

The Scroll

Newsletter of
Union Church of Proctor

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on line at the web address above...
lots more about the church there, too!



April 2020

FROM THE PASTOR

“The times, they are a-changin’!”

On Sunday, there was a reading from Exodus 17:1-7. Israelites, in the desert, complaining about having nothing to drink. One commentator said, “As usual, these people are desperate, impatient, demanding, not in any way the people that YHWH had hoped they would be.”

Wait, what? They are thirsty; maybe some of them are dying because of their thirst. “God is great, but bring on the water. Why do we have to complain to get food and water? Why doesn’t God just anticipate our needs and give it to us? Is God with us or not?”

We are human and we do not always walk in step with our God, but hopefully we understand that God is with us at all times.

So here is the point about our current situation with the Coronavirus. Spreading like wildfire throughout the world; scientists working overtime to find a cure (this, by the way, is God looking out for us as the medical persons continue their jobs of helping us and using their God-given talents to right the ship), but we also have to do our part.

We have to stay home, practice social distancing to protect ourselves. We cannot just go out into the world willy-nilly, business as usual, and expect that God will keep us safe. God will do God’s part and we need to do ours.

And so did the Israelites...send out scouts, look for water...do your part and God will do God’s part. It is a relationship; build on it and work together.

Be safe; call if you need help.

Bless you all!
Rev. John Sanborn

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



NOTE: THESE SERVICES WILL BE HELD PENDING THE CURRENT INFORMATION ABOUT THE CORNAVIRUS! PLEASE STAY TUNED TO OUR WEBSITE –
www.unionchurchproctor.org

Palm Sunday Worship- Sunday, April 5th, will be a special Sunday, as we will celebrate the triumphal entry of our Lord into Jerusalem and the Passion of Jesus Christ.

Maundy Thursday– April 9th at the Brandon Congregational Church. Our joint Maundy Thursday simple soup and bread supper will be followed by the traditional Tenebrae service. 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 10th. 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 12th. 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 with Downtown Brass! - 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 12th. 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 Downtown Brass will fill the Sanctuary with their beautiful sound. Don't miss it! 10:00 a.m.

THE BRASS ARE BACK!



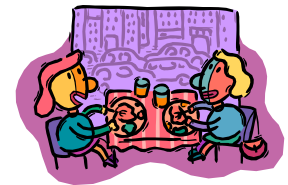
We are very pleased to announce that the Downtown Brass Company will be joining us for this year's **Easter Sunday Service on April 12th**. Come listen to their joyful sound!

SATURDAY NIGHT SOCIAL CANCELLED



Our Saturday Night Social with Roy Pilcher, scheduled for April 18th, has been *cancelled*. We hope Roy will share his photos and stories on another Saturday night soon.

LADIES LUNCH CANCELLED



Our April Ladies' Lunch, scheduled to take place on Tuesday, April 14th, has been cancelled.

THE CHURCH MOUSE



I'm sorry to report that the mouse has been quarantined and hasn't been able to hear any news. The church buildings have been very, very quiet for the past couple weeks. He misses you all and hopes that everyone can gather again soon.

SPRING CLOTHING SALE UPDATE



While the current important and necessary self-isolation due to the COVID-19 pandemic might be a perfect time to sort and clean closets, it is very unlikely that we will be able to have a Spring Clothing Sale this year. Please consider donating any clothing to area collection centers (when it's deemed appropriate to do so) rather than bringing items to the church. Thank you!



ALL-CHURCH MEETING POSTPONED

We are postponing our All-Church meeting regarding the Bazaar until future notice. In the meantime, you're welcome to call or email Barbara if you have thoughts to share.

Thank you for your understanding, and please take care of yourselves and your loved ones in these challenging times.



April Greeters

- 5 Phyllis Sawtell
- 12 Cindy Bell
- 19 Kathy Connors
- 26 Meryl Lisananti

TENTATIVE NEW DATE FOR COUNCIL MEETING



The next Council meeting is very tentatively scheduled for **Sunday, April 26th**. Information regarding the coronavirus is constantly evolving. Should we need to postpone again, we will update Council members directly as the date gets closer.

