

# The Scroll

Newsletter of  
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## December 2017

### John 20:19-21

"Later on that day, the disciples had gathered together, but, fearful of the Jews, had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus entered, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you." Then he showed them his hands and side. The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were exuberant. Jesus repeated his greeting: "Peace to you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you.""

With the Las Vegas and Texas church shootings still in our minds, it might seem as though we should lock ourselves in a room and wait for Jesus to come and help us. But then Jesus utters those other words which may seem pretty ridiculous, "As I was sent, now I send YOU!" Wait, what? You want us to just act as though nothing has happened to put us in this room of fear and you want us to go out and help the world?

You see, the disciples were fearful because Jesus had just been crucified and they certainly thought they were next. Thinking with that attitude would have us huddled in fear and not go any place because you just never know. But Jesus brought his "peace" to them...a settling within

their hearts that what they would embark upon was worth it; it would make a difference in the world.

And the same is true for us...we are the peacekeepers being called out to witness about Jesus; we are the peacekeepers called out to bring peace into a world shaking with fear. Pretty tough job, but we are not Christians for just any reason. We have within us a sense that "God Is Still Speaking" and that Jesus is amongst us giving us his peace.

In both of those terrible incidences, after the killers had done what they came to do, the void was filled with people rushing in to help. They didn't run back home and hide. They dashed in, probably not even knowing if it was over or not. The void of fear and pain was enclosed and wrapped up in the people who rushed to help, regardless!

We can change the world, one person at a time, if you truly want to make a difference. Not an easy task, but buoyed by the courage and strength of the Holy Spirit, we DO make a difference. It is in our DNA to answer the call. One-ringy-dingy, two ringy-dingy....hello?

## **OUR MEMBERSHIP CELEBRATION CONCLUDES WITH THE BIGGEST GROUP YET!**

Our final “class” of long-time members (10-25 years!) will be celebrated during worship on **Sunday, December 3rd**. One more awesome bunch of people! In this group, you’ll spot the familiar names of good friends, very active members, and those who grew up in the church. We wish them all well and thank them for their continued connection with Union Church.

### **Joined in...**

#### **1992**

G. Ray Ault

#### **1993**

Linda Diane Doty  
Thomas DeForest Doty  
Adam Timothy Gates  
David Michael Gates  
Breanna Gile  
Douglas Alan Protivansky

#### **1994**

Christie Coughenour  
John Coughenour  
R. J. Elrick  
Bonnie Kinley  
Keith Litts  
Diane Parker  
Jerry Sanborn

#### **1995**

Brian Allenby  
Catharine Canty  
Abba Corliss  
Nancy Hunter Kennedy  
Alison Gates Layman  
Craig Mullan  
Deborah Mullan  
Andrew Sutherland  
Shari Tomlinson  
Kelly Towers

#### **1997**

Maryann R. Biro  
Shyla Blair  
Caitlin Canty  
Liza Sutherland Primeau

#### **1998**

Donna Chapin  
Barbara Lacy  
Constance Lenher  
Henry Lenher  
Joyce Longley  
Beth Thibault  
Mark Thibault  
James Toher  
Patricia Toher  
Nancy Young

#### **1999**

Scott Allenby  
Anthony Blair  
Melanie Campo  
Janet Hazelton  
Andrea Varney  
Daniel Varney

#### **2000**

Jeffrey Allenby  
Katie Corliss  
Stacy Poro Jimmo  
Nicole Mace  
Leah Coughenour Perry  
Kerry Brown Schock

#### **2001**

Troy Ault  
David Parker  
Megan Parker  
Lauren Finnigan Sachetta

#### **2002**

Betty Lou Schneider  
E. Lon Schneider  
Alan B. Westin  
Carol Westin  
Stephen J. Wood  
Suzanne H. Wood

#### **2003**

Jenna Coughenour Ashley  
Catherine Bergquist  
Jeff Bergquist  
Robert Denny  
Jean Esler  
Richard Esler  
Eileen Guyette  
Amy Larson  
Ed Larson  
Hilary Oskam  
Mark Oskam  
Connie Partridge  
Allan St. Peter  
Kayla Toher  
Ann Volz

