

The Scroll

Newsletter of
Union Church of Proctor

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December 2019

UNION CHURCH ANNUAL CAROLING OUTREACH

The 14th Annual Church Caroling outreach will be Saturday, Dec. 14th at 5:00 pm. Please meet in the lobby of Rutland Healthcare & Rehabilitation on Nichols Street, Rutland, prior to 5:00, as 5:00 will be our start time.



We will be walking the halls and serenading the residents during their dinner hour. Doesn't matter if you can carry a tune or not.... spreading Christmas cheer is the emphasis here! **Afterwards, there will be a fellowship reception at the Larson residence** at 13 Kendall Avenue. Following the caroling, please proceed to the Larson residence. We are literally a block away from Rutland Healthcare and Rehabilitation, so you may park your car at either location on Nichols street. The house will be the

one lit with holiday cheer at the end of Nichols Street, where it intersects with Kendall Avenue (yellow house with black shutters). Parking is also available on Kendall Avenue on the north side of the street in front of the house.

For those with mobility issues who would be unable to take part in the caroling, we invite you to participate in the holiday fellowship reception afterwards! Feel free to wait at the Larson residence for the carolers, any time after 5:00 - however, beware that Ed the Christmas Elf may ask you for help in getting the food on the table!! If you wish, those who will not participate in the caroling, may bring a food item, or food items, for the Rutland Foodshelf.

We like to have an idea of who and how many people will attend, in case of bad weather and we need to contact you, and also so we can plan for food. However, if you are able to come at the last minute, please don't hesitate! The more the merrier! There will be a sign-up sheet in church, or you may call Amy Larson at 775-3639. Thank you! Hope to see you there!

~Amy and Ed





Union Church Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

The Christmas Eve Service of lessons, anthems, carols, and candlelight at Union Church will take place in our sanctuary at a time TBA. 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 special music, sing and rejoice. All are welcome. Check the website for the time of the service.

ANNUAL REPORTS 2019

Annual Reports **from all committees, boards, etc.**, should be turned in to the church office **by January 7th, 2020**. 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.



OUR CHURCH IN MISSION

Dismas is a great Mission for the Union Church!!

We go on the 1st Wednesday of each month.



1. Decide what to serve as a main dish, sides and dessert. (they like Klondike Bars!)
2. One person prepares the main dish, the others take care of the extras. (we try not to make too many chicken dishes, as they get a lot of chicken)
3. The residents set the table, get the water, etc.
4. We sit at the table, hold hands, and say the Serenity Prayer. Then we all say our names and what we are grateful for. We talk with the residents, ask where they work, etc.
5. The residents clear the table and do the dishes.

The residents are quiet and respectful. We hope we are helping in some way to let them know we believe in them.

Dismas is sponsored by Outreach. All it costs us is a little of our time; please consider helping. Sign up and join us or talk to Janet, Nancy T., or Rev. John for more information.

Janet and Nancy



**THANKS TO ALL OF
YOU** who gave so much to make the Bazaar a success!

It's a lot of work, a lot of time, but the spirit and community of Union Church shines brighter because of it. Thank you!

SANTA'S SHOPPERS!
If you haven't signed
up yet, it's not too
late...
if you act quickly!



With just days to go, your help is needed to make the *17th Annual Santa's Shoppers Event* a success. Join in the fun and help make this year the best one yet! **Volunteers are invited** to lend a hand at either (or both!) of the **activities listed in bold** below.

Wondering what "Santa's Shoppers" is all about? Union Church volunteers "bring the store" to the nursing home so the residents can shop for their loved ones without cost or obligation. This year the event will take place at **Genesis Healthcare Mountain View Center at 9 Haywood Ave. in Rutland on Friday, December 6th, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.**

"Santa's Shoppers" volunteers will meet at **Walmart on Monday, December 2nd from 7:00-8:00 PM** to select gifts in the \$5 to \$10 range. Shopping teams make the selections, taking into consideration a wide variety of items for all ages. With a wide variety of gift choices, there's likely to be something of interest for the resident to give their loved ones.

