

The Scroll

Newsletter of
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January 2020

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

“Behold, I am about to do something new;
even now it is coming. Do you not see it?
Indeed, I will make a way in the wilderness
and streams in the desert.”

Isaiah 43:19

These words were written in that part of Isaiah called Second Isaiah when the Judeans were in exile in Babylonia. There is this sense from the writer that the Judeans will go back to Judah and things will be okay again.

We are not in exile unless it is self-imposed. We have the power to change things in our lives and say to ourselves “I am about to do something new.” Interestingly enough, you have the choice to determine what that ‘new’ thing will be! Choose wisely!

The New Year comes around every year (I know, I am brilliant!). It signifies a ‘new start’ among other things; a chance to start something over or to rest with what we have, but taking the time to make it better (things can always be better, can’t they?).

Maybe we feel this way because we have just celebrated Christmas and it is a time when Jesus is reborn in our lives and reminds us that we can also be reborn. We sometimes find ourselves in the wilderness or in the dry desert of life, stuck and lost. Isaiah reminds that something new is coming and the wilderness will be navigated and the desert will flower.

This coming into something ‘new’ is your choice, made all the easier if you include God into your plans. It does not have to be anything extraordinary; a small change will do wonders. Start a journal (not my favorite, but it might be yours), start or end your day with a heartfelt prayer, write poetry, read a book, count your blessings – you name it and you do it.

And give yourself a break – you are a beautiful child of God and God is with you always.
Blessings to you and yours on this New Year.

Rev John Sanborn

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.

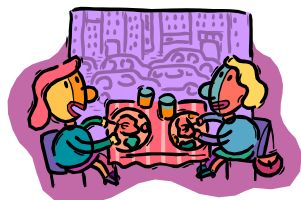
The Annual Meeting will follow the luncheon, at approximately 12:15 p.m.

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.

LADIES LUNCH



Our January Ladies' Lunch will take place at the Rutland Country Club at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 14th, 2020. Come and join us!

SATURDAY NIGHT SOCIAL

Saturday Night Social - January 11

at 6:45 for snacks and 7:00 for presentation by Kay Bergquist. Let's tour the pyramids, Coptic Cairo, Petra and Jerusalem! This presentation will warm you up from the cold January weather outside. Every photo was taken in temperatures greater than 100 degrees! That's hot! Join me on a little photo journey through these fascinating areas of Egypt, Jordan and Israel.



ANNUAL REPORTS 2019

Annual Reports **from all committees, boards, etc.**, should be turned in to the church office **by January 7th, 2020**. 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 or bring it to the church office. Questions? Call Kris Finnigan 459-2244.



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 January Breakfast will be on Saturday, January 11th, from 7-8 am in the Parish House.

A JOLLY TIME AT THIS YEAR'S "SANTA'S SHOPPERS" EVENT



Union Church volunteers once again "brought the store" to an area nursing home for our 17th Annual "Santa's Shoppers" event. This year's event was held in the Genesis Healthcare Mountain View Center's Garden Room. Santa greeted each of the approximately thirty-seven residents who attended, and (for those who wished) a picture with Mr. Claus was snapped in front of the Christmas tree.

They then toured the tables laden with gifts for men, women, children and the home. With the help of our shopping assistants, all found just the right items to surprise family or friends with unexpected gifts.

While Christmas music filled the air, each resident made their way to our Elf Wrappers to have their gifts wrapped, ribboned and tagged. They left with big smiles, arms full of gifts and, for some, more than a tear or two of gratitude. Meanwhile, we were all left beaming and perhaps a little teary, too, to know our small gesture brought such joy.

We have many people to thank who made this special day happen:

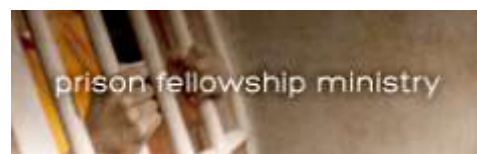
- ❖ Rev. John Sanborn, whose warm "ho, ho, ho" is the best this side of the North Pole.

- ❖ Our photographer (and Santa's Shoppers cheerleader), Muriel Sedergren.
- ❖ The Outreach Committee whose generous financial support of this project allows area elders to "shop" at no cost.
- ❖ The UCP volunteers who scoured the aisles of Walmart for gift selections.
- ❖ The event-day UCP volunteers who hauled tables, set-up gifts, assisted residents as they shopped, wrapped packages, and packed everything up at the end.
- ❖ The Mountain View staff, particularly Kayla Passione and her Activities staff, for their enthusiastic support of the project.
- ❖ The Walmart employees who sped along our checkout of over 110 items and smoothed the return of items not selected by residents.
- ❖ And we mustn't forget our two youngest volunteers, Thomas and Jacob, who weeks before helped us sort wrapping paper and bazaar items, made sure all of the pens for tagging worked, and loaded bins into our cars.

May the joy you brought to others warm your hearts all year through!

Janet Yager and Barbara Lacy,
2019 Santa's Shoppers Co-Chairs

PRISON VISIT



The January Prison visit will be on Wednesday, January 15th. 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



January Greeters

- 5 Phyllis Sawtell
- 12 Cindy Bell
- 19 Elsie Valach
- 26 Meryl Lisananti



January Birthdays

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Connie Partridge | 18 Donna Chapin |
| Judith Scott | 21 Mackenzie Lacy |
| 2 Karen Webster | Sarah Mace |
| 3 Gloria Giles | Audrey Tilden |
| 4 Andrew Sutherland | 22 Kathy Milillo |
| 6 Carol Bam | 24 Lenore Gates |
| 9 Ray Parker | Caitlin Canty |
| 13 Tyler Lenher | 28 Drew Pilcher |
| 15 Jean Esler | 31 Jean Noren |

JANUARY READERS



- 5 Jean Butler
- 12 Lynn Pilcher
- 19 Jean Noren
- 26 Kim Metcalfe

THE CHURCH IS...

The church is the people.



The Union Church of Proctor is the community of men, women, and children who have joined together for worship, study, and service in the name of Jesus Christ. The struggles and accomplishments of this body of believers is in large measure unrecorded, a legacy of faith and charity. In preparing a history we focus on the external events which have a public presence, but we must bear in mind that this is a partial, even secondary, aspect in the life of the church.

The church is the people, in this case people whose fellowship dates back to the first settlement at Sutherland Falls before 1830. The Spirit of Christ which blessed their lives is the same Spirit which gives power to this church today.

Thanks be to God!

To be continued in upcoming Scrolls, as space allows.

January



- 1 Dinner Prep. and Meal Sharing at the Rutland Dismas House, 5:15 p.m.
- 5 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 7 Annual Reports due from all committees
- 9 Quilting Class, 9:00 a.m., Parish House
- 11 Men's Breakfast, 7:00 a.m., Parish House
Saturday Night Social, 6:45 p.m., Parish House
- 12 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 14 Ladies' Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Rutland Country Club
- 15 Prison Ministry Visit
Articles & info due for February Scroll
(early because of Annual Meeting and Report)
- 19 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
Church Council Meeting, 11:15 a.m., Parish House
- 25 Pizza Dinner Prep. and Meal Sharing at the Open Door Mission, 5:15 p.m.
- 26 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.

February

- 2 Annual Meeting and Luncheon, following Morning Worship, Parish house

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