

The Scroll

Newsletter of
Union Church of Proctor

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February 2021

For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it.

Amanda Gorman, "The Hill We Climb"

**Amanda Gorman's poem,
"The Hill We Climb"** [in part]

But one thing is certain.

If we merge mercy with might, and might with right, then love becomes our legacy and change our children's birthright.

So let us leave behind a country better than the one we were left.

Every breath from my bronze-pounded chest, we will raise this wounded world into a wondrous one.

We will rise from the golden hills of the West.

We will rise from the windswept Northeast where our forefathers first realized revolution.

We will rise from the lake-rimmed cities of the Midwestern states.

We will rise from the sun-baked South.

We will rebuild, reconcile, and recover.

And every known nook of our nation and every corner called our country, our people

diverse and beautiful, will emerge battered and beautiful.

When day comes, we step out of the shade of flame and unafraid.

The new dawn balloons as we free it.

For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it.

If only we're brave enough to be it.

Such a beautiful poem...such beautiful words from someone so young who still has a sense that the world means something and that it is worth saving - "*We will rebuild, reconcile, and recover.*"

You know, the rest of the world stands in amazement that every four years we bring forth new energy, new hope within a process that has stood the test of time (in deference to those who thought they could end it on a Wednesday afternoon in Washington, D.C.).

"For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to

be it.” Tell me we have not read those words in the Gospels a lot! And how true they are.

Let us be that light! Let us change the world for good! Stay safe!

Rev John Sanborn

ANNUAL MEETING



All Members and Friends of Union Church of Proctor, Vermont, be Warned that on Sunday, February 7, 2021, the Annual Business Meeting of the Union Church of Proctor will be held via Zoom Meeting App. If you currently receive the emails for our Zoom worship services, you will automatically receive the Annual Meeting Zoom information. You may join the meeting either online or by telephone. If you are not currently on our email list and wish to be added, please email unionchurchproctor@gmail.com or call the church office at 802-459-3624.

- *Morning Worship Service begins via Zoom at 10:00 a.m.*
- *After a break following the service, the Annual Meeting will convene 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 2021
- to consider any other business that may properly come before the meeting

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

There will be copies of the Annual Report on the porch of the Parish House from Thursday, February 28th until the meeting on February 7th.

IN MEMORY



At 5:30 on the evening of January 19th, thanks to Paul Sutherland, the bells at Union Church rang 40 times in memory of the 400,000 Americans who have lost their lives to the pandemic that continues to rage across the country. Our prayers are with their families and with all of you who’ve been impacted by the virus. Please reach out if we can be of help.

COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE



The Church Council will meet Sunday, March 21st, after the worship service. Committees are asked to select a chairperson before March 21st to represent them at this and future 2021 meetings. Thank you!



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



- 7 Zoom Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Annual Meeting on Zoom, 12:15 p.m. following Morning Worship
- 14 Zoom Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.
- 21 Zoom Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.
- 20 Articles & info due for March Scroll
- 28 Zoom Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.

February Readers



- 7 Janet Yager
- 14 Jean Noren
- 21 Glenn Giles
- 28 Kim Metcalfe

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~Warren J. Keating