#### **2004**

Michelle Cordeiro  
Gretchen Crowley  
Irene Mooney  
Audrey Tilden  
Daniel Tilden

#### **2005**

Thomas C. Oxholm  
Victoria B. Oxholm

#### **2006**

Bonnie Blanchard  
Carolyn Cushman  
Jackie Fetterolf  
Wayne Flewelling  
Liz Fothergill  
Allen Gilmore  
Grace McCullough  
John Ojala  
Pam Ojala  
James Tomlinson  
Elsie Valach  
Karen Valach  
Tom Valach

#### **2007**

Christopher Chapin  
Margaret Daly  
Alison Flewelling  
Carol Florre  
Phyllis Lanz  
Jean Noren  
Drew Pilcher  
Dylan Pilcher  
Kylie Pilcher  
Richard Poro  
Richard Putnam  
Jordan Snow  
Josh Taranovich  
Kelly Toher

**Lastly, we want to honor each and every member and friend of Union Church**, whether they joined us this year, several years ago or are still contemplating membership. Together we make up a wonderful church family striving to bring justice, good will, friendship and peace to a troubled world.

\*Our apologies to Lynn Kelly (1990) who should have been included in last month’s celebration!

## CAROLING & CHRISTMAS PARTY



The 12th Annual Union Church of Proctor Caroling Outreach, followed by a fellowship reception at the Larson's residence, takes place on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. at Rutland Healthcare and Rehabilitation, on Nichols Street. Our Church family is invited for a special afternoon and evening of fellowship and refreshments. If you will not be caroling but would like to attend the party anyway, you may bring a food item for the Rutland Food Shelf if you are able. We would like an idea of how many are planning to attend so that we may plan on food and beverages. A minimum of at least 8 carollers are needed. Sign Up Sheets will be in the Church.

We shall meet in the lobby at Rutland Healthcare. Turn at Jones' Donuts on West Street, and Rutland Healthcare is just a short distance northerly. Caroling will take place on all three floors and in each wing. Please be on time, as we will start promptly.

Following conclusion of the caroling, we will proceed to the Larson residence at 13 Kendall Avenue, just one block north of Rutland Healthcare, for some more holiday fellowship. Hot and cold snacks as well as hot and cold beverages will be provided at the reception.

**Parking:** You may park in the lot of Rutland Healthcare. If you desire to park closer to the Larson residence and simply walk back to Rutland Healthcare, we suggest you park on Nichols Street between Burnham Avenue and Kendall Avenue, or if on Kendall Avenue in the area of the Larson residence on the north side of the street.

Directions to the Larson residence: From Route 7 heading North, the second left hand turn past Woodstock Avenue, go midway down the hill, right side of the roadway, look for #13 Kendall Avenue, which is the sixth house down from Route 7. Park on the right side of the roadway. If you are coming southbound on Route 7 take the second right turn past Crescent Street stop light, go midway down the hill, right side of the road and look for #13, and park on the right side of the roadway, sixth house down the hill from Route 7.

For those with mobility issues feel free to wait at the Larson residence for the carolers so that you may enjoy the fellowship. God Bless!

Thank you!

Amy & Ed Larson 775-3639 if any questions!



## *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 prelude of music will begin at 7:30. 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.

There will be **NO MORNING WORSHIP** in the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve morning.



*By the time you get this Scroll,* Santa's Shoppers activities have already started, but if you haven't already volunteered, please do so **NOW!** It's not too late to join in the fun!

