

# The Scroll

Newsletter of  
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## April 2019

“[Mary Magdalene] said to [the angels at the tomb], “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher).

**John 20:13b-16 (NRSV)**

This passage for me is the epitome of the Easter story. Mary stands there, does not recognize Jesus who stands before her until Jesus calls her name. The calling of her name sends chills up and down my spine because Jesus calls our name all the time. Mary recognizes Jesus upon her name being called, but do we recognize Jesus when our name is called?

Perhaps Mary’s eyes are filled with tears at the whole thought of Jesus dying and now his body is gone, so she cannot see Jesus through the tears. But the sound of Jesus’ voice calling her name wipes away the fog and brings some clarity into Mary’s eyes! How her heart must have leaped at the sound of her name!

Easter is the time of resurrection of Jesus, but in the sense of our lives, it is a time when we are resurrected from death...and death come in so many ways into our lives. But within those deaths, Jesus calls our name to walk with us through the death and into some clarity in our lives.

“Somewhere in every heart there is a discerning voice...Its intention is to keep the heart clean and clear. This voice is an inner whisper not obvious or known to others outside. Yet much depends on that small voice. The truth of its whisper marks the line between honor and egoism, kindness and chaos...That whisper brings forgotten nobility into an arena where violence

has [maligned] everything. This faithful voice can illuminate the dark lands of despair. It becomes both the sign and presence of a transcendence that no force or horror can extinguish...In haunted places this voice carries the light of beauty like a magical lantern to transform desolation, to remind us that regardless of what may be wrenched from us, there is a dignity and hope that we do not have to lose. This voice brings us directly into contact with the inalienable presence of beauty in the soul.”

**John O’Donohue, from *Beauty: The Invisible Embrace***

Any idea what that “discerning voice in every heart” is? It is the resurrected Jesus calling your name!

Bless you in this Lent & Eastertime...celebrate your beloved-ness!

Rev John



## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

### **Palm Sunday Worship with Downtown Brass!**

Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, will be a special Sunday, as we will celebrate the triumphal entry of our Lord into Jerusalem. The Downtown Brass will fill the Sanctuary with their beautiful sound. Don’t miss it! 10:00 a.m.

**Maundy Thursday** –April 18<sup>th</sup> Our joint Maundy Thursday simple soup and bread supper, followed by the traditional Tenebrae service, will be held at Union Church this year. The supper will begin at 6:00 p.m. with folks carrying in crock pots of soup and loaves of bread to be shared. At the close of supper, we will move to the sanctuary for the service of lessons read and candles extinguished. As

in recent years Brandon, Pittsford and Proctor are all invited to congregate .

**Good Friday-** April 19<sup>th</sup> Come for a time of prayer, reflection and music. The choir will sing anthems and hymns from 7:00 to 8:00 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 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 in our gathering with the beauty and tenderness of this moment. 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 **Palm Sunday Service on April 14<sup>th</sup>**. Come listen to their joyful sound!

# MANDALA STONE PAINTING WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 27

Union Church of Proctor

6:45 Desserts 7:00-9:00 Instruction



## What is a mandala?

A mandala is a complex abstract design that is usually circular in form. In fact, "mandala" is a Sanskrit word that means "circle". Mandalas generally have one identifiable center point, from which emanates an array of symbols, shapes and forms. Mandalas can contain both geometric and organic forms. They can also contain recognizable images that carry meaning for the person who is creating it. In essence mandalas represent the connection between our inner worlds and outer reality. Designing your own mandalas can be both inspirational and therapeutic.

Source: <https://www.art-is-fun.com/how-to-draw-a-mandala/>

**Mandala Stones** have become a popular craft of late – both for the ease with which one can create beautiful and colorful patterns on stones and because the process of painting mandala stones is, in itself, a pathway to meditative calm. On Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, Andrea Varney will lead us in a workshop on painting Mandala stones.

The technique is surprisingly easy – we'll use a simple "dip and dot" method to make spots of color on smooth beach stones. Different sized dots are formed by dipping variously sized tools

into paint, then touching the tool to the surface of the stone to leave a spot of color. The meditation comes into play as one carefully places "dots" in concentric circles around a central starting place. Intricate patterns are created by varying the size of the dots, their colors, and their placement in relation to one another. The process is surprisingly relaxing, and as the colors spread out across the stone, the results are almost always lovely.

We will be using real beach stones collected from Wells Beach, Maine; acrylic paints; and various tools (paint brushes -- the "non-business" end, chopsticks, wooden skewers, toothpicks, paper clips, push pins, and more) all of which will be provided, although you are welcome to bring your own tools to share. Wear clothes that can get dirty, and be prepared to be creative and have fun.

