19, 2017, voted to nominate Reverend John Sanborn as the Union Church Settled Pastor. Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the church shall be held on **Sunday, April 9** immediately following worship. At that meeting, the members of Union Church will be asked to consider and act upon the nomination with their vote.

OPEN DOOR MISSION



We look at Jesus' Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29-37) to illustrate that our responsibility to love our neighbor does not end with our own family or even our own ethnic group. The Samaritan in the story took pity on the injured man:

"He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'" (Luke 10:34-35)

The church is stepping out! We have answered the call from Jesus to serve others and we are doing a great job of it – and we are not done.

In the last two months, we have served pizza at the Mission in Rutland on the **last Saturday night of the month**. This is an on-going commitment on our part. So, on the last Saturday of the month, we need 4-5 people to volunteer for this service. We reheat pizza donated to the Mission, cut up cakes for desserts and serve whoever comes through the doors. We then clean up. It is a wonderful service which only takes two hours, starting at 5PM. We want all to have a chance to help, so please volunteer.

At the Dismas House in Rutland, we will be cooking, serving and eating a meal with the men and women who are staying there. We have signed up to do **the first Wednesday, every month**, so we need 3-5 volunteers each month. This service starts at 4:30-5:00PM and goes until 7PM. For this mission, we come up with the menu, buy the food, prepare and cook the meal and serve it and then sit down and eat with the house members. We are not responsible for cleaning up as the people staying there do this.

And, of course, we have our Prison Ministry, started by the Rev Russ Gates and continued onward by members of the church.

There is nothing hard to do in these service ministries. This is about meeting people where **they** are and working to help them. None of these opportunities are heavy lifting problems; they are just show up and help!!!

If you can reheat pizza, cut a cake into pieces, cook a meal and serve it and wear a smile and relate to others, then you should volunteer. Like Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at the well, it is about 'seeing' people and relating to them.

Please join us. If you would like to help, please speak to Rev John or Mrs Rev John (she is actually her own person).

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:



Palm Sunday

Worship:

Sunday, April 9th, will be a special Sunday, as we will celebrate the triumphal entry of our Lord into Jerusalem, and share the Covenant of Membership as Union Church of Proctor with those who wish to receive it. **The Downtown Brass**, with our own Paul Sutherland, will add their joyful noise to our gathering this morning. Don't miss it!

Maundy Thursday –April 13th - 6:00 PM- We've been invited by Reverend Pat Jackman and our friends at the Pittsford Congregational Church to join them (and folks from the Brandon Congregational Church) as they host a "Soup & Bread Supper" beginning at 6 p.m., followed by a service and communion. **We need a soup maker and a baker (or buyer) of bread.** Volunteers? Call or speak to Ellen.

Good Friday- April 14th The Sanctuary will be open at 3:00 p.m. for a vigil of silent prayer and meditation. The choir will come in to sing anthems and hymns from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Easter Sunrise Service: An informal, early-morning gathering of Easter people will share some songs, readings and prayer as the sun comes up on The New Day – Easter, April 16th. We will meet in the Connector of Union Church at 6:30 a.m., and follow our brief celebration of Resurrection joy with some fellowship, coffee, juice and donuts. Come and sing the resurrection!

Easter Morning Worship: Flowers, anthems, hymns, the story and the joy will blend to give God the glory for the Resurrection of the Son, at 10:00 a.m., Easter Sunday, April 16th. Come and rejoice in what God has done for

all creation in the victory of Jesus Christ over death and darkness. Your flowers will surround us with the beauty and tenderness of this moment and your presence will complete our efforts to capture divine joy with human expressions.



SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

The Outreach Committee is pleased to announce that it will offer camp scholarships to our children who choose to attend church camp this summer. Our goal is to provide some financial assistance to all of our kids who want to explore the outdoors, diverse camp programs and their own relationships within God's world. To inquire about these funds, you may contact Phyllis Lanz with details about the camp, its cost and the program you have chosen. We look forward to supporting our kids as they grow in faith and have a great time at summer camp.



SPRING EGG HUNT

Our Spring Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 8th, at 9:00 a.m., on the grounds of Union Church, for all toddlers through 6th Graders... rain, shine, snow or sleet!

THE CHURCH MOUSE

Notes from the
Church Mouse



Hooray, spring has sprung! Now we just need the snow to melt so we can enjoy the spring flowers.

Sometimes if I have nothing to do, I sit and listen during committee meetings. I was sad to hear that Jane Ross passed but that there will be a memorial service on April 9th in the afternoon to remember her. There will also be a light reception to follow.

As usual the ladies lunch will be the second Tuesday (April 11th) at the Rutland Country Club. Boy I wish I could stow away and join the ladies for that, but I look forward to the second Saturday of every month so that I can join the men for breakfast. They always get here early and I do so enjoy their tidbits.

Congratulations to Lauren Finnigan Sachetta and her husband, Jim, on the birth of their first child, a son, Ryan, on March 6. Those who have been around a while will remember that Lauren grew up in the church. Lauren is the daughter of our own Church Administrative Assistant, Kris, and her husband, Brian.

Paul & Ellen Sutherland are also new grandparents. Their daughter, Liza, who also grew up in Union Church, and her husband, Christian, had a daughter on Sunday, March 19. Welcome to the world, Virginia Margaret Primeau!

I have heard that The Downtown Brass will be here to celebrate Palm Sunday and we will welcome two new church members, Christina

Sybiak and Rev. John Sanborn. Deb Sanborn and Janet Young can't be there for Palm Sunday but will be welcomed into membership soon.

