

The Scroll

Newsletter of
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LIFE'S PUZZLES



For many of us, staying home during the pandemic has created a new (or renewed) interest in jigsaw puzzles...beach scenes, dogs & cats in silly outfits, quaint VT villages, US License plates, well-known works of art, sports legends...the topics are endless! Yet perhaps few of us have ever considered the “pieces” that make up our own or others’ “jigsaw puzzles of life.” Have you ever considered what pieces you may have contributed to someone’s life?

Rev. John read the thought-provoking poem below during his Message at a recent worship service.

"Jigsaw"

*Each lifetime is the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle.
For some there are more pieces.
For others the puzzle is more difficult to assemble.*

Some seem to be born with a nearly completed puzzle.

And so it goes.

Souls go this way and that.

Trying to assemble the myriad parts.

*But know this. No one has within themselves
All the pieces to their puzzle.*

*Like before the days when they used to seal
jigsaw puzzles in cellophane. Insuring that
All the pieces were there.*

*Everyone carries with them at least one and
probably*

Many pieces to someone else's puzzle.

Sometimes they know it.

Sometimes they don't.

And when you present your piece

Which is worthless to you,

To another, whether you know it or not,

Whether they know it or not,

You are a messenger from the Most High.

-----Lawrence Kushner

OUR WORLD

...TO CARE FOR



THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE resumed disbursement of donations from the church community following the Annual Meeting on February 7th, 2021. The donations decided upon were based on our last year's report, as well as urgent needs.

In February, we sent out on your behalf, \$700 to the Pittsford-Proctor Food Shelf and to the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region. In addition, we sent out a check from the church in the amount of \$300 to Nick Monaco. There was an article about him in the Rutland Herald. Mr. Monaco was a recipient of a double lung transplant and is a resident of Rutland. He is doing well and the check from the church lets him know that all of us hope he will continue to do so.

The March donations included BROCC Community Action, the Vermont Foodbank and The Southwest Indian Foundation. All donations were for \$700. The third donation mentioned was in response to a suggestion made by Betty and Lon Schneider. They travel to the west in the winter months and have seen the need in the native populations there. This year, of course, they were hit significantly harder. This donation, given by all of you, will address basic needs such as housing, water and food. We are grateful that Betty and Lon alerted us to such a need in our country. Finally, the Outreach Committee always welcomes suggestions or requests for donations from our church family. Please let us know how you would like us to donate your money.

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council will meet on Zoom on Sunday, April 11th following the worship service. Please get agenda items to Barbara by April 7th.

NOTES FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE



Happy Days!! Spring arrived on March 20 with lovely temperatures which are still continuing. The last weather report I heard said it was supposed to be like this for most of the week. I have spent most of the weekend sitting in a sunny spot.

About a week or so ago a number of people from church and some of Ada's friends met Rev John near Ada's house to scatter some of her ashes in the wooded area near her house. The rest of her ashes are being taken to her family plot to join her family.

Although I'm sure everyone has heard, Jean Baccei has finally come home from her various hospital and nursing home stays. I know she must be very happy to be back home again with Bruce and Kim. It's good to know you're back home again.

I know that the new church furnace is now installed and running. It is a true blessing and hopefully it will help resolve some of the other issues.

The next Church Council Meeting will be on April 11 after the Sunday service. It's been a long time since I had to say that. Maybe this means that things are starting to change for the better. I have all my fingers crossed because I sure do miss seeing everyone in person.

God Bless everyone. I hope everyone stays healthy.



NEW WOMEN'S DISMAS HOUSE OPENING



Dismas of Vermont has announced that it will be having a virtual Grand Opening of its new Woman's House at 22 Royce St.

in Rutland. The home will provide a safe space for formerly incarcerated women while it helps them meet the challenges of reintegrating into the community.

Union Church has been providing a meal once a month for the residents at the Rutland Dismas House on Park Ave. for a number of years. We

applaud Dismas of Vermont in undertaking this new outreach and certainly wish them and the women at the Royce St. home the very best.

If you would like to attend the virtual Grand Opening on April 9th at 7:00 PM via the Zoom link, email Geraldine Burke, Asst. Director of Rutland Dismas House at Geraldine@dismasofvt.org or call her at 802-775-5539.

(And, of course, if you'd like to provide a dish for our regularly scheduled 1st Wednesday of the month Dismas House meal, leave a message at the church office at 802-459-3624 or email unionchurchproctor@gmail.com. Thanks!)

April



- 1 Maundy Thursday Service with Communion, 6:00 p.m., Zoom
- 2 Good Friday Service, 7:00 p.m., led by Eddie Wilkin, Zoom
- 4 Easter Morning Worship with communion, 10:00 a.m., Zoom
(there will be no Sunrise Service this year)
- 11 Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Zoom
Church Council Meeting, 11:15 a.m., Zoom
- 18 Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Zoom
- 20 Articles & info due for May Scroll
- 25 Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Zoom

April Readers



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| 4 | Lynn Pilcher |
| 11 | Janet Yager |
| 18 | Jean Noren |
| 25 | Glenn Giles |

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*April
Birthdays*

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| 1 Kelly Toher | 15 Samantha Bates |
| 2 Wayne Flewelling | 17 Jeannie Cushman |
| 3 Aidan Hall | Janet Yager |
| 5 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 |
| 12 Bruce Baccei | 29 Nicole Smith |