

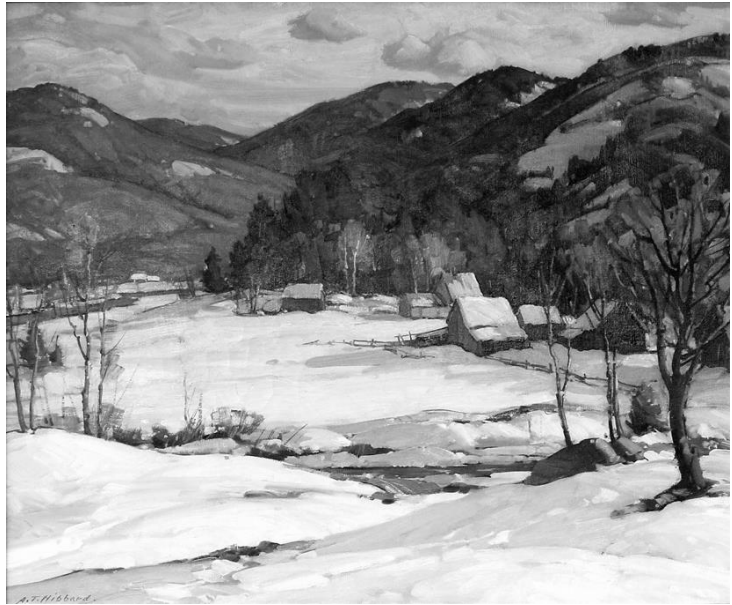
The Scroll

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TO PRACTICE WHAT WE PREACH

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free," Luke 4:

The message resounds with joy and hope and it is filled with images of action! We would do well to stop and let the magnitude of the message sink in to hear with ears that understand. For we too are called to proclaim through word and deed. The challenge is for each of us to figure out what this means in our daily life, and in our own unique way in the circumstances of our particular circumstances.

We hear this challenge near the end of our most joyous liturgical seasons - Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. Lent, a more somber time, will begin on February 9. Lent is a time to slow down and prepare ourselves for the arduous calling of servanthood. Most of us do not enter the world of "serving others" easily, the culture having shaped us to far too individualistic and focused on self

gratification. Lent then is a good time to ask what it is that we can give up so that we can make room for the spirit and joy of serving others.

Speaking of service, we will be starting our "Fifth Sunday Service" on January 31, The "Fifth Sunday Service" will focus on acts of service to the community either locally, nationally, or internationally. All can participate through prayer, some through financial offerings, and others with more active physical participation. On the 31st, we have an in-gathering of non-perishable food that can be distributed to those who have run out of food and can't get to the food pantry for whatever reason. We will gather the food, bless it, bag it, and store it for future use. It will be up to YOU to help spread the word of the availability of the food. .

Have an idea for an act of service for May 29? It can be an activity that takes place within the church or somewhere else, and the recipients can be anywhere in the world! This is the task to which we are called - to serve those in any kind of need.

May the rest of the Epiphany season be marked with deep revelation of God at work in the world - through you.

Peace and Blessings along the way.
Angela+

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Winter Women's Retreat



on Saturday, February 6th! The gathering will be at Mercy Farm in Benson, a lovely, quiet retreat center run by the Sisters of Mercy, which you may remember previously as Lumen Christi. Lunch, snacks, and refreshments will be served by the Sisters.

There will be three meditations over the course of the day led by Angela with plenty of time for quiet, walking, and silent reflection. Our theme for the retreat will be "Home by Another Way" based loosely upon a retreat prepared by Jan Richardson.

There is availability for 6 women to stay overnight Friday thereby lengthening the retreat. For those wishing to do this please plan to arrive in time for dinner at 5 PM on Friday. The cost for those spending the night is \$40, which includes three meals.

All other participants who are only able to or wish to come for the day on Saturday, please plan to arrive at about 8:45 AM so that we may begin at 9:00 AM with the program. If you would arrive in silence that would be appreciated. There is no cost for participating in the day program on Saturday. We are limited to 12 participants altogether.