I hope the snow melts fast, because I love to watch the children hunt for eggs. Deb and Mike Kingsbury do such a great job hosting this event! The children always have such fun.

I wonder if anyone would notice if I put a flower on the Table of the Word Easter Sunday in memory of my family. I hope no one minds. The more flowers, the more beautiful our Easter morning. Why don't you put an Easter flower in church too?! You'll find the form in this Scroll. The deadline for the form is Palm Sunday, April 9th.

God Bless and I'll see you in church.

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 April Breakfast will be on Saturday, April 8th from 7-8 am in the Parish House dining room.

WE'VE GOT MAIL!



Union Church of
Proctor,

Thank you for all your support and prayers for the last few years. It helped a lot. Thanks to all of you who came to the funeral, helped with the reception, and sent cards of sympathy, brought food. Special thanks to Pastor John for helping us give Allan the service he wanted.

*Thanks again,
Jean, Rick and Scott Noren*

Dear Union Church,

*Thank you for your cards/communications every month throughout the year. It is so special to see the names of old friends on many of the cards. It is a very thoughtful and loving tradition that the Union Church members have continued and many have been Blessed and encouraged by this tradition!!... "The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all." Amen -II Thessalonians 3:18
In Him, Ann Smith*

(Always good to hear from Faith Sagi)

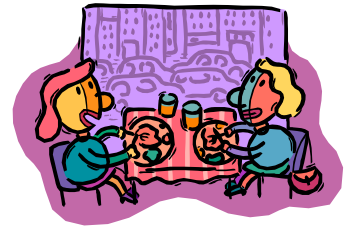
*Hope Spring is on its way to Vermont - we have winter here yet! All okay so far - I do enjoy the Scroll so much. Keeps me posted!!! Each day is a challenge for me - but so far - so good! Hope you are keeping well and all good on Gibbs Street!
Love, Faith (Faith is 94)*

To All the Ladies for sewing Fidget Quilts!

A Big Thank You from The Meadows at East Mountain. Our Residents on the Special Care Unit really enjoy the bright colors and all the things to Fidget with. Again, Thank You for your labor and time.

Sincerely, Rosie Poczobut, Activities Director

LADIES LUNCH



Our April Ladies' Lunch will take place at the Rutland Country Club at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 11th. Come and join us!



CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS

Questions for the Church Council?
Please contact one of the folks listed below:

Chair	Barbara Lacy
Vice-Chair	Paul Sutherland
Clerk	Kay Bergquist
Treasurer	Jeff Bergquist
Asst. Treasurer	Rufus Cushman
Members-at-Large –	Jeannie Cushman
	Phyllis Lanz
	Meryl Lisananti

earth day



april 22

April Greeters



- 2 Phyllis Sawtell
- 9 Carol Trudelle &
Sue Osgood
- 16 Easter Greeter
- 23 Meryl Lisananti
- 30 Mystery Greeter



Easter Memorial Flowers

Once again, we expect to have Easter lilies and other potted spring flowers enhancing the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. In order to have an accurate listing of Memorial Flowers, we ask that you please fill out the slip below and return it to the church **by Palm Sunday, April 9th**. You may email your memorial information to Kris at kris.finni@gmail.com or send it to Union Church of Proctor, 5 Church St., Proctor, VT 05765.

Please note that the information you provide below is **only for our memorial listing in the Easter Sunday bulletin**. ***All flowers must be ordered and paid for at the florist by those wishing to give them.***

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Easter Flowers Memorial Listing

In Memory of:

Given by



April



- 2 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
 Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
 Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 8 Men's Breakfast, 7:00 a.m., Parish House
 Spring Egg Hunt, 9:00 a.m., UCP grounds
- 9 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
 Palm Sunday Morning Worship with **Downtown Brass**, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
 Special Congregational Meeting to vote on the acceptance of Rev. John Sanborn as Pastor of
 Union Church of Proctor, immediately following worship
 Coffee & Fellowship
 Memorial Service for Jane Ross, 1:00 p.m.
- 11 Ladies' Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Rutland Country Club
- 12 WEDNESDAY Church Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Parish House upstairs kitchen
- 13 **Maundy Thursday** "Soup & Bread Supper" beginning at 6 p.m., followed by a service and
 communion, 6:00 p.m., Pittsford Congregational Church
- 14 **Good Friday**-The Sanctuary will be open at 3:00 p.m. for a vigil of silent prayer and meditation.
 The choir will come in to sing anthems and hymns from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. All are
 welcome.
- 16 **Easter Sunrise Worship**, 6:30 a.m., UCP connector, refreshments following
 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
 Easter Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
 Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 20 Articles & info due for May Scroll
- 22 Earth Day
- 23 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
 Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
 Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
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 Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
 Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.

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April Birthdays

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| 1 Kelly Toher | 12 Bruce Baccei |
| 2 Wayne Flewelling | 15 Samantha Bates |
| 3 Aidan Hall | 20 Kathy Cawley |
| 5 Margaret Hickey | Aaron Guyette |
| Ryden Richardson | 23 Bonnie Blanchard |
| 7 Bill Sheidow | Michael Daly |
| Allan St. Peter | 26 Lauren Sachetta |
| 8 Ali Flewelling | 28 Linda Doty |
| Nicole Mace | 29 Nicole Smith |
| 11 Peter Curtis | |
| Simon Curtis | |