April Readers



- 5 Nancy Young
- 12 Ed Larson
- 19 Janet Yager
- 26 Jean Noren

LIVING GRATEFULLY

Here are some websites Rev. John thought you might be interested in:



learn.gratefulness.org

from Learn With Gratefulness-

We are happy you are here and invite you to browse our collection of eCourses below. Our offerings are designed to guide and support your interest in living gratefully in the world and are free so as to be accessible to all. We hope your explorations are nourishing and transformative...

unfoldinglight.net/

from Unfolding Light-

Unfolding Light is a daily reflection (weekdays) by Steve Garnaas-Holmes rooted in a contemplative, Creation-centered, justice-oriented spirituality.



FROM THE ORIGINAL 1891 MANUAL OF UNION CHURCH

*Organized 1890
Principals of organization*

Believing that the interests of religion require the formation of a church in the town of Proctor, we, a company of believers who profess faith in Christ, and acknowledge Him to be the Savior of mankind, to effect this purpose, in connection with the Society which has been formed to build a house of worship in said town, do hereby organize ourselves into a Church of Christ.

Name

This Church shall be called the Union Church of Proctor.

Bond of Union

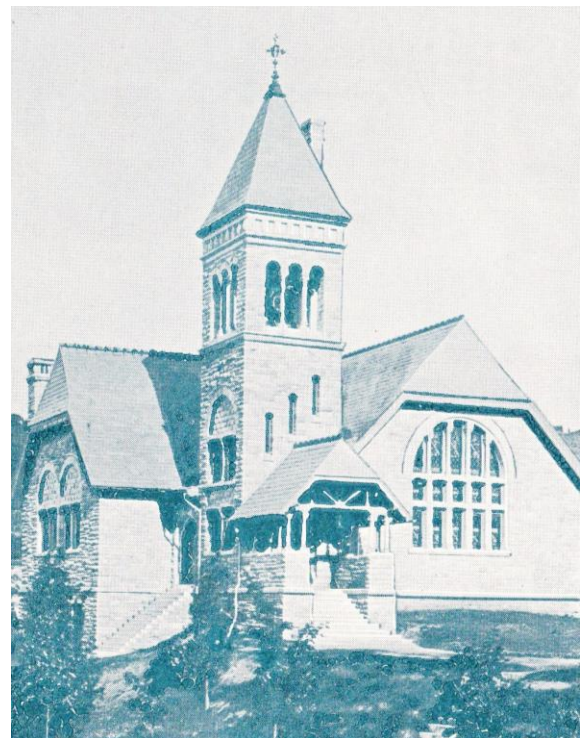
Love to God and good will to men shall be our bond of union.

Principles

This Church shall be Congregational in its form of government and discipline, in accordance with the legal interests of the Society with which it is connected. It will seek the relations of Christian fellowship with other evangelical churches, by the mutual transfer of members, by ministerial exchanges, by sacramental communion, by mutual councils, and by all suitable modes of co-operation, and in its action in pursuance of these principles, it does not intend to merge itself in any denominational organization.

Professions

The Union Church of Proctor, having declared its belief in the Holy Catholic Church, welcomes to its membership and communion all who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and truth, and who agree with it concerning the essential doctrines of the Christian religion, by whatever name they may be called.



(Note the second stairway and entrance, the chimneys... and the little trees!)

April



- 1 Dinner Prep. And Meal Sharing
at the Rutland Dismas House, 5:15 p.m.
- 5 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Palm Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 9 Maundy Thursday Supper & Service, 6:00 p.m., **Brandon Congregational Church**
- 10 Good Friday Prayer, Reflection & Music, 7-8 p.m., Sanctuary
- 11 Men's Breakfast, 7:00 a.m., Parish House
- 12 **E**aster Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m., Union Church of Proctor Connector
Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Easter Morning Worship with Downtown Brass, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 19 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 20 Articles & info due for May Scroll
- 25 Pizza Dinner Prep. and Meal Sharing at the Open Door Mission, 5:15 p.m.
- 26 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
Church Council Meeting, 11:15 a.m., Parish House

*ALL of the above church activities, including Morning Worship services, are pending the lifting of the gathering guidelines. Check the church website for updates.

At the time of this publication, ALL church activities are suspended until further notice.

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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 | 17 Jeannie Cushman |
| 5 Margaret Hickey | Janet Yager |
| 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 |