Traditionally, a Mandala is ephemeral. Once completed – the Mandala is destroyed to represent that nothing in the world is permanent. All things are always in flux. Below is a link to an article in the Huffington Post that explains this concept nicely. For our purposes, we can honor the traditional intention by giving our completed stones as gifts, or not, as you prefer.

[https://www.huffingtonpost.com/sister-joan-chittister-osb/mandala-why-destroy-it\\_b\\_970479.html](https://www.huffingtonpost.com/sister-joan-chittister-osb/mandala-why-destroy-it_b_970479.html)



## CLEAN YOUR CLOSETS!

Get ready for the May Clothing Sale. Details coming in the May Scroll & upcoming bulletins.





## **FIDGET QUILTERS**

Fidget Quilt ladies will meet on April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bring lunch. Come when you can and stay as long as you want to!



## **NOTES FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE**



I'm beginning to feel like I'm a jumping jack or maybe out on a ship on the ocean. The weather keeps going up and down, up and down. But now that spring is here maybe there won't be so many changes. At least most of the snow is gone, although there is some expected along with more rain. I wonder if the saying "April showers bring May flowers" is really true?

First, I heard that the Men would be holding their Breakfast at 8 AM and now it seems that they've changed back to 7 AM. At least their breakfast is still on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday which will be on April 13<sup>th</sup> this time. The coffee hour every Saturday morning is also now at 7 AM.

The Ladies Lunch will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM at the Rutland Country Club. If you have any questions about the luncheon please call Meryl Lisananti at 802-725-8181.

The Dismas House Dinner prep is scheduled for 5:15 pm on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Open Door Mission pizza dinner is scheduled for 5:15 p.m. on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Paul Pilcher's Saturday evening program was held on March 16 during which he showed slides

and talked about the hikes he took last summer between June and September. The slides were wonderful and his descriptions amazing. I got tired just thinking about the 1000 miles total he hiked. The next Saturday Night Social will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup> with desserts and snacks at 6:45 PM. The program will start at 7 PM. Andrea Varney will be holding a painting class which will be very special.

The Fidget Quilters will be back again on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. I believe their time starts at 9 AM.

This month the Prison Visit will be held on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Contact Sue Osgood or Carol Trudelle if you need further information.

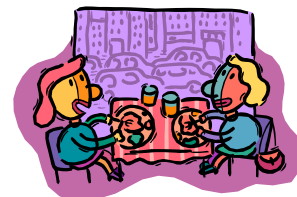
The next Church Council Meeting is after church in the Higbee Library on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

One item I'm looking forward too next month on Palm Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, is The Downtown Brass who will be here in the sanctuary for the regular service. I do so love the Easter season. I hear there's supposed to be a joint service with one of the other churches in the area on Maundy Thursday in our sanctuary. Also, the choir will be singing on Good Friday so come and listen during this special time. I'm sorry that I don't have the exact times for all the services.

Also don't forget to order your Memorial Flowers and fill out the listing notice for the Easter Sunday bulletin. You can find the form in this Scroll. Please return it by Palm Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

I hope I haven't forgotten anything.  
God Bless each and every one of you!

## **LADIES LUNCH**



Our April Ladies' Lunch will take place at the Rutland Country Club at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Come and join us!

## PRISON VISIT



The April Prison visit will be on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 ... BACK TO 7AM



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 7AM



We hold a Men's Breakfast on the second Saturday of each month. Our April Breakfast will be on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, from 7-8 a.m. in the Parish House.

## DELIGHT IN GIVING



The Pittsford Foodshelf is very appreciative of Union Church's ongoing support! In addition to the \$600 we donated in February, to keep the shelves stocked, we just delivered the basket of food kept in the Sanctuary. The volunteers were so thankful for the delivery and said, "Union Church members are good people!" So... please keep bringing in food items that are easy to prepare and nutritional!! Paper products and personal care products are also needed!! Look for BOGO sales and let's fill the basket.

