

The Scroll

Newsletter of
Union Church of Proctor

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December 2021



Union Church Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

The Christmas Eve Service of lessons, anthems, carols, and candlelight at Union Church will begin at 8:00 p.m., in our sanctuary. A cello prelude of music will begin at 7:45. This wonderful time of hope and joy will be celebrated in a traditional manner, while opening our hearts to something new in our lives – the arrival of the Christ child in this day and age. Please come, enjoy the very special music, sing and rejoice. All are welcome.

ANNUAL REPORTS 2021



Annual Reports **from all committees, boards, etc.**, should be turned in to the church office **by January 7th, 2022**. Please keep in mind that this is a historical record of the events, decisions, challenges, changes, etc. of your group that will be a helpful reference in years to come for us and those that come after us. You may email your report (preferred) to kris.finni@gmail.com or bring it to the church office. Questions? Call Kris Finnigan 459-2244.

WE NEED YOU



The Nominating Committee is seeking to fill open positions for church committees for 2022. If you would like to serve on a committee or if you have any questions about serving on a committee, please contact Meryl Lisananti or Karen Webster. A sign-up sheet will be in the back of the sanctuary beginning in December.



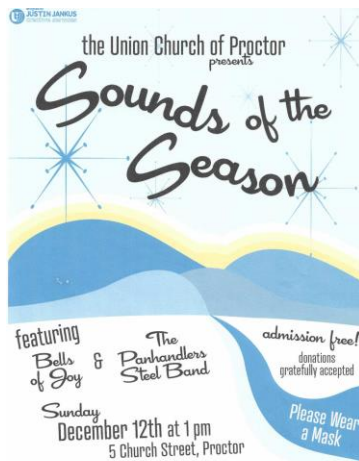
MUSICAL NOTES

It's been a pleasure providing music for the Sunday morning worship services, and I think the choir sounds amazing! Thank you, choir. The hymn singing sounds really nice too. We've heard from local musicians Phil Henry, Amy Littler, Betty Rieley, and Barry Cohen, as well as our own Ellen and Paul Sutherland. Other musical highlights have been the postludes performed by budding pianists Jinxi Zhang and Jacob Jepson.

Looking ahead to December, we're hosting a concert! There are many benefits to hosting a concert. It allows us to:

- ♪ Rejoice in the season
- ♪ Share with the community
- ♪ Spark joy
- ♪ Provide options to those who might be curious about what we have to offer

These are all good reasons to come together through music. "Sounds of the Season" is scheduled for 1:00 pm on Sunday, December 12th. It will feature The Bells of Joy, under Karen James' direction, and The Panhandlers Steel Band, directed by Jennifer Cohen. Tell your friends, and plan to come early, as seating will be limited. As always, feel free to contact me if you have ideas regarding the music program. - ~Jennifer



DECK THE HALLS!



We'll be decorating the Sanctuary for the Christmas season on Wednesday, December 1st, at 1:00 p.m. The more the merrier. Please come and bring a friend!

NOTES FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE



Here we are again at the end of another year. Where do they all go?! Time seems to be passing on faster every year.

The Dismas House Supper will be on December 1st at 5:30 PM.

We offer our Condolences and Sympathies to the family and friends of Kay and Jeff Bergquist on the recent passing of Kay's older sister in Connecticut.

Also, we lost the lovely Catherine May on Saturday, November 20th. Catherine was a long-time member of our choir and was always eager to help with senior activities in the community and church events. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family

Another reminder of the Christmas Concert at 1 PM, the afternoon of the regular morning service on December 12th.

There will be a Church Council Meeting on Monday, December 13th, at 10 AM in the Parish House. Yes, Monday!

We will be having our usual Christmas Eve Service on December 24th. There will not be a Christmas Day Service on Saturday, December 25th. The Sunday Service on December 26th will be a Hymn Service at the usual time of 10 AM.

Don't forget that January 9th, 2022 will be the last service that John Sanborn will be preaching with us. We all hope that he enjoys his upcoming retirement.

I wish everyone a wonderful December and Christmas Holiday Season. Have a happy and healthy Christmas and I'll be back next year.

The Mouse

December



- 1 **Deck the Halls!** - Preparing the Sanctuary for Christmas, All welcome, 1:00 p.m.
Dinner Prep. And Meal Sharing at the Rutland Dismas House, 5:30 p.m. drop off
- 5 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 12 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
Sounds of the Season Concert, 1:00 p.m., Union Church of Proctor Sanctuary, All are welcome!
- 13 Monday Morning Church Council Meeting, 11:15 a.m., Parish House
- 19 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 20 Articles & info due for January Scroll
- 24 **Christmas Eve at Union Church of Proctor**, Musical prelude begins 7:45 p.m.
- 25 Merry Christmas!
- 26 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Hymn Sing Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.

*This is certainly a busy time of year! The Church Council has decided to "mix it up" and meet on a Monday morning this month. We will convene in the Parish House on **Monday, December 13th** at 10:00AM. Please get agenda items to Barbara by Thursday, December 9th.*

Don't forget your Pledge for 2022

December Liturgists



- 5 Glenn Giles and Jean Butler
- 12 Lynn Pilcher and
Debbie Sanborn
- 19 Kim Metcalfe and
Jean Noren
- 26 Christmas Hymn Sing



December Greeters

- 5 Phyllis Sawtell
- 12 Meryl Lisananti
- 19 Elsie Valach
- 26 Sue Osgood and Carol Trudelle

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*December
Birthdays*

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| 2 Susan Osgood | 18 Ellen Sutherland |
| 3 Carol Trudelle | 19 Ed Larson |
| Sarah Varney | Eddie Wilkin |
| 4 Rachel Moody | 21 Alma Nelson |
| 5 Troy Keyser | 28 Shannon Watson |
| 8 John Ojala | 31 John Ojala |
| Mike Watson | Chris Thomas |
| 11 Kathy Connors | |
| Richard Kelleway | |
| Melissa Tooley | |