In order for us to plan, please register in advance by contacting Lynn Pilcher (lynnpilcher@hotmail.com) or Angela Emerson (revangesq@outlook.com). Women outside of our church family are also invited to attend.



LADIES LUNCH



Our February Ladies' Lunch will take place at the Rutland Country Club at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 9th. Come and join us!

SOUP SAMPLER



The Proctor Community

Concerns Council will be hosting a fundraiser dinner on Friday, March 18. It will be "Soup Sampler". Each of the three Proctor Churches will be providing an assortment of soups (in a crockpot), homemade bread, cheese, and salad. Oh yes, and Mac and Cheese for the kids! This is a great way for us to raise money to help people in need especially in the winter. Please sign up to make a soup, bread, or provide a locally made cheese for the dinner. More details will follow but for now MARK YOUR CALENDAR?

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST



The Ecumenical Shrove Tuesday pancake supper will take place at St Dominic's Catholic Church in Proctor. Supper is at 6:00 on Tuesday, February 9th. All are invited.

MEN'S COFFEE

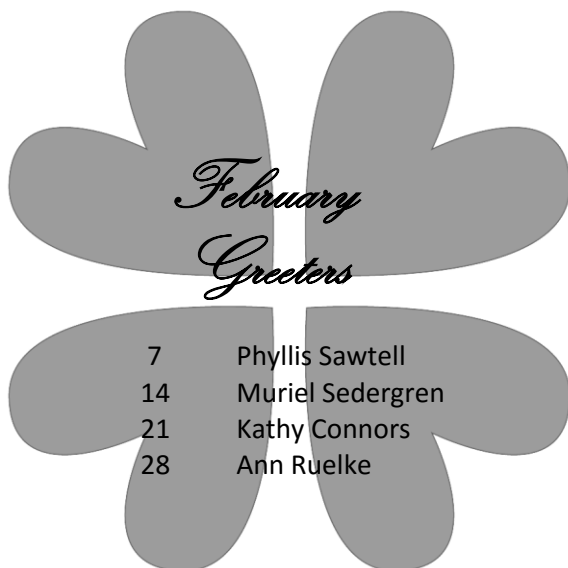


Members & friends of Union Church- Join us for Men's Coffee every Saturday from 7-8 a.m. in the Parish House.

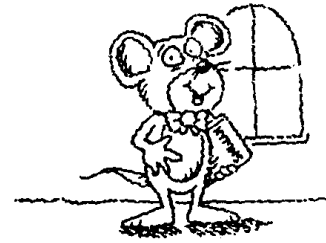
MEN'S BREAKFAST



We hold a Men's Breakfast on the second Saturday of each month. Our February Breakfast will be on Saturday, February 13th, from 7-8 am in the Parish House dining room. The main topic at breakfast will be what to do about Valentine's Day. ☺



THE CHURCH MOUSE



Here we are halfway through January and boy am I glad!! Nothing much usually happens in January which makes it my least favorite month of the year. I'm sure that it's just the letdown from the past two months. There was one exception this year when a very nice get together was held for a 12th night celebration on January 5. There were about 12-15 attendees for a pizza party followed by a wonderful King Cake made by the Interim Minister, Angela. Everyone seemed to have a good time and, of course, I was able to sneak my taste when people weren't paying attention.

Everyone knows about the change in the Annual Meeting and Luncheon to the last Sunday of this month and am looking forward to seeing all the people attending. I hope they fill the church and the dining hall.

Let's not forget that February will bring the annual Pancake Supper at Saint Dominic's Church on Shrove Tuesday which this year is February 9. Hopefully there will be a big turnout there as well. Ash Wednesday is February 10.

The Ladies Lunch will be on February 9 at the Rutland Country Club and the Men's Breakfast will be on February 13 in the Parish House.

My only wish for the future is that it gets a little warmer, because even with my fur coat I'm verry ccccolddd.

