

The Scroll

Newsletter of
Union Church of Proctor

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January 2021

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art
with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

Psalm 23:4

Oh boy! What a year we have just passed through. At times it seemed as if the year would never end. Not only was Covid-19 the nightmare of the year, but it shared the stage with a hostile, denigrating presidential election. Has the whole world gone mad?

But here we are in the new year - 2021. We have, at least it seems that we have, a vaccine that will hopefully put the virus in our rear window and allow us to drive on into 2021 somewhat returning to better days.

I will admit that I have to wonder where the heck God is through all of this. Isn't He supposed to protect us – I mean we have all read the 23rd Psalm – so what gives, God...where are you?

It is easy to feel that way and maybe those are your sentiments also. BUT...I also look out to



see all the front-line medical people busting a gut to help and protect the cases of Covid that arrive in their hospitals. I see many, many scientists working to find a vaccine. I see other essential workers going to work each day to keep our nation moving forward...firemen and women, police personnel, grocery clerks, and many others who put their fears aside and go out to help.

And I remember that is where God is! In each of those lives that help us survive, whether or not they have considered God in their own lives, God is at work because God needs us to help. When the Light of the World, Jesus, came to us and then left, the Light was left for us, to us, to be God's emissaries in the world.

So, in your prayers, thank God for all those workers who worked and cared and sacrificed for us!

Blessings to you and yours in this New Year and may you and yours be a blessing to others. It is the least we can do!

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.

The Yearbook of Union Church of Proctor, containing the annual reports of all committees and affiliated organizations, and the slate of elected and appointed board members and officers, will be available upon request. Mail or pick up only. **If you would like to have a copy mailed to you, please request one** by email at unionchurchproctor@gmail.com or call the church office at 802-459-3624 **before Friday, January 29th**. There will also be a few copies in a bin on the front porch of the Parish House from Thursday, February 4th until the meeting. The reports will not be available by email.

NOTES FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE



As I write this I realize that Monday, December 21, is the first day of Winter. That means that starting Tuesday the days will get a little bit longer each day. Looking out my window it's hard to visualize that Spring is on its way. I knew that the snow would be here soon but I wasn't looking forward to having this much snow dump on us in one day! If you haven't already heard, the furnace in the Sanctuary died and is in the process of being replaced. Brrrr!

We all offer our sympathies and condolences to the family of Faith Sagi, who passed away December 10 in Maine. She was a long-time member of the Union Church, starting in 1944, during which she volunteered in many areas such as the Women's group and teaching Sunday School. Faith served as a Woman Marine during WWII, was a member of RSVP, and a volunteer for RRMC for 17 years. She has lived in Maine for a number of years to be near her daughter. She will be greatly missed by her family and many friends. There will be no memorial service; a graveside service will be held in Proctor in the spring. Condolences, stories and photos can be shared at www.plummerfh.com (the funeral home entrusted with the arrangements.)

I didn't know what was going on Saturday around 4:00 PM when I started hearing horns blaring and sirens going off from both the Fire Trucks and their police escort. I know this because, looking out a window near the back of the Parish House, I could see them on South Street. But it turns out there wasn't any emergency... it was just the Santa Train Parade. I'm sure the children in town loved the commotion.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

God Bless everyone.

January



- 3 Zoom Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.
- 7 Annual Reports due from all committees, boards, organizations
- 10 Zoom Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.
- 17 Zoom Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.
- 20 Articles & info due for February Scroll
- 24 Zoom Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.
- 31 Zoom Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.

January Readers



- 3 Janet Yager
- 10 Ellen Sutherland
- 17 Glenn Giles
- 24 Jean Noren
- 31 Kim Metcalfe

OUR WORLD

A YEAR OF GIVING

...TO CARE FOR

The members of the Union Church of Proctor, once again, were very generous in helping organizations near and far during a very difficult year. Thank you so much for making it possible for our church to reach out to those in need. The December checks were sent to the Visiting Nurses Association & Hospice of the Southwest Region (Vermont) and the Proctor Pittsford Food Shelf. Each received a check for \$600. Also, \$250 was sent to Fair Haven High School to support their "Holiday Dinners" fundraiser. 32 dinners were supplied to the Fair Haven community.

We also sent a wire transfer to the African Scholars Program, which celebrated its 50th anniversary this year. The money, \$600, enables students to purchase uniforms and school supplies for the coming year. In addition, we also provided some funds to church members who needed a little assistance. The Outreach Committee hopes that we have represented the members of the Union Church of Proctor well in financially providing worthwhile organizations and disaster relief requests with your donations. Please feel free to contact anyone on the committee with your suggestions for future donations. Have a healthy new year!

The Outreach Committee

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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 |