

The Scroll

Newsletter of
Union Church of Proctor

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February 2020

ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON



All Members and Friends of
Union Church of Proctor,
Vermont, be Warned that on
Sunday, February 2, 2020, the
Annual Business Meeting of
Union Church of Proctor will be held in the
Auditorium of the Parish House, adjacent to the
Church Building, at 5 Church Street, Proctor.

*Morning Worship Service for All Ages begins at
10:00 a.m., followed by an All-Church Pot Luck
Luncheon.*

*The Annual Meeting will follow the luncheon, at
approximately 12:15 p.m.*

The Purpose of the Meeting will be:

- to hear and accept the Reports of the
Committees, Boards and Officers of the
Church

- to hear and vote on the Church's
Operating Budget for 2020
- to consider any other business that may
properly come before the meeting

All Members and Friends are urged to attend the
Morning Worship, the Luncheon, and to
participate in the discussions of the Annual
Meeting. Non-members will have equal
opportunity to speak at the Meeting, and are
encouraged to do so, but only Church Members
may vote.

February Readers



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| 2 | Jeff Bergquist |
| 9 | Janet Yager |
| 16 | Ed Larson |
| 23 | Kim Metcalfe |

THE CHURCH IS... (continued from January)



A PLACE OF WORSHIP

For many years before 1880, religious services in Proctor were held in the Village, which was then known as Sutherland Falls. Tradition says the first public worship was held in a barn, and the first minister was Rev. Lemuel Haynes, a black man who was sent out shortly after the American Revolution by the Connecticut Association of Congregational Churches as a missionary into “ye settlements now forming in the wilderness to the Westward and Northwestward,” i.e. New York and Vermont.

In 1880 funds were collected from all Protestants in the village for the erection of a building solely for religious purposes. The Union Chapel, a wooden frame building, was built and was used by the Protestant Societies, both Swedish and American (English speaking).

On the night of March 3, 1889, the chapel was destroyed by fire.

The Swedish-speaking societies, Lutheran and Congregational, decided to build separate churches, and among the English-speaking churches there was also talk of separating along denominational lines. But an ecumenical spirit prevailed, and on June 11, 1889, the Union Church Society was formed.

On September 11, 1889, plans for a church building were submitted, and in April, 1890, Rev. L. A. Bigelow was secured as pastor.

On June 11, 1890, a meeting was held to consider forming a church, and on June 18 a committee reported back with a manual of

organization. A clerk, a treasurer, and four deacons were elected.

On July 6, 1890, the first members were formally received into the church and the first communion was celebrated.

On May 11, 1890, the cornerstone of the church building was laid. It is uncertain how the financing of the building was secured but it was completed without debt.

The new structure was dedicated on September 11, 1891, a beautiful edifice of rock faced blue marble finished inside with natural woods.

There was a fireplace in the back of the church, and in the front a pipe organ which was run by water power.

The inside of the church was completely changed and redecorated in 1926, when a chancel was added on.

THE MEMORIAL WINDOWS

The Chancel window and the West window are traditional church windows made by the firm of Wilbur Herbert Burnham of Boston. The Chancel window was presented in 1926 in memory Emily J. Proctor by her children. The central figure is Mary and the child Jesus. The lower central figure is St. Cecilia, patron saint of music. Kneeling at the right is St. Paul, and at the left, St. John, first Christian mystic.

The West window was presented to the church in 1951 by Mary Hedrick and Redfield Proctor, Jr. Jesus stands on a rock out of which flows the four rivers of paradise (the Gospels), and in his hand is an open Bible with the letters Alpha and Omega. A grapevine, two adoring angels, and stars in the background complete the symbolic representation of universal salvation.

The Tiffany studios produced glass windows between 1877 and 1932. Although better known for smaller objects, especially lampshades, Louis Tiffany’s first love was windows. The

lampshades, in fact, were at first produced to use up the scrap glass left over from the window work.



