

The Scroll

Newsletter of
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John O'Donohue says, in *Walking on The Pastures of Wonder*, "There is nothing as intimate as a human being. Every human is inevitably involved with two worlds: the world they carry within them and the world that is out there. All thinking, all writing, all action, all creation and all destruction is about that bridge between the two worlds."

As we journey by Easter, a time when we see life after death (in every respect), let us pay attention to those two worlds. They are not mutually exclusive; they are melded together.

Jesus, in the Gospel of John, utters these words from the cross – "It is finished." That could have many meanings but my takeaway is that Jesus feels his earthly task is done and now we have to pick it up and run with it.

We are now in two worlds. Our inner world is our prayerful conversation with God and our outer world – where we see everyone – needs whatever gifts we can bring to help the world

blossom. Helping the world blossom is pretty hard if we do not take care of our inner world. We have to find some semblance of peace so that we can function in a world that has gone a little crazy.

Prayer is helpful in steadying our inner world. Prayer can bring clarity and hope and a sense of being loved. Stand and look outward – be grateful for whatever you have, thank God for the blessings you have, ask of God what you will, understanding that in your conversation with God, you just might find the answer already rests within you – a gift from God.

Once again from John O'Donohue:

*May your prayer of listening deepen enough
To hear in the depths the laughter of God.*

From Benedictus: A Book of Blessings

Welcome to Spring.

Rev John



EASTER

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 1st. 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 1st. 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 **The Downtown Brass**, with our own Paul Sutherland, will add their joyful music to our gathering this morning. Come and share the joy of Easter morning.



THE BRASS ARE BACK!

We are very pleased to announce that the Downtown Brass Company will be joining us for this year's Easter Sunday Service on April 1st. The members of the Brass are spread over three states now, so this is a special treat for us. Come listen to their joyful sound as we celebrate what God has done for all creation in the victory of Jesus Christ over death and darkness. Let the beauty of the music surround you!

BUTTONS & FELLOWSHIP-SATURDAY, APRIL 28TH



Buttons: They span generations, detail history, show triumph and tragedy, joy and luxury. They are also highly collectable items. Many are quite valuable. Most are practical. Perhaps your family had a grandmother or great aunt who had a "button box". A box full of colorful designs, including metals, shell, Chinese, commemoratives. You may have looked at the delicate artistic design as during the "Golden Age" of buttons, they were



considered miniature pieces of art. Amy Larson, the current President of the Verd Mont Button Club (Vermont's only Statewide Button Club) along with Ed Larson, the Verd Mont Button Club Treasurer, will be presenting a program specializing in the wonderful world of buttons. Amy's specialty is ladies' buttons, and she shall share her grandmother's antique and vintage collection, which included glass, picture, horn, ruby, Gay 90's, steel and much more. Ed specializes in military and uniform buttons dating back to the Revolutionary War, along with Colonial Coppers. Ed will share his expertise on the artistry of these highly collectable buttons. **Join us at the Union Church of Proctor, on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** Bring a dessert to share and enjoy the fellowship!

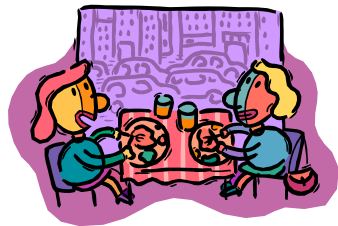


MAY SATURDAY NIGHT SOCIAL



Several folks have shared their adventures in faraway places. In the month of May, you'll have the chance to sit still while you travel back in TIME! As you probably know, Dave Lacy is an archaeologist. Did you ever wonder what kinds of things he could possibly be finding in the forests of Vermont? (A teaser: there are sites from 11,000-year-old PaleoIndian quarries to 19th century farmsteads and 1930-era Civilian Conservation Corps structures).

Join Dave & Barbara on Saturday, May 5 at 7:00 for dessert and a slide show about "Hidden History on the Green Mountain National Forest". Stay afterward for an artifact "show-and-tell".



LADIES LUNCH

Our April Ladies' Lunch will take place at the Rutland Country Club at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 10th. Come and join us!

PRISON VISIT



The April Prison visit will be on Wednesday, April 18th. 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.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING



The Council will be meeting in the Higbee Library after worship on Sunday, April 22nd. Council members please plan to grab a quick snack at the Coffee Hour before we convene around 11:20 AM.

Now that Spring is here, we will be deciding whether to switch over to evening meetings in the future. Please bring your calendars. Thank you!



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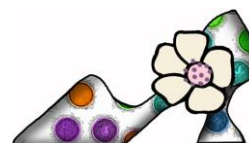
Annual Clothing
And
Bake Sale

May 19th
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Union Church of Proctor
Parish House

Lots more info to come

Questions?
See Phyllis Lanz



NOTES FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE



Hurrah, hurrah!
Spring has finally arrived according to the calendar. However, the temperature as I write this doesn't quite agree since it's only showing temps in the 30's.

We have a couple of recent birth announcements: First Barbara and David Lacy became first time grandparents on February 26th to Jameson Townes Lacy. His parents are Jake and Lauren. All are doing well and Townes is reportedly "growing like a weed"!

On March 10th Renley Grace Thompson arrived in Santa Maria, CA. Her parents are Nathan Thompson and Andrea Vick. Grandfather is Steven Thompson and Great Grandparents are Kenneth and Nancy Thompson and her aunt is Katherine Thompson. Welcome Renley!