On Friday, December 6th at 1:00 PM, set-up begins for the event **at Mountain View**. The gifts are spread out on tables to enable the residents to easily make their choices.

The event is open to the residents from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Our volunteer "Gift Choice Advisors" help the residents make their selections. Each gift is then wrapped and labeled by our "Gift Wrapping Elves" and returned to the resident for safekeeping.

Santa will be there, too! He chats with everyone and has his picture taken with each participating

resident. A copy of the picture is later returned to the resident to keep.

The event stops at 4:00 PM. We then **pack up & clean up** (we're usually done by 4:30). Unused Walmart items are returned for a refund, and non-Walmart items are taken to the Parish House for sorting.

Santa's Shoppers is a longstanding and wonderful outreach mission to elders in our area. Just to see the residents' happy faces as they get caught up in the excitement will warm your heart throughout the year! ***Please consider helping out wherever and whenever you can.***

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Barbara (483-2577) or Janet (725-8162). Thank you!

COMMUNITY GOINGS-ON IN DECEMBER



1- Basket Raffle @ PES

Doors open at Noon, drawing at 1:30
\$5 admission + 25 tickets
Over 100 baskets!

10 - Winter Concert @ PES 6:30 p.m.

12 & 13 - Bob A Tip Off Classic @PHS

Varsity Men Basketball
Thursday 7:00 p.m.
Friday 5:30/7:00 p.m.

14 - Cookies & Carols @ Proctor Free Library 6:00 p.m.

15 - Tree Lighting at Gazebo & Cookies at the Firehouse

16 - Varsity Ladies Basketball Home Opener vs. Black River 7:00 p.m.

December Readers



1	Jean Noren
8	Muriel Sedergren
15	Penny Rickert
22	Debbie Sanborn
29	Ray Ault

NOTES FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE



Brrrr....I guess you could say that winter is really approaching. With both the daytime temperatures and nighttime temperatures in the 30's and 20's I'm shivering in my boots. It always amazes me that it's going to get worse. The only thing to look forward to is that the actual first day of Winter in December is when the daylight hours start getting longer. When that happens, I can start looking forward to Spring.

Speaking of quilts, it looks like the Fidget Ladies will be back working on December 5 from 9:00 am to whenever. Usually they're here until lunchtime or a little bit later. I also heard mention of a Quilting Class on December 4 at 9:00 am but I have no further information.

The Men will be holding their usual coffee hour every Saturday morning as usual at 7:00 AM and then will hold the Men's Breakfast on December 14 here in the Parish House. The Ladies will be having lunch on December 10 at 11:30 am at the Rutland Country Club.

The Dismas House Dinner prep is scheduled for December 4 starting at 5:15 pm. The Open Door Mission pizza dinner is scheduled for December 28 also starting at 5:15 pm. Don't forget the sign-up sheets in the sanctuary to make sure there is enough assistance.

The Annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 2 is behind us until next year and was again a successful undertaking. Keep those donations coming for the next White Elephant section, and keep your ears open for when the team will start taking donations for next year's event.

The Saturday Night Socials, as you know, have started again. Chris Heintz will be hosting the next Saturday Night Social and will be giving us information about his 550-mile bicycle ride on November 23 from New York City to Niagara Falls. His program will start at 7 pm with dessert at 6:30 pm. There is supposed to be another program in December but I haven't heard much about it yet. Watch your church bulletins for further information.

The next Prison Visit will be on December 11, meeting at 9:30 am at the jail. See Sue Osgood or Carol Trudelle for more information. Also let them know if you can provide any baked goods for the event. It will be greatly appreciated.

Santa's Shoppers will be out and about on December 2 to purchase gifts for this year's event which will be at Genesis Nursing Home for their residents on December 6 and Santa will be paying a visit.

The Children's Center will be holding two events. Their Christmas Concert will be held on December 11 and they will be having a Christmas Potluck Dinner on December 20.