The Outreach Committee

## OUTREACH MONEY REACHING NEAR AND FAR

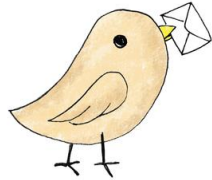


On March 7<sup>th</sup> the Outreach Committee met to prepare the Lenten mailing. You should have received our letter and an envelope for your donation. There are also additional envelopes in the Sanctuary. As mentioned in the letter, this year's Lenten donation will be sent to McAllen, Texas, where a church and city collaboration has been set up to administer care and supplies to immigrants on their way to a better life. In addition to our Lenten work, the committee also voted on sending a check to the following charities: Church World Service, World Vision, and Rutland Area Visiting Nurses and Hospice (RAVNAH). Each organization will receive \$600 to continue their important work. World Vision has helped provide clean water for 4 million people, improved sanitation for 2.8 million people, and improved hygiene for 5 million, including construction or rehabilitation of 53,830 wells and water points. We hope that by making you more familiar with the charities you support, you will realize what a tremendous difference you are making in the lives of others. The Outreach Committee



## April Greeters

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| 7  | Phyllis Sawtell                |
| 14 | Meryl Lisananti                |
| 21 | Sue Osgood &<br>Carol Trudelle |
| 28 | Kathy Connors                  |



**WE'VE GOT MAIL!**

*We can not thank the local community enough for all their generosity over the holiday season. Thank you to all the volunteers that assisted with "Santa's Shoppers" Christmas caroling, and the wonderful gifts that were donated to ALL our residents on Christmas morning. The staff and residents were overjoyed by your generosity. Your caring and support mean so much to each and every one of us.*

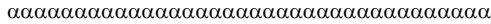
*Again, thank you for being so thoughtful, caring and wonderful.  
Kate Bell*



# 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 14<sup>th</sup>**. You may email your memorial information to Kris at [kris.finni@gmail.com](mailto: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 arranged through a florist or brought to the church by those wishing to give them.*



## Easter Flowers Memorial Listing

In Memory of:

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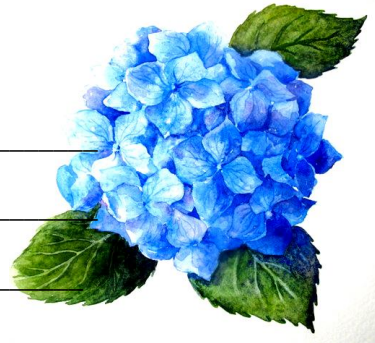
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Rutland County Audubon Society  
18 March 2019

*Thank you for your generosity and support.*

*To the Folks of Union Church:*

*Your contribution to the RCAS in honor of Roy Pilcher is especially touching. Roy's special gifts to the church, and the local Audubon Society and to the larger community have touched so many people so powerfully. We are delighted to share in this celebration of Roy along with you. Indeed, we thank you for your generosity.*

*Your contribution will help us carry out our mission to preserve and protect the habitat of birds.*

*Many, many thanks,  
Russell Kulas, Assistant Treasurer*

# April



- 3 Dinner Prep. and Meal Sharing at the Rutland Dismas House, 5:15 p.m.
- 7 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary  
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.  
Church Council meeting, 11:30 a.m.
- 9 Ladies' Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Rutland Country Club
- 10 Prison Visit
- 13 Men's Breakfast, 7:00 a.m., Parish House
- 14 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary  
***Palm Sunday*** Morning Worship with Downtown Brass, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 18 Maundy Thursday Supper & Service, 6:00 p.m., Union Church of Proctor Parish House
- 19 Good Friday Prayer, Reflection & Music, 7-8 p.m., Sanctuary
- 20 Articles & info due for May Scroll
- 21 **E**aster Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m., Union Church of Proctor Connector  
Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary  
**E**aster Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 23 Fidget Quilters, 9am to 3pm, UCP Parish House
- 27 Pizza Dinner Prep. and Meal Sharing at the Open Door Mission, 5:15 p.m.  
Saturday Night Social- Mandala Stones, 6:45 p.m., Parish House
- 28 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary  
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.



## MARCH READERS

- 7 Ed Larson
- 14 Jean Noren
- 21 Jeff Bergquist
- 28 Kim Metcalfe

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*April  
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| 1 Kelly Toher      | 12 Bruce Baccei     |
| 2 Wayne Flewelling | 15 Samantha Bates   |
| 3 Aidan Hall       | 17 Jeannie Cushman  |
| 5 Margaret Hickey  | Janet Young         |
| Ryden Richardson   | 20 Kathy Cawley     |
| 7 Bill Sheidow     | Aaron Guyette       |
| Allan St. Peter    | 23 Bonnie Blanchard |
| 8 Ali Flewelling   | Michael Daly        |
| Nicole Mace        | 24 Michael Moran    |
| 11 Peter Curtis    | 26 Lauren Sachetta  |
| Simon Curtis       | 28 Linda Doty       |
|                    | 29 Nicole Smith     |