

# The Scroll

Newsletter of  
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## February 2018

Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before **Easter** in the Christian calendar. Lent was started early within the Christian movement and became more regularized after the legalization of Christianity in A.D. 313.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday (it is Valentine's Day this year making Lent the season of the heart), Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. Lent, in the past, was marked by fasting, both from food and festivities and many people still carry on this ritual.

The number 40 is a significant number in Jewish-Christian scripture. In Genesis, the flood was brought about by 40 days and nights of rain. The Hebrews spent 40 years in the wilderness before reaching the land promised to them by God. Moses fasted for 40 days before receiving the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness in preparation for his ministry. Most Christians regard Jesus' time in the wilderness as the key event for the duration of Lent.

Lent is an old English word meaning 'lengthen'. Lent is observed in spring, when the days begin to get longer. Purple is the symbolic color used in some churches throughout Lent, for drapes and altar cloths. Purple is used for two reasons: firstly because it is associated with mourning and so anticipates the pain and suffering of the crucifixion, and secondly because purple is the color associated with royalty, and celebrates Christ's resurrection and sovereignty.

In modern times (not sure what that term means), Lent has been defined by doing something extra in your life – maybe you use meditation (not medication), or some other spiritual practice; maybe you do something extra in charitable works (actually, no reason to stop this activity just because Lent ends – life doesn't end!).

We sometimes make a commitment to do something and then it falls by the wayside to reside with your New Year's resolutions. Pretty crowded by the wayside! But even doing something small – calling an elderly neighbor or visiting them once a week (or more often) to

make sure they are okay. Working at a food shelf is a great thing to do. So many things to do and so little time!

As we start the new year and, in the liturgy, as we mark time toward Easter, we are reminded that Jesus has called us to something higher than the world would expect of us. The season of Lent is a reminder of that calling. Be at peace, love God and love your neighbor!

Rev. John Sanborn



## FEBRUARY SCRIPTURE READINGS

4	John 4:1-41	Psalm 42:1-3
11	John 9:1-41	Psalm 27:1-4
14	Ash Wednesday – Lent starts	
18	John 11:1-44	Psalm 104:27-30
25	John 13:1-17	Psalm 51:7-12

## NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY ON THE HORIZON

It's time for a new directory so get those smiles ready! We're working with "Lifetouch Photography" to arrange a photo session for a date later this Spring. Each individual or family group who has their photo taken will receive a free 8x10 photo as well as a copy of the directory. Watch for the photo session date and further details in the Sunday bulletin and next month's Scroll. Questions? Contact Meryl Lisananti at 725-8181.



## ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

All Members and Friends of Union Church of Proctor, Vermont, be Warned that on Sunday, February 4, 2018, 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 in the Dining Room.*

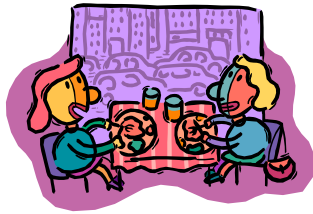
*The Annual Meeting will follow the Meal, at approximately 12:15 p.m.*

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 2018
- 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.

## LADIES LUNCH



Our February Ladies' Lunch will take place at the Rutland Country Club at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Come and join us!

## 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 10<sup>th</sup>, from 7-8 am in the Parish House dining room.



It's that time of year again! The Annual Meeting and the Super Bowl are almost upon us. People having meetings so they can submit their committee reports for the annual report that gets passed out so the congregation knows how we are doing. From what I've heard we're doing pretty well. Everyone will see the specific details in a couple weeks.

You can tell spring is approaching as the days are getting longer and the weather is changing. A lot of snow of course and from what I've heard there may be more on the way. But what can you expect; it is still winter after all.

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 February 10 in the Parish House. The Ladies Lunch will be held on February 13 at the Rutland Country Club.

I do love the Christmas Eve service with all the wonderful Christmas carols and readings. Also, with the circle of candles It is lovely with the candlelight and dimmed lights. The scent of all the natural wreaths; I just love this time of the year.

Still to come this month is another Fidget Quilt work day on January 30 at 1:00 PM in the Parish House. Hopefully that will be well attended as more of those lovely little quilts are needed.

The Saturday Evening Social on December 9 was hosted by Lon and Betty Schneider who told us all about their wonderful bicycle trip to Brussels and Belgium. To be able to do something like that would be wonderful. Of course, the desserts were pretty good too. We have a lot of wonderful cooks in this church.

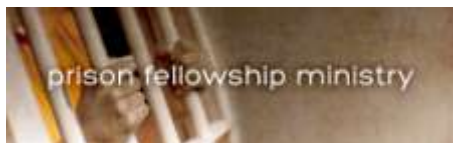
The next Social hasn't happened yet at the time of this writing but it's going to be great...all about the Pilchers' hiking experience on the John Muir Trail. Can't wait to find a good listening spot for that!

There will not be a Church Council Meeting in February due to the Annual Meeting.

Coming up soon, late March or in April, photographs will be scheduled for the new Church Directory. Watch for further information.

My prayers are with you all. I wish everyone a wonderful and happy 2018.

## PRISON VISIT



The February Prison visit will be on Wednesday, February 14<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



## February Greeters

- 4 Phyllis Sawtell
- 11 Karen & Bob Webster
- 18 Elsie Valach
- 25 Janet Young



## February Birthdays

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

## WE'VE GOT MAIL!



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*I hope to attend the annual meeting on 2/4, God willing. It will be great to see everyone. I miss you all.*

*So far, so good with my recovery; the blood pressure reading was good this morning. Hallelujah!!*

*Love-  
Muriel*

# February



- 4 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary  
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
**Annual Meeting & Luncheon, following worship, Parish House**
- 7 Dinner Prep. and Meal Sharing at the Rutland Dismas House, 4:30 p.m.
- 10 Men's Breakfast, 7:00 a.m., Parish House
- 11 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary  
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 13 Ladies' Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Rutland Country Club
- 14 Prison Visit
- 18 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
- 24 Pizza Dinner Prep. and Meal Sharing at the Open Door Mission, 5 p.m.
- 25 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary  
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship Service



You are welcome here!

10AM

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~Frank Pepper