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held as usual although I have heard there may be a time change but nothing is definite as of this writing. God Bless each and every one of you!

YOU?

YOU!



I Corinthians 12:5-6 tells us “There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone, it is the same God at work”

I Peter 4:10 – Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.

The nominating committee has begun the process of filling the various positions needed to keep our church an active community serving Union Church and those in need around the area. We ask that you think and pray about your part within the church to further our reach into the region. In terms of giving, time is also treasure. There are many ways to serve; one of them is to be on the church committees that plan the activities and work within our church.

There is a sheet in the back of the sanctuary with all the positions available for the coming year listed. We ask that you consider placing your name on one of those lines. We hope that you will then have a position that you will actively participate in and enjoy the camaraderie of working with your fellow parishioners.

For questions about positions available or what they do, contact Meryl Lisananti, Karen Webster or Kay Bergquist.

PRISON VISIT



The December Prison visit will be on Wednesday, December 11th. 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.

WE’VE GOT MAIL!



A New King Is Born

Make spirits bright!

Everyone should love!

Remember to dance without music!

Really kick your heels up!

Yell and laugh every day!

Christ is the reason for the season, and every season,

His love is never ending!

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel!

Intimate relationship with Jesus... a must have!

So many reasons to celebrate! Seek them!

Truth works for every situation.

Make every day seem like it is the first and last!

Always talk to Jesus without ceasing! He's a great Listener!

Surely have a beautiful, meaningful, and blessed Christmas!

~from Penny Rickert & Jeffrey Chase





December Birthdays

2 Susan Osgood	15 Jean Gallus
3 Carol Trudelle	18 Ellen Sutherland
Sarah Varney	19 Ed Larson
4 Rachel Moody	Eddie Wilkin
5 Troy Keyser	21 Alma Nelson
8 John Ojala	27 Zachary Bates
Mike Watson	28 Shannon Watson
11 Kathy Connors	30 Rachel Patch
Richard Kelleway	31 John Ojala
Melissa Tooley	Chris Thomas



December Greeters

1	Phyllis Sawtell
8	Sue Osgood & Carol Trudelle
15	Carol Curtis
22	Jean Noren
24	Christmas Eve- Cindy Bell
29	Meryl Lisananti

MEN'S BREAKFAST



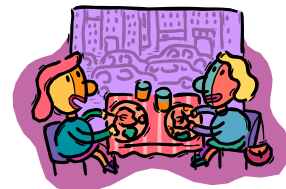
We hold a Men's Breakfast on the second Saturday of each month. Our December Breakfast will be on Saturday, December 14th, from 7-8 am in the Parish House.

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.

LADIES LUNCH



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





December

- 1 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 2 AA Meeting, 9:30 a.m., UCP Parish House
Santa's Shoppers Shopping, 7-8 p.m., WalMart- Rutland
- 4 Quilting Class, 9:00 a.m., UCP Parish House
Dinner Prep. and Meal Sharing at the Rutland Dismas House, 5:15 p.m.
- 5 Fidget Quilting, 9:00 a.m., UCP Parish House
- 6 Santa's Shoppers, 2-4 p.m., Genesis Healthcare Mountain View Center
- 8 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 9 AA Meeting, 9:30 a.m., UCP Parish House
- 10 Ladies' Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Rutland Country Club
- 11 Prison Visit
TCC Christmas Concert
- 14 Men's Breakfast, 7:00 a.m., Parish House
Caroling Outreach & Party, meet before 5 p.m.,
at Rutland Healthcare & Rehabilitation- Nichols St.
- 15 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 16 AA Meeting, 9:30 a.m., UCP Parish House
- 20 Articles & info due for January Scroll
TCC Potluck
- 22 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 23 AA Meeting, 9:30 a.m., UCP Parish House
- 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, (check website for time), UCP Sanctuary
- 28 Pizza Dinner Prep. and Meal Sharing at the Open-Door Mission, 5:15 p.m.
- 29 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 30 AA Meeting, 9:30 a.m., UCP Parish House

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