**Help Us Celebrate the  
Fifteenth Anniversary  
of Santa's Shoppers**  
*We need YOU!*

**We need Volunteers to help at  
(any or all of the activities listed  
below)**

**call Barbara Lacy 483-2577 or Janet  
Young 725-8162**



*Feel the joy of  
giving, by  
sharing your  
time and  
talents!*

Santa's Shoppers  
Volunteers, **"bring**

**the store"** to the nursing home,  
so the residents may shop for their loved ones,  
**without cost or obligation!**

We will be at **Wal-Mart on Dec. 4th at 7:00  
PM,** (to select the gifts),

**the Parish House on December 6<sup>th</sup> at  
9:00 AM,** (to package and wrap candy mugs), then  
**"IT HAPPENS" on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, at The  
Pines @ 99Allen Street in Rutland.**

**We set-up at  
1:00 PM, & the Event is at 2:00 PM to  
4:00 PM,** (helping the residents make their  
choices,  
(if they want assistance), and wrapping and tagging  
each gift.

**FINALLY, we pack-up and clean-up from  
4:00 PM to 4:30 PM).**

*Santa will be there too!* He chats with every one and has his picture taken with each participating resident (a copy of the picture is returned to the resident to keep). A Christmas tree and Christmas music adds to the spirit of Christmas, spreading joy and good will to all.



**WE NEED "YOU" TO MAKE THIS EVENT THE BEST  
ONE YET**

*Just to see the residents' happy faces, as they  
get caught up in the excitement,  
will warm your heart throughout the year!  
Please join in the fun!*



## MUSIC NEWS

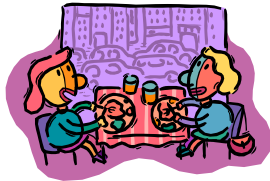
As we began advent on November 26; we are reminded to reflect and meditate as we patiently prepare and wait for the coming. We wait patiently for peace, hope, and joy but in today's world of increasing violence, and increasing global awareness of atrocities, we are often challenged to remain peaceful and sensitive to suffering. Advent is a time for an inward journey to find our light within and be a light for the world that we live in today. The choir will begin a series of plainsong or Gregorian chants, to set the mindset and remind us to be pure in our thoughts and actions. I encourage you to take time and mindfully meditate, starting your journey toward your center to find the infinite light within your hearts and be the birth of peace for our world and communities.

## BIKE WITH THE SCHNEIDERS DECEMBER 9TH



Come and enjoy pictures of our bike ride from Amsterdam, The Netherlands to Bruges, Belgium. This past August we joined a group of bikers to enjoy this ride of approx. 125 miles across the bike trails, dikes, and canals of The Netherlands and Belgium. We'll share the beauty of the countryside, much below sea level, as well as the beauty of the windmills and the ancient cities and villages of these two countries. Bring a favorite dessert to share and join us at 7:00 pm on December 9th.

## LADIES LUNCH



Our December Ladies' Lunch will take place at the Rutland Country Club at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Come and join us!

## PRISON VISIT



The December Prison visit will be on Wednesday, December 13<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.

## OUR YARD HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST



Two Categories

1. Traditional
2. Most Dazzling

Judging will take place the week of December 18.  
Entry forms available at the Proctor Free Library.

## MEN'S COFFEE



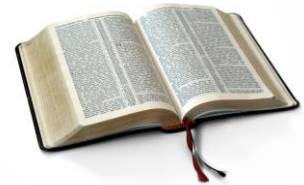
Members & friends of Union Church- Join us for Men's Coffee every Saturday from 7-8 a.m. in the Parish House.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST



We hold a Men's Breakfast on the second Saturday of each month. Our December Breakfast will be on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 7-8 am in the Parish House dining room.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS



Dec 3 Adv2	Daniel 3:1-30 / John 18:36-37
Dec 10 Adv3	Ezekiel 37:1-14 / John 11:25-26
Dec 17 Adv4	Isaiah 55:1-13 / John 1:1-18
Dec 24	<b><u>Christmas Eve service only</u></b>
	Luke 2:1-20 / Isaiah 9:2-7

## Proctor Free Library

Invites the community to the library  
For our annual

### Cookies and Carols

**Saturday, December 9  
6:00 P.M.**

*Join us for Carols, Cookies,  
and Holiday Crafts*



December Two O'clock  
Tuesday Programs

Tree Theme



## NOTES FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE



Brrrr..... It seems that summer has finally departed our midst. Still I have to admit that for the most part it was nice that the warmer weather stuck around as long as it did. Although it won't be 'winter' officially until well into December the temperatures we've been experiencing recently are giving us a taste of what it will be like.