It seems as if a bobcat has taken up residence in the neighborhood around the church. It has been seen by several people during meetings they were attending in the Higbee Library. I haven't seen it yet, but I can tell you I'm not venturing out as I don't want to become lunch or an appetizer for some hungry cat.

March 25th is Palm Sunday and there will be three people becoming new members on this day. There will be a special coffee hour following in the Parish House. The Maundy Thursday, March 29th of soup and bread supper followed by the traditional Tenebrae service will be held at the Brandon Congregational Church starting at 6:00 PM. Brandon, Pittsford and Proctor have been invited to attend as in past years.

Good Friday, March 30th service will be from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. The choir will sing anthems and hymns during this service.

There will be an early morning (6:30 AM) sunrise service in the connector for those able to attend. Coffee, juice and donuts will be provided after this special service.

Then, of course, there will be the regular Easter Service at 10:00 AM celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord. The church will be filled with flowers and this year the Downtown Brass will be in attendance.

We can all look forward to being entertained by the Slate Valley Singers Concert, lead by Eddie Wilkin, on April 5th at 7:00 PM.

The Men will be holding their usual coffee hour every Saturday morning at 7:00 AM and then will hold the Men's Breakfast on April 14th in the Parish House. The Ladies Lunch will be held on April 10th at the Rutland Country Club after skipping the month of March due to a conflict in scheduling caused by the Directory photos.

The day of the photographs turned out to be two days because we had too many people to fit into the original date of March 13th so the company was able to provide the 14th as well. Wouldn't you know it but the photo days turned out to be in the middle of another nor'easter, but everything turned out well and the pictures were taken. A few who couldn't make it promised to send photos in to Barbara Lacy. Those will be submitted to the company as soon as all are received. If you have any questions don't hesitate to call Meryl Lisananti at 725-8181 or Barbara Lacy at 483-2577 or talk to them at church.

The Saturday Evening Social in March was again wonderful and well attended. Janet Young was the host for March who gave a talk on her trip to Ireland. There was a glitch with the computer but all worked out well as they crowded around Janet and the computer as she described everything. Everyone got a chance to see the photographs

and they were beautiful. Amy and Ed Larson will be the hosts in April.

An added note for those who are interested. Caitlin Canty will again be performing at the West Rutland Town Theater on Saturday, April 28th.

My prayers are with you all.



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 | |

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 14th from 7-8 am in the Parish House dining room.



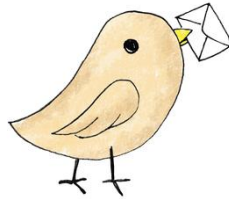
ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVE...IT FEELS GOOD TO GIVE!

The Red Cross could really use your help! With such a long and snowy winter, combined with an unusually difficult flu season, blood collections are way down due to cancelled drives and fewer donors.

Proctor High School is doing their part by hosting a Blood Drive on Wednesday, April 25th from 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM. To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or go to redcrossblood.org. Let's support the students and have an awesome turnout of Union Church donors!

(And if the 25th doesn't work for you, there are several other blood drives going on in the area this month and next. Check it out!)

WE'VE GOT MAIL!

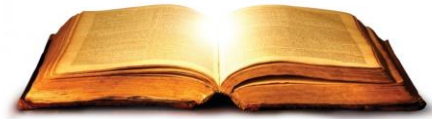


Please find enclosed...Rutland County Audubon is most grateful to the Union Church of Proctor in providing the space and opportunity for the Board of Directors to meet monthly in the Parish House. New lighting fixtures are much appreciated! Rutland County Audubon's membership is drawn from towns throughout the county and the centrality and convenience of the Union Church of Proctor is a great benefit. Thank you again, Roy Pilcher, for the Board of Directors (of Rutland County Audubon)



*April
Greeters*

- 1 Phyllis Sawtell
- 8 Janet Young
- 15 Sue Osgood
- 22 Nancy Thompson
- 29 Jean Noren



APRIL READERS

- 1 Nancy Young
- 8 Kim Metcalfe
- 15 Jean Noren
- 22 Jeff Bergquist
- 29 Ed Larson

IT'S ABOUT TIME

Time cannot be expanded, accumulated, mortgaged, hastened, or retarded.



Eternity is:

- *Keeping a smile on your face till the shutter clicks*
- *Waiting for the tow truck to show up*
- *Listening for the sound of the key in the lock at 2 a.m.*
- *Trying to find a six-cent error in your bank balance*
- *20 minutes of aerobic exercise*
- *Not peeking till the popovers are done*
- *Listening to a six-year-old relate the plot of this neat movie*
- *Looking for a freeway exit when you're headed the wrong direction*
- *Housebreaking a new puppy*
- *The second hour of Monopoly*
- *Waiting for the light to turn green when you've spotted an empty parking space across the intersection*

~Jane Goodsell

April



- 1 Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m., UCP Connector
Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Easter Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 4 Dinner Prep. and Meal Sharing at the Rutland Dismas House, 4:30 p.m.
- 8 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 10 Ladies' Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Rutland Country Club
- 14 Men's Breakfast, 7:00 a.m., Parish House
- 15 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 18 Prison Visit
- 20 Articles & info due for May Scroll
- 22 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
Church Council Meeting, following worship., Parish House
- 25 Red Cross Blood Drive, 12-5p.m., Proctor High School
- 28 Pizza Dinner Prep. and Meal Sharing at the Open Door Mission, 5 p.m.
Buttons, PotLuck Dessert & Fellowship, 7:00 p.m., Parish House
- 29 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.

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