In 1911, the window depicting summer was given in memory of Redfield Proctor. The scene is Pico Peak, in the Green

Mountains east of Rutland.

In 1912 the window depicting autumn was given in memory of Fletcher D. Proctor. It is a view of the village of Proctor, hidden in trees, looking westward from the east ridge above the town. The tower of the church can be seen in the panel on the left.



In 1930 the window depicting spring was given in memory of Minnie E. Proctor. It portrays Mount Mansfield and the Underhill Valley, in the northern part of Vermont, the home of Mrs. Proctor in her childhood.



Mount Mansfield and the Underhill Valley, in the northern part of Vermont, the home of Mrs. Proctor in her childhood.

The winter window on the North wall was given by Robert Proctor in memory of Redfield Proctor, Jr. and Mary Sherwood Hedrick Proctor in 1966. It was made by Charles Connick Associates in Boston, and was designed to complete the depiction of the four seasons of Vermont and bridge the stylistic distance between the West window and the 3 Tiffany windows on the North wall.

In 1980, protective Lexan panels were placed over the memorial windows. The project was funded by the men of the church who made lovely wall hangings out of the old stained glass which the memorial windows replaced.

SATURDAY NIGHT SOCIAL... BUTTONS!



Buttons: They span generations, detail history, show triumph and tragedy, joy and luxury. They are also highly collectable items. Many are quite valuable. Most are practical. Perhaps your family had a grandmother or great aunt who had a “button box”. A box full of colorful designs, including metals, shell, Chinese, commemoratives. You may have looked at the delicate artistic design as during the “Golden Age” of buttons, they were considered miniature pieces of art.



Amy Larson, the current President of the Verd Mont Button Club (Vermont’s only Statewide Button Club) along with Ed Larson, the Verd Mont Button Club Treasurer, will be presenting a program specializing in the wonderful world of buttons. Amy’s specialty is ladies’ buttons, and she shall share her grandmother’s antique and vintage collection, which included glass, picture, horn, ruby, Gay 90’s, steel and much more. Ed specializes in military and uniform buttons dating back to the Revolutionary War, along with Colonial Coppers. Ed will share his expertise on the artistry of these highly collectable buttons.

Join us on Saturday, February 15th, for an evening of fellowship, treats and buttons with Ed & Amy. Bring a dessert to share at 6:45 p.m., program at 7:00.



PRISON VISIT



The February Prison visit will be on Wednesday, February 12th. 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

NOTES FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE



A very belated Happy New Year to all of you. I must apologize for not entering any January 2020 Church Mouse notes but things just got away from me and the next thing I knew I was heading out for family celebrations. For the first time ever, I didn't even make it to the Christmas Eve Service. My loss, as I have heard that it was a wonderful service.

I want to say a very special thank you to Muriel Sedergren for the Christmas Card she left for me in the Mouse Trap. I look forward to her cards and other special notes she has left there in the past.

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 February 8 here in the Parish House. The Ladies will be having lunch on February 11 at 11:30 am at the Rutland Country Club.

The Dismas House Dinner prep is scheduled for February 5 starting at 5:15 pm. The next Open Door Mission pizza dinner is scheduled for January 26 also starting at 5:15 pm and the date

for February is on the 22nd. Don't forget the sign up sheets in the sanctuary to make sure there is enough assistance.

The Saturday Night Social was held on January 11 and Kay gave a great talk about her trip to Egypt with her daughter Alison. Amy and Ed Larson will share their wonderful button collections on Saturday, February 15th, beginning at 6:45 with a pot luck dessert. Don't miss it!

Next month we will be back on our regular schedule for the church scroll. The info due date for March will be February 20th.

And, of course, don't forget the ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK LUNCHEON, being held after services on February 2.

After the end of this past year, my wish for all of you is to stay healthy and happy.

God Bless each and every one of you!

Much love from the Church Mouse!