Don't forget that the Men hold a coffee hour every Saturday morning at 7:00 AM and they have the Men's Breakfast that will be held on December 9 in the Parish House. The Ladies Lunch will be held on December 12 at the Rutland Country Club.

I'm sure I don't need to remind everyone what a wonderful and successful Holiday Bazaar we had this year. There were people lining up as early as 8:30 AM. Also we were busy with customers right up to the closing time of 2:00 PM.

A reminder of some things still happening during November are the 'Greening' of the church on Sunday, November 19 after the service. Also the First Sunday of Advent will be November 26.

The final Member Celebration for this year will be December 3.

The next Saturday Evening Social will be on December 9 and will be hosted by Lon and Betty Schneider who will tell us all about their wonderful bicycle trip.

The Children's Center Christmas Concert will be held in the Parish House on Wednesday, December 13.

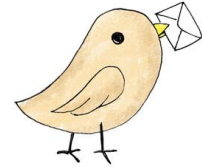
This year's Christmas Caroling is expected to be held on Saturday, December 16 with a social time after at Ed and Amy Larson's house.

I understand that although Muriel Sedergrén is a bit incapacitated at this time, Santa's Shoppers

activities will continue as expected. Our prayers are with you, Muriel.

The Christmas Eve Service will be held as usual at 8:00 PM on Sunday, December 24. Caitlin Canty will sing and there will be other special music. There will not be a Christmas Day Service.

My prayers are with you all. I wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday season.



## WE'VE GOT MAIL!

From a note enclosed with a donation in memory of Rufus Cushman:

*...A finer gentleman would be hard to find.*

*Sincerely, Barbara O'Brien*

## ANNUAL

## REPORTS 2017



Annual Reports from all committees, boards, etc., should be turned in to the church office by **January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. 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](mailto:kris.finni@gmail.com) or bring it to the church office. Questions? Call Kris Finnigan 459-2244.

## PLANNING FOR 2018



On several fronts, plans are being formulated for 2018. In particular is the preparation of a budget that is close to being balanced. If you have not yet let us know what we can count on from you, please help us by requesting a new pledge card or by calling Kris Finnigan at 802-459-3624 on Tuesday or Thursday afternoon after 3 p.m. Many thanks from your Finance Committee.

# December



- 3 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary  
Morning Worship & Membership Celebration, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 4 Santa's Shoppers shopping, 7:00 p.m., WalMart
- 6 Santa's Shoppers packaging, 9:00 a.m., Parish House  
Dinner Prep. and Meal Sharing at the Rutland Dismas House, 4:30 p.m.
- 8 Santa's Shoppers, 1:00 p.m., The Pines
- 9 Men's Breakfast, 7:00 a.m., Parish House  
Cookies & Carols, 6:00 p.m., Proctor Free Library  
"Bike With the Schneiders" Pictures and Dessert, 7:00 p.m., Parish House- Everyone welcome!
- 10 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary  
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.  
Church Council Meeting, following worship, Parish House
- 10 Articles & info due for January Scroll
- 12 Ladies' Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Rutland Country Club
- 13 Prison Visit  
Children's Center Christmas Concert, 6:30 p.m., Parish House Auditorium
- 15 Children's Center Holiday Party, 3:00 p.m.
- 16 Caroling & Christmas Party, 4:30 p.m., see article
- 17 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary  
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 23 Pizza Dinner Prep. and Meal Sharing at the Open Door Mission, 5 p.m.
- 24 NO Morning Worship today in the Sanctuary  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 8:00 p.m., Sanctuary  
Prelude of music begins at 7:30 p.m.
- 31 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary  
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.

*December*

*Greeters*



- 3 Phyllis Sawtell
- 10 Dottie Vilmar & Muriel Sedergren
- 17 Jean Noren
- 24 Nancy Young
- 31 Sue Osgood & Carol Trudelle



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## 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        |