Although you must know I have a computer, I have now entered the 21st Century, I now have an email address in case anyone wants to send me any messages. It is ProctorMouse@gmail.com. I tried to get ChurchMouse but that had already been taken. This doesn't replace the Mouse Trap at the Parish House, but offers another way to reach me if needed.

I hope to see everyone in church and my prayers are always with you!
God Bless!

**PROCTOR
FREE
LIBRARY**



Two O'clock Tuesday Programs

February 2 - Valentines
 February 9 - Valentines
 February 16 - School Vacation (See February
 Vacation Programs)
 February 23 - Relaxation Jars

**Proctor Free Library
February Vacation Programs**

Magic Monday - February 15

1:00 -2:00 p.m.
 Tom Joyce Magic Show

Wild Wednesday - February 17

10:00 a.m. - noon
 Join us to make Elephant Toothpaste and build
 Molecules

Twisted Thursday - February 18

10:00 a.m. - noon
 Join us for a Game & Craft morning
 We will play the Saran Wrap game!

Ash
 Wednesday



Services with imposition of ashes and communion
 at 12:00 noon and 6:30 pm.

**BLOOD
DRIV AT UCP**

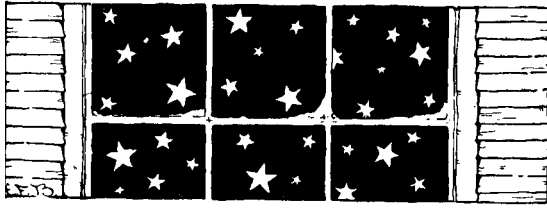


There is going to be a blood drive at the Union
 Church on February 18th. Make a note on your
 calendar, tell your friends, tell your neighbors....tell
 strangers! Call Nancy Young to schedule your
 appointment time. (773-0665), or call the Red Cross
 direct, 1-800-red-cross. The drawing will be from 1-
 6. Let's put Proctor on the map!!



*February
Birthdays*

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| 1 Zachary Starinkas | 17 Chloe Johnson |
| 2 Gannon McKearin | Nick Starinkas |
| 3 Mike Canty | 19 Marie Guyette |
| Bryson Bourn | 20 Roger Partridge |
| 5 Chris Chapin | 21 Ed Cawley |
| Dan Tilden | John Cowans |
| 6 Lloyd Hughes | Betty Peters |
| Camden Richardson | 22 Gary Chapin |
| 7 Lynn Pilcher | Amanda Parker |
| 9 Ken Thompson | Curtis Tomlinson |
| 11 Kaylyn Cottrell | 24 Kendra Moody |
| Linda Schmidt | 25 Michelle Cordeiro |
| 12 Sarah Hall | 26 Kim Metcalfe |
| Emmy Litts | 27 Joan Argentero |
| 14 Jake Lacy | Glenna Cowans |
| Abby McKearin | Carol Florre |
| 15 Rufus Cushman | |
| Lynn McManus | |



February

- 2 Valentines, 2:00 p.m., Proctor Free Library
- 5,6 Women's Retreat (see article)
- 7 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 9 Ladies' Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Rutland Country Club
Valentines, 2:00 p.m., Proctor Free Library
Ecumenical Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 6:00 p.m.,
St. Dominic's Catholic Church, Proctor
- 10 **Ash Wednesday Services, 12 noon and 6:30 p.m.**
- 13 Men's Breakfast, 7:00 a.m., Parish House
- 14 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 15 Magic Show, 1:00 p.m., Proctor Free Library
- 17 Wild Wednesday, 10 am to noon, Proctor Free Library
- 18 Blood Drive at UCP, 1-6pm, Parish House
Crafts & Games, 10am to noon, Proctor Free Library
- 20 Articles & info due for March Scroll
- 21 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
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With the lengthening days which distinguish the third month of winter from its predecessor, come ardent desires for spring, and longings for the time of birds and flowers. An adventurous swallow too early flying from the south, a vision of snowdrops in the snow, a day of April warmth lit by a slant February sun, are all hailed with pleasure as harbingers of a more gracious season on its northland way.

~Oscar Fay Adams, January 1886