February Birthdays

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| 3 Mike Canty | 19 Marie Guyette |
| 5 Chris Chapin | 20 Roger Partridge |
| Dan Tilden | 21 Ed Cawley |
| 6 Lloyd Hughes | John Cowans |
| 7 Lynn Pilcher | 22 Gary Chapin |
| 9 Ken Thompson | Amanda Parker |
| 11 Linda Schmidt | Curtis Tomlinson |
| 12 Heidi Brothers | 24 Kendra Moody |
| Sarah Hall | 25 Michelle Cordeiro |
| Emmy Litts | 26 Kim Metcalfe |
| 14 Jake Lacy | 27 Joan Argentero |
| 15 Lynn McManus | Glenna Cowans |
| 17 Cindy Bell | Carol Florre |

February



- 2 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Annual Meeting & Luncheon, following worship
- 5 Dinner Prep. And Meal Sharing at the Rutland Dismas House, 5:15 p.m.
- 6 Outreach meeting, 3:30 p.m.
- 8 Men's Breakfast, 7:00 a.m., Parish House
- 9 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 11 Ladies' Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Rutland Country Club
- 12 Prison Visit
- 15 Saturday Night Social, Button collecting with Ed & Amy Larson, 6:45 p.m., Parish House
- 16 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 March Scroll
- 22 Pizza Dinner Prep. and Meal Sharing at the Open Door Mission, 5:15 p.m.
- 23 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 26 Lent begins

February Greeters



- 2 Phyllis Sawtell
- 9 Cindy Bell
- 16 Jean Noren
- 23 Meryl Lisananti

LADIES LUNCH



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

MEN'S BREAKFAST



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

MEN'S COFFEE

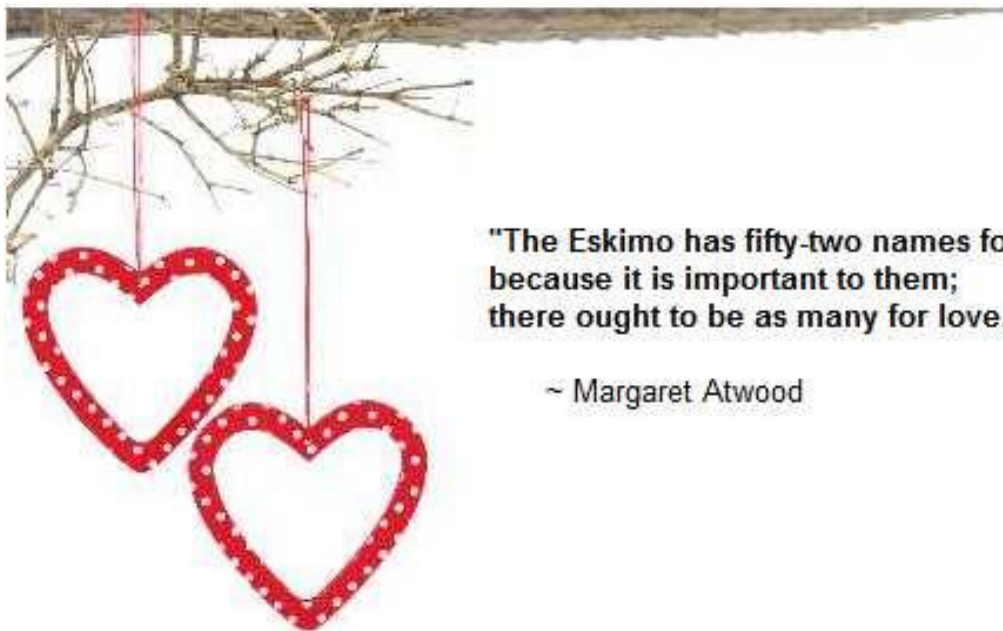


Members & friends of Union Church- Join us for Men's Coffee every Saturday from 7-8 a.m. in the Parish House.

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**"The Eskimo has fifty-two names for snow
because it is important to them;
there ought to be as many for love."**

~ Margaret Atwood